



2016 Annual General Meeting minutes

Thursday, March 31, 2016

1. Welcome: Raymond

Raymond welcomed everyone to the meeting. About 30 members were in attendance. A cheque presentation was made to Gillian's Place in the amount of \$2,000, raised by the Valentine's 5k race in February. The club's contribution over the past several years to responding to a need was recognized by Nicole from Gillian's Place.

2. 2015 Minutes

Members were given an opportunity to respond to or question the 2015 AGM minutes. There were no comments.

Motion to accept the 2015 Minutes: accepted by Dave Smith, seconded by Jo Anne Dueck.

3. Financial and membership report: Cam

The bank balance at the time of the meeting was about \$10,000. Membership was down by about 20% compared to the previous year. Race fees and sponsorship were both up but race expenses were less. The club's charitable donations were also higher by 28%. Donations made in 2015 were as follows:

Gillian's Place: \$ 2,000

Bruce Trail Club: \$15,000

Autism Niagara: \$ 1,000

Brain Injury Association of Niagara: \$ 1,300 directly from the club and about \$25,000 overall from Head for the Hills.

Help-a-child-smile: \$ 100

Community Care: \$ 225

Motion to accept the 2015 Financial Statements: accepted by Peter Illich, seconded by Pat Hinton.

4. Presentation by Roy Collins on the founding of the club

Roy gave us a very engaging talk about the early days of the St. Catharines Roadrunners. He began with some photos of the 1979 Man-a-Mile race, which in those days was extremely competitive! Roy explained that his father had died suddenly at the age of 57,

and Roy started running to avoid similar health problems. His friend Dave Donovan drove past Roy one day as he was running. They both felt it would be great if there was a running club in St. Catharines which could create an incentive for lots of people to go running together as a group. In 1977 they placed a small ad in the St. Catharines Standard inviting people to meet at the library for a run. Initially about eight people turned up. This quickly led to setting up a club which met twice a week, on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, in Burgoyne Woods. In poor winter weather the runners would use the Pen Centre or the old YMCA on Queen street for their run. The club soon became involved in charity work, for example holding a 24 hour one mile relay at the West Park track. This event was reported in Runners' World. Roy explained that the club showed a great commitment and pulling together, and he recognized the significant contribution of the late Bob Meunier. The club began to host races, beginning with the Valentine's 5k and the Grantham 20k. The club also competed in Man-a-Mile and the Standard "Run for the Grapes" was originally a St. Catharines Roadrunners event. The runners used to finish just before the parade started. Roy was the original Race Director and had 1,200 runners in total. He showed us photos of the five-year anniversary of the club. Roy concluded his presentation by telling us that he still loves to compete, now in his early seventies.

5. **2016 Board of Directors**

Raymond LeBlanc: President

Dave Smith: Past President/Race Director

Cam Johnson: Treasurer and Membership

Jerry Gibb: Newsletter editor and webmaster

Kathy Illich: Social Committee chair

Henri Ragetlie: Race Director

Mark Mullaly: Race Director

Karan Gardiner: Member-at-large

Vic Thiessen: Member-at-large

Rob Llord: Member-at-large

Motion to accept the 2016 Board of Directors: accepted by Dawn Riekenbrauck,
Seconded by Rob Gaudet.

6. **Social Committee Report: Kathy Illich**

The 2015 social events included "Bowling with Bernie," golf tournament (also organized by Bernie Goy), summer barbecue at Rachel Vaughan's, the fall wine run from Calamus Winery and the annual Christmas party at the Veterans' Hall. Events planned for 2016 include golf, ball hockey, the barbecue, a pub run, wine run and the Christmas party. Kathy concluded by saying she hoped that all these social events would continue to

provide the opportunity for old and new club members to meet up and try new activities and this in turn will build club spirit.

7. President's Award

Raymond then presented the President's award for outstanding service to the club to our Treasurer Cam Johnson, not just for his conscientious efforts in managing the club's finances, but also for welcoming and encouraging new members, as well as his role as Captain of our Man-a-Mile team for several years.

8. Comments and questions from the floor

Henri Ragetlie explained that there would be a change to the way in which our Niagara Ultra race would be organized and managed. Henri is now the Co-Race Director (with Diane) of the Niagara Falls International Marathon. He will still be involved with the Ultra as Race Director but NFIM will now manage the race and share the race surplus. After considered discussion the SCRRW board was in full agreement with this proposal. A year-to-year agreement is in place, from which the club can withdraw at any time if necessary. The Ultra is still a club race but is now affiliated with the NFIM, which becomes responsible for insurance, administration, marketing and additional volunteers. The race will continue to support the Bruce Trail club as the need for green space and trail maintenance remains as always.

Cam Johnson informed the meeting that we are looking for a new merchandise deal to provide club members with a shirt with our logo on. He also explained that we are aiming to provide an online membership sign up/renewal option through Race Roster.com which will give a discount for our club races to those who use this option.

9. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Accepted by Peter Illich, Seconded by Rob Llord.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40