



BKVR MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 1, 2016

The first BKVR meeting for 2016 was held at the West Mountain Inn in Arlington Vermont on Monday February 1 at 6:00p.m. Jim Sullivan presided at the meeting.

Members present: Jen Kuzmich, Dara Bentley, Tom Craigs, Kim Murphy, Ruth Jones, Leslie Addison, Judy Raffone, Rob Raffone, Anita Gabalski, Mark Clark.

AGENDA

- **Shires Marathon:** The race is cancelled for 2016. Steve Murphy has a new job and cannot devote the time necessary to organize and direct the marathon. Refunds will be sent to the registered runners and the online registration fee will also be reimbursed. If anyone is interested in serving as a Race Director for this exciting and dynamic marathon please contact the BKVR.
- **Running of the Turkeys Race Recap:** The 20th Annual Running of the Turkeys had nearly 400 participants and brought in approximately \$4,000.00 in profit for the BKVR Scholarship Fund. The weather was terrific, the atmosphere was festive and the turkeys and apple pies given out as prizes were a big hit. The race will be held again in 2016. An effort will be made to upgrade the race shirt by adding color to the logo.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Anita reported that the BKVR currently has a balance of a \$20,626.53. This is the balance after all payments were made to the 2015 Scholarship recipients.
- **2016 Scholarship Program:** The Scholarship program will continue in 2016. The Scholarship Committee includes Anita Gabalski, Jen Kuzmich, Jim Sullivan, Judy Raffone, Dara Bentley and Leslie Addison. The committee will work on developing plans for the 2016 program prior to the next meeting Outreach to high schools within the southwestern Vermont and southern Washington County, New York areas will begin in early March.
- **2016 Race Schedule:** The BKVR Club races include the Bennington Road Race; Wandering Witches; and Running of the Turkeys. The Moonlight in Vermont Race and the Shires Marathon are cancelled due to the need for Race Directors.
- **Youth Running Program:** Howard Harrington will be invited to the next meeting to discuss a potential youth running program for the BKVR.
- **Annual Dinner Celebration:** The Annual BKVR Dinner will be held at the West Mountain in at a date to be determined in early March 2016.
- **Election of Officers:** The 2016 Slate of Officers includes:
 - President Dara Bentley
 - Vice President Ruth Jones
 - Secretary/Treasurer Anita Gabalski
 - Website Manager Kim Murphy
 - Board Members include Jim Sullivan; Judy Raffone; Leslie Addison; Tom Craigs; Mark Clark, Sr.; Rob Raffone; and Jen Kuzmich.