

Orange Runners Club Monthly Meeting

The Olde Erie Pub, Middletown, NY

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Board and Advisory members present: Ed O'Connell, President, Valerie and Bill Kilcoin, Vice-presidents, Deanna Zawistowski, Vice-president, George Shurter, Treasurer, Patty Insignares, Secretary, Dane Groszek, Webmaster, Dave Madden, Club liaison, Marty Nowak, Finance advisor.

Absent: Dave Badolato, Vice-president

Meeting kicked off at 8:05 p.m. President, Ed O'Connell held the meeting.

New Members: No new members mentioned.

Officer reports: Vice Presidents, no reports. Secretary, no report. Marty Nowak gave the report for the club treasurer. The club treasury has a profit of \$5,325.00, with a current balance of \$7,335.76 . The IRS has sent a letter to Marty and the ORC has been accepted for it's 501(3)C. The club had been lapse for quite some time. Valerie said membership is around 350 runners.

Checks for membership are being accepted for 2015.

No other reports from any other officers.

Shout Outs: Ed O'Connell spoke about his experience in the Ragnar Relay, which was run from Saratoga to Lake Placid. Runners travel as a group in vans, each covering different legs of various distances. He spoke about the social experience, and how everyone gets to know their fellow runners over the course of the weekend. He shared about the team names and how everyone builds their own logo and slogan. To add to the fun, each team has a collection of team magnets that they put onto the outside of other teams vans, to keep as souvenirs. Dane will post pictures of the event online. Ed then called on Tom and Joann Andryshak, fellow team members, for any further comments on the event. They said Ed pretty much covered it.

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Photo of the Month: Dane had votes come in on the photo of the month, but still would like the members in the room to help vote with some applause. The first one is from New Mexico. Runners wound up running a 30 mile marathon since it was so mismanaged. They had had a tropical storm come in prior, and the runners fed all the misquitoes. The second one is of member Kathleen Rifkin running on Purgatory Road in Campbell Hall. The third was of member Susan Plocharczyk, at the Ragnar Relay, and the fourth submitted was of member Dave Billings in Russia. There were two winners, Sue and Kathleen.

Race(s) of the Month:

Hambletonian Marathon - October 19: Kathleen Rifkin, Co-Director, is still looking for volunteers for course marshalling. They need four or five more. Everything is going well and the training runs finished on Sunday. There are about 300 people registered so far.

Vintage Wine Runs: Past President, and club member, Todd Jennings, spoke briefly about organizing a 200 mile relay from Orange to Ulster counties. He also mentioned his Vintage Wine Run series that's coming up at Bethel Woods, and the Bashakill Winery. He was looking for volunteers for both. This Saturday, is the Bethel Woods Half Marathon and 5K. He needs some volunteers for course marshalls, and registration. Then the following week is at the Bashakill Winery, that will be an eight mile run on the road and some parts on the long path and D&H canal. He also mentioned the Newburgh Brewery run which will be run again next year.

'I Am the ORC': The board is still looking to create a web page called, 'I am the ORC.' Ed would like to feature a different member from the club every month which will become accumulative on the web page. Members will be asked to answer five out of six questions. A photo of that member will be taken and uploaded to the web page, along with their answers to the questions.

Club Races: Race directors looking to have club-supported races are to submit budgets to the board before the December meeting. There is a checklist available from the board for directors if they need help. They can see Deanna or Dave. The club will also help anyone who is interested in the start up of a race. One of the members asked if the Jingle Jog budget is in yet. Ed said the race is on track and most of the budget is in order so far.

Club Elections: Ed reminded everyone the club elections are coming up and to please help us find a new President! Anyone who is interested, please let the board know what your plans are.

Speaker of the Month: Dane introduced ultra-runner, Ken Posner. Ken brought some great slides and shared his unique techniques on running those great distances, and spoke about his running history.

Meeting closed: 9:05 p.m.