

RVRR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19TH, 2008

A meeting of the RVRR Executive Board began at 6:39 pm the Reformed Church in Highland Park. Board members in attendance: Gene Gugliotta, Dennis McGale, Rose Hoskins, Ed Levy, Mark Strawn, Laura Swift, Leslie Wassef, Lindsay Tomlinson and Mike Dixon. RVRR members in attendance: Bill Hulbert, Doug Brown, Bob Townley and Ken Ellis.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Levy stated that the current balance is \$7,412.44.

EBRR: Gene read from a letter written by Stacy Kaplan. Topics covered in letter included possibly changing the date of the event, changing the time of day, changing the route of the course, and/or the length to a 15K or 20K. \$4,000 in sponsorship money, with \$2,000 coming from Verizon. Changing the name of the race to the Paul Krentar Memorial Run with proceeds benefiting one of Paul's favorite charities. Gene read from a letter written by Cathy Ellis. Cathy stated that volunteers are needed and volunteers should expect to work 30 hrs/week for 4 months with Race Director coordinating all volunteers. Gene also stated that Madeline Bost's recent article claims that the race has lost its appeal. Ken Ellis stated that he objects to the current appeal to drop the race. Ken suggested RVRR running the race this year, have someone who shows interest in being the Race Director, possibly Bill H., get some experience, then take over next year. Gene asked Ken to state what would happen if EBRR dissolved, where its money would go. Ken said the By-laws state that the monies would go to another charity, presumably RVRR. Ken added that there is \$7,000. in the EBRR bank at this time. He added that some of the costs one could expect are: \$4,000 for t-shirts, \$2,000 for porto-johns, \$1,100 for scoring, \$1,000 for food + additional money for advertising. Overall Ken said it would probably take about \$14,000 to run the race. Gene posed the idea that maybe East Brunswick could run the race and RVRR would supply volunteers, like at Colonial Park. One of the major problems is that the race conflicts with the local farm's business, specifically access to property and safety of customers during race. Ed stated that we could consider changing the date so the impact on the farm is minimized. Leslie suggested possibly dropping the t-shirt or the goodie bag to save on costs and labor. Bob T. stated that East Brunswick could be approached about paying for the recertification of the course. Maybe East Brunswick could take over the kids games, kids dashes, food and porto-johns and RVRR could manage the actual 5K and 10K. Doug Brown suggested giving the event back to East Brunswick and let them get back to us. Scott Brenner was mentioned as someone who might be interested in being Race Director. Ray Petit's name also came up as a possible Race Director.

Action Items: Gene stated that the first thing we will do is ask Scott Brenner and Ray Petit about being the Race Director. Secondly Ed Levy will talk to Stacy and approach East Brunswick about taking over the event.

Wednesday Night Run: "Guess Your Time Run" 3/19 will both be held in March '08. Need to have board member present at all Wednesday and Saturday runs. Dennis suggested we sign up one month in advance. Gene stated that we could do this via email.

RVRR Clothing: Leslie having trouble with supplier may have to try someone else. She will pursue (25 hats and 25 pairs of gloves for around \$350-\$450) for one more week. Laura S. posted photos, prices on yahoo group and will contact Ken Mangin to put in the newsletter.

General Membership Meeting: Will be held on 3/19. Need speaker, may go without one. Possibility of using RVRR members as speakers. Gene will present the club budget.

Newsletter: Articles needed. Gene said that all board members should write articles. **Leslie will write one for the March issue. Lindsay and Rose will prepare articles by April 1st. Mike D. and Laura will have one ready by June 1st. Dennis and Bill H. will prepare articles for August 1st.**

Winter/Awards Banquet: Thanks to Dennis for all of his hard work. Event basically broke even. Approximately 85 people attended.

P.O.Box: Ed asked approval from board to pay rental fee for box, \$ 56.00, approval given.

Outdoor Track Workouts:

HPHS: Gene will call to verify availability.

Adventure Runs: Pete Priolo may be interested in leading some of these. Bill Huibert also expressed an interest, as well as Dennis. Dennis likes the idea of running at Manasquan, Sandy Hook or the Columbia Trail.

Towpath Kickoff Breakfast: Date 3/29/08, Sonya Slyman offered to host the event. Jorissen's could be a possible backup.

Ray Petit/Park Permit: Dennis will give check to Ray and just talk to him about both sides of the issue.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm, next board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00pm at Gabrielle's restaurant in Piscataway.