

RARITAN VALLEY ROAD RUNNERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING;
JANUARY 10, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Executive Board Meeting of the Raritan Valley Road Runners was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the clubs President. Board Members in attendance: Bob Townley, Cathy Glamkowski, Jonathan Cruel, Lois Brown-Klein, Paul Krentar, Alberto Artasanchez, Gene Gugliotta, Cheryl Scher and Ed Levy. Also present were Dave Hoch, Ray Petit and former president Allen Paul.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the December 14, 2004 meeting were approved without correction.

III. PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Bob gave everyone copies of the clubs bylaws and also a copy of a letter dated January 1, 1997 to the then Board of Directors concerning board activities and responsibilities. He also indicated that the Jingle Bell run went well with free beer tendered on occasion. Bob mentioned the RVRR Banquet which was coming up on February 5th.

IV. TREASURERS REPORT:

Paul Krentar, the new treasurer, indicated that the balance in the account was still the same as last month of \$6,348.92, as no money had been spent. Paul was in the process of getting signature cards and effecting the change on RVRR's bank account so that he would be able to disburse funds as needed.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Dolls has moved and Dave Hoch gave us a rundown of the "new" Dolls with food and beer prices. It will reopen on or about February 6th but until then will stay open. It was proposed that we pick up pizza and bring it there until such time as food services begin. The new board discussed Ray's idea of putting aside \$2000 for a Facilities Fund. It will be brought to the full membership at the March meeting. Gene wants to put his photo hosting idea on hold. Jonathan bought the vests.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Cathy spoke about details concerning the banquet and that the club will need to supplement it for about \$800. Details concerning banquet costs and food and drinks was discussed. Bob asked everyone to write an article for the newsletter. Alberto will start one soon. Cheryl read Dana's letter concerning the Equinox race. Everything financial will now go to Paul and volunteers will be needed. The race has a bank account of \$2000. The Equinox Board will next meet on February 3rd and all are welcome. Future race directors was discussed as was Equinox bylaws.

Gene made a motion to bring the race under RVRR auspices, Ed seconded and all approved. Dave spoke of the USATF and RRCA memberships and the need to find out what each does for RVRR and possibly stop paying one.

Bob mentioned that captains are needed for each team and which one would need a new captain. Newark Distance Classic is the first race of 2005. Paul will need to come up with an RVRR budget for this year once he gets familiar with the account.

Club promotion was discussed by everyone, specifically how to attract new runners and bring back old ones. Email contact with new runners was mentioned as well as T Shirts with a message, flyers at gyms, and a possible open house sometime in the spring, advertising in running stores as well as a posting in the high school.

The general membership meeting is March 9th and speakers for all four membership meeting's will be needed. Gene suggested Madeleine Noe to speak about nutrition. Julie Mazza, Rolf Arands and Steve Kornstein were mentioned. Ed will ask Rolf, Gene will ask Madeleine and Lois will ask Julie.

Timed runs and backward runs were discussed for the spring.

Ray wanted to know if an internal audit was wise and needed to maintain proper records per IRS regs and for the clubs good. A discussion also took place regarding having club monies to be spent in the future approved well in advance.

The Tow Path Training run is June 4th, National Trails Day. Ray, as director and founder, is looking to spend the same as last year, \$300. There will be trophies. Ed's idea of T Shirts was shot down in flames. Ideas discussed included food being ready at 11:00 a.m., clearing up confusion with the water stop at So. Bound Brook. and the need for a "sweeper" on a bike to aid any slower or hurt runners,. Alberto discussed having a new starting group at a 9 ½ minute pace for 26.2 miles. A motion was made to allot Ray \$300 for the race was made and approved unanimously.

Cathy mentioned that she will need help in her Sunshine Committee work as she can't do it all. Board members will help in the future as well as seek out others for this project..

Volunteers for staffing the High School door will be as follows;

January 12th, Alberto,

January 19th, Ed,

January 26th Lois,

February 2nd, Jonathan

February 9th, Cathy.

The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m. and the next Board meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2005.