

RVRR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 6, 2009

Meeting held at Panico's Restaurant in New Brunswick

Attendees: Joel Simpson, Ed Levy, Mark Strawn, Lesley Wassef, Bill Hulbert, Laura Swift, Lindsay Tomlinson, and Noah Papas

RVRR members in attendance – Gene Gugliotta

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm
2. Minutes from December 2, 2008 were reviewed and approved
3. Goals presented for 2009: R – Run more
V – Volunteer more
R – Retain more runners
R – Recruit more runners
4. President's Report:
 - a. Expectations of the President:
 - i. Keep meetings concise and running on time so that they are finished as close to 8:30pm as possible
 - ii. Secretary is expected to provide the minutes 1-2 weeks after the monthly meeting; if the secretary is not able to attend the meeting, a backup secretary will be assigned
 - iii. Treasurer's responsibilities will remain the same
 - iv. All other board members are tasked with being creative and leaders in the events that they are involved in
 - b. Wednesday night runs will be attended by the President when possible
 - c. Team leaders will be asked to put budgets together
 - d. Future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month if possible
 - e. General membership meeting went well and the change in food provided was well received
 - f. Big chill – Thanks to Ken Mangin for leading! – RVRR was one of the largest groups
 - g. Holiday party – Thanks to Rose Hoskins
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Current funds - \$7600
 - b. Team money ~\$1900 – most teams are relatively well funded
6. Review constitution and bylaws:
 - a. Change vice president reference to 1st and 2nd vice president
 - b. Treasurer will no longer be described as chair of the membership committee
 - c. The limit of expenditures requiring a vote by membership was increased from \$250 to \$500
 - d. For finances, only 2 officers (treasurer and generally the president) will be empowered to sign checks for disbursement of funds
 - e. In the event of dissolution of the club, funds will not go to YM+YWHA but the Reformed Church of Highland Park or other charity determined by the general membership
7. Hospitality:

- a. Recognizing members that do good things and/or require sympathy (illness)
 - b. Lesley Wassef volunteered to be the hospitality ombudswoman
8. Service:
- a. Mark suggested a blood drive for club members – June was identified as the most feasible month
9. Old business:
- a. Awards banquet: update given for Dennis McGale by Lindsay Tomlinson; volunteers identified include Lesley Wassef and possibly Bill Hulbert; Lindsay will followup with Janice regarding the program; volunteer recognition was discussed; advertising the event was discussed and Gene will set up an active.com account
10. New business:
- a. Mark will post the Jimmy D 5k event at Harvest Moon
 - b. Millrose game – RVRR event to attend at Madison Square Garden as spectators
 - c. Issues voted on:
 - i. Runners who attend all Saturday mornings in Jan or Feb will receive free breakfast up to 10\$
 - ii. Moderator status given to Mark Strawn, Ed Levy and Gene Gugliotta
 - iii. Permit for Saturday morning runs approved if Ray Petit requires it
 - d. Bill led a website discussion – newsletters updated, pages are being consolidated, old news will be removed, a Presidential blog was recommended
 - e. Joel recommended ‘Constant Contact’ software to maintain newsletter subscriptions and mailing list
 - f. EBRR date was discussed – Joel suggested that the earlier the date was set, the more ‘goodies’ RVRR could obtain for handouts
11. Next meeting – February 2, 2009 at 7pm at Panico’s Restaurant
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm