



ORANGE RUNNERS CLUB December 2012 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Old Erie Pub & Grill – Middletown, NY
Date & Time: December 5, 2012 7:30 p.m.

Ed welcomed the group & new faces/new members. Shout outs were given for our members who just ran the Philadelphia Marathon.

Special thanks to Dave Badolato for a great job on the Jingle Jog this year. Dave thanked all the race participants, and volunteers, with special thanks to Bill Schneider. The overall winners will be given free entry to the race next year.

Nominations were taken for next year's club officers. Ed O'Connell was elected president for another year. VIP's Dave Madden, Dave Badolato & Brian Baird will serve next year; Valerie Kilcoin will also be a VP – a fourth position was added, as there is no limit in the by-laws, so this was decided at the meeting. Carolyn Negrycz will serve as secretary and George Shurter as Treasurer for another year.

Ed asked that in the next year we get more club participation & assistance at our events, setting up/cleaning up and general volunteerism. This is critical to our club's success.

The Jingle Job had a smaller than usual attendance, but \$1500 was cleared. 10% is given back to the club. A donation of \$1000 was made to a charity for Pulmonary Fibrosis, and the Blooming Grove PBA received a \$200 donation as thanks for their assistance and to help in restoring their facilities after last year's severe weather. The ORC board voted to donate the excess funds going to the club to the chosen beneficiary, Pulmonary Fibrosis charity.

George's treasurer's report advised that our balance is approximately \$5000 before the receipts and expenses of the Jingle Jog.

The Winter Series will be held soon, dates are January 6, 20 and February 3 & 17th. This year they are the same as the Newburgh Winter Series it was reported. Another change is a 10:30 a.m. start. There will be a new giveaway for this year's series, and all are encouraged to sign up.

Speaker this month is John Finnegan, director of the Hudson Valley Grand Prix. John spoke about the upcoming year's changes.

The regular grand prix will have the same # of races, but the following have been dropped: Rhulen Rock Hill 5K, Monster 10K and Tri-State Classic 10K. In their place the committee has added: Rails & Trails Run in Sullivan County, The Florida Fun Fest 10K and the New Windsor based Run for the Animals directed by our member Emil Barbosa.

There will also be a 5K Series, for those who prefer the shorter distances. There are 15 races, all 5K's and participants must do 9 of the 15. The list includes: Winter Series #4, Plattekill, The 5K of the Hudson Valley 15K, Port Jervis, Safe Harbors, Ruthie Dino, Rhulen Rock Hill, the Goshen 5K, Smallwood 5K, Otisville, Warwick, Maybrook, Pine Bush, Jingle Jog Matamoros. There is no iron man for the 5K series. Members can join both, but note that there is some overlap, for example the first race, winter series #4. Or events with two distances, which sometimes start at the same time.

Scoring will be done the same way this year. We have a new lead sponsor for 2013, Frank Gianinno, Shoe Fitters, as well as Martin Nowak, Mike Quinn, Winners Bracket. This year's shirts are black with red lettering. Results will be posted on the Facebook page for the Grand Prix. The page will feature links to race applications, and grand prix results. These are not yet complete; they go thru Tri-State at this time.

Martin Nowak presented the HVGP the sponsor's check for the next year. Ed thanked all the volunteers and behind the scenes helps, such as Martin, and also Bill Schneider.

For 2013 – Club is updating our 501c3 status, with Martin Nowak's help. A \$750 expenditure will be needed. Ed also asked for approval of a \$500 expenditure for a laptop & printer to be used for quarterly reporting, \$100 for the club domain name registration. Expenditures were approved, with additional items, such as a speaker system for races, to be considered & priced later.

A recognition dinner is being set up for those who have been of service to the club. Tom Zawistowski has been getting dates for this, March 8th is open at the Otisville firehouse. It will be a semi-formal sit down dinner at Mt. Hope/Village of Otisville. We are hoping for 100 members to attend, cost will be \$10 each to cover the dinner. Soft drinks will be provided, BYOB for adult beverages. Hall rental is \$450, with total expenditure of \$1000 anticipated, to be offset by receipts of tickets. This motion was passed, to proceed with the dinner plan.

Dave Madden brought up a concern over the Wednesday night informal runs from the Elks Club in Middletown, which are set & published for 5:45 p.m. He asked that the runners wait until that time, and not leave early. If newcomers get there right on time & no one is there, then what will their impression of the club be, also, how will they know where the run is? He also asked that those who go long, or cut their run short, let someone know, so everyone is accounted for. General consensus was that this is a good idea.

2013 is the 125th Anniversary of the incorporation of Middletown, and there will be festivities to mark it on the last weekend of June. Proposal was put forth that the ORC host and sponsor a 1.25 mile run on Highland Avenue, to end at Festival Square. Planning is in the early stages, and there would be a cash prize to the top three runners – others would get a medal for participation. More details to follow – approval from the Mayor are needed.

Frank Gianino proposed the club think about a Turkey Trot for Thanksgiving Day, which would be a more local event than others in the area. Distance and route to be discussed, if this concept is agreed upon as a good idea for the club.

Meeting adjourned – next meeting January 3, 2013.