

Outer Banks Running Club - 2007 Minutes

OBRC Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2007

At Caribbean Pools & Spas

6:15 p.m.-- Club approved the minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting

-- Treasurer Jim Snyder reported that the club is now officially a 501C3 non-profit organization under the aegis of the Road Runners Club of America's federal tax-exempt certificate. The club's checking account through Feb. 28 showed a balance of \$1,858.40. We have quarterly expenses for the web site company and reimbursement for expenses incurred by Laura Cortez, our VP-PR, and Yvette Kirkpatrick, race director for the Sweet Heart 8K, to pay. Conversely, we gained five new members since the last meeting. After these expenses and revenues, the club's net is around \$1,750.

-- The club received nice coverage of our Sweet Heart 8K in the Outer Banks Sentinel, which printed the story and photo submitted by Laura Cortez.

-- Coach Ari Vucinovic noted that a number of members were participating in the Shamrock Marathon and Half, and with nicer weather coming it's time to renew our good habit for coming to training on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Go to www.outerbanksrunningclub.org for training schedule details.

-- Ed Beckley announced that our permit for a race over Wright Brothers Monument on June 9 was turned down by the National Park Service, because the hill itself is a historical monument. The race is canceled and Laura is asked to take it off the web site. Conversely, if anyone wants to run a 50-mile impromptu ultra-marathon from Kitty Hawk to Cape Hatteras in June, as a very informal event, contact Ed.

-- Ed informed the members that the Board of Directors voted to give our regional RRCA representative, Lena Hollmann, our proxy to vote for national RRCA officers at the upcoming national convention in Chicago.

-- Ed reminded members that the club is composed of several committees headed up by the vice presidents, including PR/external communications/Web Site & Marketing; Finance and treasurer; Secretary and internal communications; and, Coaching & Training/Road Race assistance. He asked members who have expertise or interest in these areas to consider helping out on the committees. There is not a ton of work to do, but if everybody does just a little bit, it can all get smoothly and efficiently done without burdening any one individual.

-- Ann Wunderly, co-race director with Sydney Fleming for the April 28 Earth Day 8K in Kitty Hawk, addressed the club and asked for support. She said runners and volunteers are needed on race day, and she supplied the members with race and volunteer applications, and educational brochures on the Carolina Estuarine Reserve Foundation, which will be funded by the event.

-- Mike Kelly of the OBX Marathon & Half Marathon gave a nice history of the event, and explained changes in the course routes for 2007. He introduced Robyn Keenan and John Gillam, who are key members of the race organizing committee, and also OBRC members. Mike said he felt the race was very successful from a tourism standpoint, and had great community support. He said the runners provided good feedback and enjoyed the events.

He said the committee would mulch the trail portion of Nags Head Woods again soon, so the mulch has more time to decompose and provide better footing for the fall race. He said they are working on course changes to make it easier on traffic and the runners, including a potential finish in downtown Manteo, closer to the celebration in Festival Park. He said the group wants to alter the marathon and half marathon courses to some degree, to get off the bypass for long stretches, and that the route changes need to be approved by town officials and are tentative at this time. He noted that a number of state records were set on the course, and even though some runners felt the course wasn't fast enough, the records are a good indicator. Mike handed out a sheet listing all the states and nations represented in the event, which went all the way down the page. Ed lauded the committee for their daily dedication to putting on the event, which has been a labor of time and talent for two years, with much more hard work ahead for 2007.

-- The Chesapeake, VA, Athlete's Foot shoe store proprietor Tommy Schuster demonstrated the innovative KanGoo JUMPS rehabilitation and exercise shoe product for members, and a couple meeting attendees tried it out. The product is an impact protection system that gives athletes a great VO2 max workout while reducing the impact force to the ground up to 80 percent. OBRC members get a 10 percent discount at the store, which is adjacent to the new Target store in south Chesapeake.

-- Ed noted that the club has had monthly meetings to date this year, but we're only required to meet quarterly. We've met frequently because we've had a lot of business with which to attend, but we are on top of it, and we can afford to meet less frequently unless unexpected important business requires us to call a special meeting in between. The next meeting will be on June 13 at 6:15 p.m. at Caribbean Pools & Spas in Kill Devil Hills.

-- The members had no other new business to discuss and the meeting adjourned

Many thanks to Jim Snyder, owner of Caribbean Pools & Spas, for continuing to host our meetings at his beautiful showroom and offices just north of mile post 6 on the west side of the bypass.