

## ORANGE RUNNERS CLUB

### January 2013 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Old Erie Pub & Grill – Middletown, NY

Date & Time: January 2, 2013 7:30 PM

Ed O'Connell welcomes all and reviews events of the December 2012 elections and the goals for the year including the updating of the club 501c3 status. In addition to this the acquisition of the notebook computer for the Treasurer's chair to support the accounting software recommend by Martin. VP Brian Baird is looking into updating the club's bylaws which are dated and need to be modernized.

George's treasurer's report advised that our balance is approximately \$5000, and the club is in good shape.

Tom Manza newly elected President of the Sullivan Striders spoke on the renewal of the close regional ties between the two clubs and the renewal of the comradery between them. Also invited us to the SSRC Winter Party on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at the Emerald Green Entertanium and their last Thursday of the month run and meeting not at Danny's Village Inn, Wurstboro. NY.

Ed O'Connell then welcomes 3 new members, Meg, Donna and Sue. And fields remarks on the Andershak's New Year's Day run with shout outs on the course and Trooper backed security and the post run festivities. Bobby Waterman's Disney marathon is upcoming and I got in my Marathon Maniac shout out and showed off my new singlet.

There also was the sad news of the passing of Cathy Sutcliffe, and a sincere motion was put through to do something in respect to her from the club.

Rob Dickover then took the floor and gave us updates on the upcoming Hambletonian Marathon. That the course is certified as a Boston Qualifier, and that they are well on their way in setting up the event this coming October.

Dave DeCosta was also present gave some shout out for the club and mentioned the upcoming Community recognition meeting. He also handed off data connected with the Classic 10K website to the ORC webmaster.

There was a discussion on the ORC membership process and the availability of the online and paper forms. There will be no price increase for 2013 membership. Memberships run from January to January.

Bill Schneider took the floor and warmly commended all for the work done in connection with the club sponsored Annual Herby Waterman Winter Series. Also the race coming up on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> has the new start time of 10:30 am. Volunteers are always welcome and they meet at 9:00 am, and took time to thank the sponsors such as Price Chopper, SHAKs, Martin Nowak, Super Suds, McMickle, Quinn, and more.

The winners of the December photo of the month John & Ann Singer were announced.

Ed O'Connell then informed us the Olde Erie had raised its fee for our dinner so the club now has to ask for \$8.00 each as the requested dinner contribution.

Next regular meeting will be Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> 2013.