

RVRR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR March 2, 2010

Attendees: Mark Strawn, Bill Hulbert, Laura Swift, Ed Levy, Kelly DiGian (minutes), John D'Agostino, Joel Simpson, Kyle Spencer, Lianne Price

- 1. Call meeting to order 7:07 pm**
- 2. 2/2/10 Executive Board Meeting minutes approved**
- 3. President's Report**

Banquet feedback: MS thought the banquet went well. Ray Petit suggested that we add volunteer appreciation to the agenda for next year as was done in past years (stated verbally at East Brunswick Committee meeting) and possibly an "award" similar to the lollipop awards in which people who volunteer for a certain number of RVRR events receive a lollipop or similar recognition. KD agreed with this suggestion and noted that it may encourage people to volunteer.

A few club members mentioned that the DJ was rude when asked about the play list. Mixed feedback was reported regarding the songs played. Next year we should consider DJ Ed as well as other DJ's. There was some discussion on the yahoo group about the purpose of the awards banquet as a dinner with dancing/social atmosphere vs. an awards banquet with less dancing and more time for the speeches. Many board members enjoyed the balanced program with shorter speeches and dancing.

4. Treasurer's Report

The checking account has \$4213.92 and the teams have \$4373.86.

5. Old Business

Rock Run (JD) – race starts at 8:30am; awards for the top 3 males and top 3 females, need volunteers, request tents, tables, clock for timing

Ice Skating/Menlo Park (LS) – Ice skating rink was not available, may try to reschedule

General Membership Meeting – Rita Musanti will be speaking on 3-10-10, BH will coordinate and pick up food, LS offered to help BH with food.

Ski Trip (KS) – went well

Turkey Trot (MS) – no new news, KS will contact Bob Townley or Gene Gugliotta

Unite Half-Marathon (MS) – RVRR volunteers will receive a discounted entry fee ½ off for a ½ day of service, free registration for a full day of service

Club Banners (JS) – JS is still looking into it.

Fotki – The account has been temporarily suspended. Despite our non-profit status, Fotki is insisting on charging us \$30/yr. MS will follow up with Gene.

Free Breakfast Program – It was suggested that Wednesday runners be eligible for free dinner. It was discussed whether the program should be tested out for one month in the summer to encourage people to come to Wednesday night runs in the hot weather. Board votes to try Wednesday nights in August, runners who attend all Wednesdays will get \$8 towards dinner with the club. KD will track runners who might qualify.

Suggestions for volunteer opportunities – Habitat for Humanity (Dave Allara), Planting Day in Highland Park (LP)

Green Mountain Relay – 19 club members plan to participate in this relay. John requested money for each of 2 relay teams at the February board meeting. He states that registration fees are about \$120 per person and that other relay teams (e.g., River to Sea) had received money last year. MS states that in order to receive money, the current teams must post a summary of the race on the yahoo group with a contact person who can answer questions about setting up a team. LP agrees to post this information. The teams would need to include a certain percentage of RVRR members. The board voted to give \$150 per team for those teams that meet the above requirements.

6. New Business –

LS would like to get more women to run for the RVRR women's teams, she plans to send out a message to the yahoo group for publicity and encouragement

Highland Park Street Fair (MS) – Costs \$50 to set up a stand, but LS and KS don't think it would generate new members. Board votes not to attend.

7. Next meeting – 4/5/2010 at 7:00pm at Panico's.

8. Adjournment at 8:22pm