

RARITAN VALLEY ROAD RUNNERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING;
MARCH 7, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Executive Board Meeting of the Raritan Valley Road Runners was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the clubs President. Board Members in attendance: Bob Townley, Cathy Glamkowski, Lois Brown-Klein, Paul Krentar, Alberto Artasanchez, Gene Gugliotta, Cheryl Scher, Jonathan Cruel and Ed Levy. Also present was former president Allen Paul.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the February 10, 2005 meeting were approved without correction.

III. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Bob reported that the first championship race of 2005 was yesterday (March 6th) in Newark (20K) and that both the open men and women teams did well (both placed second winning \$300.00 each!). He mentioned the 20 mile Mitochondrion run sponsored by Sherrie and Moshe and thanked them for their after run brunch in which everyone had a good meal and good company. The Equinox RVRP sponsored race is in two weeks on March 20th followed by the April 2nd Tow Path Kickoff Run. A breakfast at club member Ken Ellis' house in Highland Park will follow the run.

IV. TREASURERS REPORT:

Paul Krentar indicated that the balance in the account is \$6,632.60 He indicated that monies have been coming in for the Equinox race and that as of today there were 65 entries. There was a brief team money discussion but it was tabled until after we know how much money we make from Equinox.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Cheryl gave a report on the status of Equinox race. She indicated that the race was hoping to attract around 250 runners, of course depending on the weather and other factors. Two hundred shirts had been ordered as well as awards for the top places in each division. The race still needs volunteers. Lois has received donations from the Princeton Running Company and the Highland Park Cycle shop. Roger and Pete will mark the course soon. The volunteers will need to be at the park by 7:30 a.m. Spook Handy has donated his sound system for the clubs use but only if he is not working that day.

On another matter, due to the fact that Dolls is not serving food yet and there are club members who would like to meet up with the group for dinner on Wednesday nights but not necessarily have time to do the club run, a schedule as to where dinner will be held will be set up in advance (for a month period of time). The Board set the following;

March 9th – General Membership meeting

March 16th – Charley Browns

March 23rd – Maritas

March 30th – Tumulty's

April 6th – Round Grill

The general membership meeting on March 9th was discussed. We have the Pilates speaker thanks to Lois and Cheryl will pick up the soda and plates and Lois will order the pizza. Ed indicated that the inventory was moving slowly as only a couple of members had emailed him with descriptions of what club materials they were in possession of. He may need to take an inventory of Doug's building on Hardenburg Lane in East Brunswick.

Gene indicated that the newsletter deadline is March 21st and that all news articles were welcome. Lois has an article done on the topic of the vegetarian runner and Cheryl has one done on Ken Vercammens hash run.

The discussion turned to club promotion. The club application is still in the process of being reviewed by the Board, any corrections that need to be made should be forwarded to Gene. Gene needs to determine who actually has the word file of the form so he can make the necessary changes. He will follow-up with Janice. Cathy and Ed have volunteered to run off copies of the club application once it is confirmed that all changes have been made. Gene mentioned the possibility of putting the club information in value packs but Allen indicated the cost wasn't feasible. As to the magnets, Cathy reported that it would cost around \$100 - \$125 for them and Alberto made a motion to approve the expenditure. The magnets will be distributed to new people moving into the area via local town welcome wagons to try and attract new members. They will also be included in the welcome letter sent out to new members who join the club (a bunch will be given to Janice). It was unanimously approved. Cheryl will look into the possibility of placing a listing in papers like the Star Ledger detailing future club runs. The Board then discussed new runners especially on Saturday mornings and making them feel wanted by checking on them, running with them and possibility of assigning people to run with them. Bob also mentioned he would divide up the current club membership list Janice has and give each board member a bunch of names of people we have not seen out at a club function in awhile to call and try to get them more active/come out to club runs/events again.

The clubs budget was reviewed with comments from Board members concerning each individual category and whether the projected amounts were correct. Some changes were indicated and this process will continue.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

The Highland Park street fair in May was talked about and the need to have a volunteer at a table representing the club. The street fair usually takes place around several races and it isn't always easy to have someone there but volunteers will be sought

The Board will ask Mark and Rose Strawn if they have any interest in running the kids races again as part of the clubs summer series. There are usually club members there for each race that help out but organizing and running the event will be a key factor. Getting the parents of the children involved was also discussed. Do we put a request for their help in the applications or just walk up to them at the races and ask?

We need to have race applications put out each Wednesday night and collected after the run. Roger Price used to do that but has not been at all runs. Therefore, we will ask Chris Lehman if he would like to do it.

There was a problem last Saturday with everyone meeting at the same spot in Johnson Park for the Tow Path run. The park was closed due to a preorganized bike time trials event and most of the club members found each other, through cell calls, at the parking lot on river road near the tennis courts. The Board decided we need to arrange a place for possible future meeting if the park is inaccessible. The general consensus was that if this occurs again club members should expect to be at Landing Lane bridge where the tow path starts around 9:05 am (8:05 in the summer) to meet up with all runners. However, we will first solicit Rays input on this as he is the defacto leader of the Saturday morning run. There was also some discussion on providing a list of cell phone numbers to one person to call and alert people to future problems.

Starting the Wednesday night after the tow path kickoff the club will switch courses to the summer course and there will be timed , guess your time run s as well as a backwards run probably on the last winter course night.

Thank you notes were done to Sherrie and Moshe for hosting the breakfast but we will need volunteers to do the Equinox thanks you notes.

There was a general discussion that there are runners representing the club in races that are not dues paying members according to Janice's membership list. Bob indicated that he believed they should be and Ed agreed. Gene indicated that he believes these individuals are actually official members of the club however there is a disconnect between Janice's list. This is most likely due to team captains comping people club membership dues and this somehow does not get captured on Janice's list of paid club members. This process needs to be better worked out and someone needs to contact Janice to make sure these people end up on her club member list.

The next meeting of the Board will be on April 4th at 7 p.m. at Allen Paul's store. Ed Levy made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Cheryl Scher.

The meeting ended at 8:51 p.m.