



ORANGE RUNNERS CLUB MAY 2011 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Old Erie Pub & Grill – Middletown, NY
Date & Time: May 4, 2011 7:30 p.m.

The business meeting began at 8 p.m. Dave Madden chaired the meeting as Ed was out of town.

General Announcements/Events:

New members & members who had not been to a meeting before were welcomed

Shoutouts: Bill Schneider & Joann Nowak, for their first marathon, the NJ shore marathon. They said it was a great experience

B. Baird – did 40 miles in April

Brian Rivenburgh shouted out Jaime Insignares for a win for the Sullivan Striders (lots of humor surrounding this)

Kathleen Rifkin – Rhode Island Marathon

Patty Insignares, second overall woman at the Delaware River Run.

Mark (last name?) who ran a 50 mile race

Valerie – a marathon in Kansas, her 40th state

Track workout – There were 50 people in attendance, where the balloon release for Herby Waterman was done. The workout consisted of mile repeats, Herby's favorite. Bobby thanked the club for their support & the family was very happy with the turnout.

Treasurer's Report: \$6500

Membership Report: Send in renewals asap

Interclub challenge – Dave Badolato spoke about the event which was very successful, although the ORC did not take the trophy back from the Sullivan Striders. All the volunteers were thanked for their help & the great food was much appreciated by all. The three club presidents had conferred about the proceeds of the race, which were to go to the winning club to be donated to their choice of charity/cause. All had agreed to give proceeds to Ed Stelmaczyk, a runner recovering from health issues, who attended the meeting on his own two feet, with some minimal assistance. The clubs presented Ed with a check for \$1000 to help with expenses, and he thanked all involved for this help.

FEATURED RACE: Chester Kiwanis Hambletonian 5K Trot

E.J. & Richard Robillard spoke about the race, EJ had brought a sign along for anyone who wasn't aware of the race.

It will be held on Saturday, 5/28 starting in the athletic field in Chester at 8:45 a.m. This is the 5th race of the Hudson Valley Grand Prix, a fairly flat & fast 5K. A great breakfast is served after the

race, and there are numerous door prizes as well. Old T shirts will be collected & donated to the Braeside Camp. You have the option to donate your own race shirt to the camp as well.

Other upcoming events & races:

R4DT in Middletown, NY – 4 mile race on August 20th 2011. Further details follow at later meetings

Classic 10K (and 5K) is just 5 weeks away – June 11th & 12th are the event days, with kids' races on the 11th and the 5K & 10K on the 12th. Volunteers needed to serve as course marshals; otherwise this great event is organized & ready to go.

More General announcements:

Celebrate Life Half Marathon – donated \$22,000 in proceeds to CROC this year.

Dr. Mark Stamm spoke about his cause, Josh's Team, organized in memory of his son, who died in 2007 of AT disease, a progressive neurological disorder. He was diagnosed at 8 months and was wheelchair bound by 8 years. His father helped him to participate in local races, by running with him in the chair. Josh's Team raises money for a \$1000 scholarship for Goshen High School for a student who shows Josh's spirit, who is going to college & has a disability. In addition, funds are donated to research for a cure. If you register for the classic 10K thru Josh's team site you pay the same registration fee, but \$7 of the fee is donated to the fund, and you will get a special shirt which the team hopes you will wear at the race. You're encouraged to match the \$7 donation as well. The goal is to get 150 runners total.

Next meeting will be on June 1st at the Olde Erie.