

RARITAN VALLEY ROAD RUNNERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING;
APRIL 4, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Executive Board Meeting of the Raritan Valley Road Runners was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by the clubs Secretary. Board Members in attendance: Bob Townley, Cathy Glamkowski, Paul Krentar, Alberto Artasanchez, Gene Gugliotta, Cheryl Scher, Jonathan Cruel and Ed Levy. Also present was former president Allen Paul as well as John Papp and Ray Petit

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting had previously been approved and posted on the clubs website.

III. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Bob reported that the Equinox race went well despite the foul weather. The tow path kick off was Saturday followed by a breakfast at Kens house and thanks went out to Ken and Cathy for sponsoring the breakfast. Midland is fast approaching as is the Midland pre run and pre run brunch as well as the post race picnic.

IV. TREASURERS REPORT:

Paul Krentar indicated that the balance in the account is \$7,279.88. The approximate profit from Equinox was between \$800 and \$1050 factoring in the \$600 paid to the police for the race. There is also a check due in from Dean Shonts

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Cheryl stated that the Equinox wrap up meeting had not happened yet but that the race went smoothly. There were 290 paying entries. Discussion occurred regarding Rolf's suggestion that the course be changed to avoid the turn around on River Road. His suggestion will be discussed at the wrap up meeting where the comment should have, according to all in attendance, been sent originally. The Board did discuss whether recertifying the course was advisable and Cheryl explained briefly how that certification is done. It was suggested that maybe runners should be funneled into the ranger's station to avoid the turn on River Road. Finally, Cathy brought up that the safety issue should be put in the clubs application. A discussion ensued between Gene and Cathy regarding the application. Bob asked Cheryl to look into the cost of recertification over a ten year period vs. saving monies on police protection at that crossing. The newsletter deadline is April 15th. Alberto will write an article. The Wednesday night dinner schedule for the next five weeks is;

April 6 – Round Grill
April 13th – Dolls
April 20th – Dolls
April 27th- Dolls

May 4th - Open

The following people will watch the Highland Park high school door on Wednesday nights;

April 6th – Gene

April 13th – Jon

April 20th - Annette

April 27th – Alberto

May 4th – Ray

The clubs budget was discussed and will continue to be reviewed and updated. The open teams made \$300 each at Newark and the board will take up team monies next month. Ray made the suggestion that the clubs budget should be put in front of the general membership to show them that the clubs is making money. Ed Levy passed out copies of a schedule of the clubs inventory. All agreed that there should be more but people are not responding to our requests. There is a Chronomix missing and we will attempt to find out who has it. Bob Townley passed out membership lists to each board member. Each sheet has highlighted names that each board member will attempt to get in touch with to try and get them to come out to one of our runs or club functions. Cathy mentioned that Ken and Elizabeth had been exchanging emails and he invited her out to a club run and that's why we now see her more often. In that regard, Ray told the board he has been contacting people who he hasn't seen from last years train run to find out if they are going to do it again and come out to the club runs. Cheryl suggested that we get people to come out and even if they don't run, come out to breakfast, lunch or party. Ideas such as a buddy system and team in training were mentioned. Cathy thought it a good idea to put on the web site the buddy system idea. Concerning the web site, the board suggested to Gene that it be redesigned to focus on club events, i.e., runs, brunches, parties, etc, and to downplay race results. Regarding the summer series, Mark and Rose will do the kids events again but more volunteers will be needed as they want to run the main cross country race. With respect to the pre race brunch the week before midland, it will not be sponsored by Dana again so the board thought of either Moshe and Sherrie or John Grieco who live near the area.

The issue of the new Wednesday night run was addressed. Ray is against it due to the possible dilution of the 6:30 p.m. run. Ed is neither for nor against it. He is worried about the runners causing a problem with the high school as some did with the senior center and the YMHA. However, any new run should be encouraged by the club if it starts somewhere else. Cheryl suggested that Tuesday would be a good night for a new run. The Board concluded that a 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday from the high school should not occur. If Charlie Gadol wants his run on Wednesday night it should start at the stop and shop. The high school is out.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

John Papp brought up the new runner program that he was hoping to get started in affiliation with the YMCA in Edison. It didn't work out as the Y wanted to control everything. The idea it seems would be to connect the program to be run by Papp to the club with the club subsidizing Papp with the hope that new runners join River. This idea worked with Central Jersey running club as well as Jersey Shore. The board asked him to put it all together and try to get another

sponsor organization to work with and we will discuss this at the special board meeting after the April 20th run. Ray discussed the upcoming training run and Cathy talked about the Highland Park Street Fair. Jon will sell clothes. As it was getting late, the Board decided to conclude our meeting after the Wednesday night run on April 20th. Cheryl made a motion to adjourn and Jon seconded it. Notwithstanding the April 20th attracting new runners committee meeting, the next Board regular meeting will be Monday, May 9th. The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.