



ORANGE RUNNERS CLUB February 2013 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Old Erie Pub & Grill – Middletown, NY
Date & Time: February 6, 2013 7:30 p.m.

The meeting began at 8 p.m.

Ed introduced Tom Manza, the new president of the Sullivan Striders, and his group of officers & members who attended the meeting. Tom thanks us for the hospitality & spoke about the Inter-Club challenge, being hosted by Sullivan this year. The date is April 14, 2013. It will be held at Orange County Park (Thomas Bull). The club felt it was most advantageous to hold it "in the middle" so that the southern club, RRC isn't made to travel as far, and we have better representation from all participating clubs.

The point structure has been changed, in that each participant (who doesn't place) will earn 2 points vs 1. The race is on a Sunday and further details and time will follow.

New members were welcomed. Shoutouts went to Bobby Waterman (first marathon), Deanna Zawistowski (also first marathon) and Kathleen Rifkin. Bobby did the Disney, and the women went to Huntington Beach, CA. Erika Emigh placed 3rd in her age group at a recent half marathon, and Gordon Emigh placed in the 5K distance.

Photo of the month was announced – Hudson Valley Grand Prix Iron men/women, taken by Dave B. Valerie Kilcoin will have updated membership numbers soon, as memberships are still coming in.

Bill Schneider announced the last race of the Winter Series is 2/17. Participation is down this year by about 40, and we are not sure why. Bill thanked all his help & the many volunteers. The giveaway with the race series this year is a water bottle with solar lining.

Dave Madden spoke about the Middletown 125th anniversary coming up – ORC is hosting a 1.25 mile dash/race, at 2:45 p.m. Course map will be made available, but it will be in the Wisner/Highland/ Festival Square area. The actual event parade starts at 3 p.m. There will also be fireworks, music, and ORC is invited to participate and WEAR YOUR COLORS. We are looking for a name for the race. Several suggestions have been made, this is to be decided. There will be prizes for the 1st three finishers and the first Middletown resident finisher. Applications aren't done yet, but will be available. This race is for runners only, the roads are closed already which is why the time is late in the day.

The annual ORC Walk Party will be held on July 20, 2013 at Fancher Davidge Park. More info & applications will be available soon.

Insurance for events is to be obtained through USATF at this time.

Myriam Loor, Race Director for Celebrate Life spoke about the event. It is the 10th running of the Half Marathon, and will be held on March 10, 2013. The start is back at the hotel, formerly The Lodge, now called the Sullivan. Restaurants are offering discounts to runners who will be in the area. The race is for a great cause, people in our area who are facing cancer, and it provides financial support and assistance to them.

More volunteers are needed – please contact Myriam if you are available. Donations of any amount are welcome. Myriam also spoke about her book self published in November, which is a collection of some 650 essays, blog entries, reflections on life, running, nature. She read an excerpt for the club.

March 30th there will be a fun Run – Bushkill – Sullivan website has details.

Spring / summer race news – Running the Ruthie Dino 5K, The Classic 10K and the Run4Downtown will qualify you for a gift card raffle from downtown merchants.

Ed reminded the group that our meal cost has gone to \$8 per person, with the balance supplemented by the club, and to see George after the meeting.

Next Meeting – March 6, 2013 at the Old Erie.