

Orange Runners Club Meeting Minutes

Date: October 9th, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Old Erie Restaurant, Middletown, NY

Chairperson: Justin DePierro, President

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Justin, the President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologized for any confusion regarding the change in scheduling. The club is now aiming to hold meetings in the second week of the month to allow for better planning and participation.

2. Discussion of Meeting Time

- Members were asked for feedback regarding the 6:30 PM meeting start time. It may not work for everyone, but the club will aim to keep meetings at a reasonable hour.

3. Racing Recap

- Kelly Police Chase:** Big turnout and positive feedback. The President expressed gratitude to the members who participated, especially as it supported a family with a personal connection.
- Membership Mile:** Mike won with a time of 5:11 (79 seconds per lap), and Erin won the women's race with a time of 6:15.

4. In Memoriam

- Joe Fernella's wife passed away a week after celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. A sympathy card was circulated for members to sign, which will be sent to Joe.

5. Event Updates

- Jingle Jog:** Scheduled for December. Paper and online registrations are available via RunSignUp. Membership renewal applications are also available.
- Merchandise:** Club-branded hoodies, windbreakers, and other items are available for purchase. Orders can be delivered to individual homes or picked up at the next meeting.
- Election of Officers:** Upcoming in December. Members were encouraged to consider running for positions.
- Grand Prix Committee:** The committee will be reaching out to local race directors to advocate for inclusion in the 2025 Grand Prix. Criteria for selection include charity involvement, location, and support for the club.

6. Winter Series

- Dates are being finalized for the Winter Series. The club is working with Mr. Regan, who will time the event and possibly provide awards.

7. Youth and Community Programs

- **Shoe Program:** Successfully provided shoes to underprivileged student-athletes. Coaches have expressed their appreciation.
- **Scholarship Program:** Bill will be managing the scholarship initiative, with potential support from proceeds of future races.

8. January Gathering

- The club's annual gathering will be held in January. It will be a semi-formal event where attendees are encouraged to wear their best, most formal running shoes.

9. New Business

- The club is exploring additional communication methods beyond Facebook, such as a messenger service or app, to improve outreach to members. Justin has made a Discord server. Link will be on the website.
- A discussion on safety during group runs highlighted the importance of wearing reflective gear and being mindful of running routes, especially during darker months.

10. Financial Report

- **Total Income:** \$32,400
- **Expenses:** \$21,400
- **Profit:** \$11,000
- **Sponsorships:** \$10,050
- The club's financials remain healthy, and sponsorships are contributing positively to the budget.

11. Upcoming Races and Events

- **Grand Prix Race:** This weekend at Shawangunk.
- **Steamtown Marathon:** Several members are participating.
- **Group Runs:** Several ongoing group runs were mentioned. Members were encouraged to participate and help organize where necessary.

12. Closing Remarks

- Justin thanked the members for their participation and contributions to the club's various events and initiatives. He also expressed appreciation for the help with track workouts during his busy September.

Adjournment: Meeting concluded at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting:

November 13th, 2024 at Old Erie.