



ORANGE RUNNERS CLUB December 2011 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

The meeting began at 8 p.m. Ed welcomed the group and started the meeting off with thoughts on recent time off, where he missed a race or two, but spent time with his family, participating in soccer tournaments, and enjoying retirement. He thanked the people who got him started with the club as an officer.

Todd Jennings will be the club speaker in January.

Photo of the month – taken of Kevin Wippel, by his Mom, as he finished his first marathon.

Dave Badolato spoke about the very successful ORC Jingle Jog, held on December 4th at Loughran's in Salisbury Mills. There were 221 finishers this year. Between entry fees & sponsorship, we were able to donate funds to charities chosen by the club, including the PBA of Blooming Grove, the Salisbury Mills Fire Department, Hospice, and the Hudson Valley Food Bank. Candy Jar awards were a big success, as were the unique ORC wrist watches given to race participants. New ideas are always welcome, just see Dave.

All website updates should be sent to Dane, who has done an excellent job as our webmaster this year. Also, there was discussion of a web link which gives the members access to our newsletter. Also on the newsletter, there will be a limited # of printed copies for those who do not use the internet.

Ed spoke about the MTA (Mountain Trail Association), as the DOT has approved their application, and the trail may be on the December agenda with the Count legislature. This is a citizens group, who are working with the planning boards to expand the trail; there are funds available for the DPW, however, this has been caught up in some red tape, and we will have further information available on the ORC website.

New and returning members were all welcomed.

ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS – Kristin Matson & Joe Marchesano are not able to run for office again, so they will complete this year but continue as active members of ORC. Ed thanked them for their service this year.

Ed O'Connell was nominated for another term as ORC president, and expressed his thanks for the great experience & support he had this year.

Dave Madden, Dave Badolato and Brian Baird were all nominated as Vice President.

Carolyn Negrycz was nominated as Secretary, and George Shurter as Treasurer. Ed joked that this is in return for him taking over directorship of the Catskill Mountain Road relay.

Valerie Kilcoin will continue as membership director, Dane Groszek as the webmaster, Todd Jennings as P.R. director. Ed thanked all these people, as well as Bill Schneider & Joann Nowak for their work on the Winter Series, Patty Insignares for the newsletter efforts, and Walter & Kathleen Davies for their support.

Races of the year were reviewed, all the great times we've had at these local events. Ed asked if the membership wanted to plan a Turkey Trot for next year, or possibly include a Trail run as part of Thanksgiving weekend. He asked the club to think about what we've done well, where we can do things differently, and what the club really wants to do next year.

Race of the month is the Winter series, applications available at the meeting & on the website. Prices are the same as last year, and the directors thank our sponsors for their help in this effort.

All members who are on Face book are encouraged to join our club Facebook group & keep up in that manner as well.

Shoutouts give to Erika Emigh – 3:44 marathon time in Richmond. Valerie recently came in first in her age group at a marathon, and Dane had a recent marathon as well. Ed asked for a shoutout volunteer for the club, to get the word out on all our accomplishments, not just marathons, of course, but all races.

Next Meeting – January 4, 2012 at the Old Erie.