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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 19, 2017

The meeting was held at the home of Patricia Robinson and Henry Finch, at 153 Windsor Rd, Waban MA. Members in attendance were:

Larry Berman	Jamie Doucett	Stephen Peckiconis
Sara Mae Berman	Lisa Doucett	Patricia Robinson
Rob Bradlee	Henry Finch	Elizabeth Utz
Gail Breslow	Alex Jospé	Jon Waldron
Patrick Bugbee	Geoffrey Kent	Julie Weisman
Tom Dmukauskas	Terry McNatt	Pinar Zengingonul

Since a quorum was present, President Gail Breslow welcomed the members, and called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. The members present were invited to introduce themselves, and briefly state their CSU activities.

SECTION REPORTS

Geoffrey Kent presented a summary of the Running Section's activities and achievements over the last year:

The newsletter moved from a bimonthly 2-page b&w form to a monthly e-newsletter – more info and more attractive.

Created new weekly hosted events throughout the year, adding to the Winter group runs.

CSU volunteered at the Corporate Challenge Cup, Fresh Pond Day, the Mt Washington Race, Tufts 10k, and weekly for the Fresh Pond races.

Year-round track workouts continue to be a core CSU activity. The Winter indoor turnout continues to grow.

Runners took part in the USATF Grand Prix Series, as well as the New England Pub Series.

Maintained the social calendar: CSU at Fenway Park, Tour de Glaces bicycle ride, Soup Run, Presidential Traverse hike, and the December Recognition Party.

Introduced new running gear: vests, winter hat & gloves, windbreaker, ¼ zip top, added to our standard hat, singlet, short- and long-sleeved technical shirts. Coming soon: new style vest and youth size ¼ zip.

Eleonora Mendonca, who represented Brazil in the 84 Olympic marathon, carried the Olympic Torch in Rio, and brought her torch to a Running Section meeting for all to hold.

Pat Robinson urged runners to sign up for the Grand prix subscriptions. She also discussed the advantage of getting team, rather than individual, entries for many races, as it may result in a discount.

Rob Bradlee reported for the Ski Section:

The Junior Program has 50 – 55 kids. It is a year-round program, including 5 training camps: Cape Cod in the Summer, Jericho VT in October, Craftsbury VT at Thanksgiving, Mont Ste Anne QU in December, and Bretton Woods NH in February. Seven CSU Jrs qualified for the JR Nationals at Lake Placid NY; there were no Gold medals, but a number of top 10 places. In the Eastern HS Champs, while NH won with a big lead, the MA Team, loaded with CSU skiers, was close to VT, and beat ME and NY. The MA relay team, all CSU skiers, did win the relay.

The CSU Seniors and Masters continued the Tuesday night races at Leo J Martin Ski Track in Weston. This year, DCR hired the Weston Ski Track crew to manage the snow-making and grooming, yielding better conditions for us. In the NENSA One-Day Club Champs, CSU was 2nd in both the men's and women's races. In the season-long Club Champs, we were 2nd behind NW VT, but closer than last year. In the individual Zak Cup competition, 9 CSU skiers placed in the top 3 in their age classes, including a sweep of the top 3 in Veterans M4 class.

Finally, Julia Kern of Waltham, a CSU graduate who is now on the National XC Ski Team, won all three F20 races at the Jr Nationals. She was rewarded by getting to ski in the 10 K Classical race at the World Cup in Quebec City.

Larry Berman reported for the Orienteering Section:

This past year, we continued to focus on small local events, in the Spring our series of 8 Park-O events at parks around the Boston area, and a local event in the Middlesex Fells in November. A more ambitious project was a 4-day national training camp in June, focusing on the skills for sprint orienteering. It involved planning exercises in the morning and competitions in the afternoon. The last day was a nationally sanctioned competition. An enormous amount of work for organizers Ed Despard and Alex Jospe.

In March 2016, Ken Walker Sr and Ed Despard organized the very successful North American and US Ski Orienteering Champs at Presque Isle ME. Later in the year, they were asked by the International O Federation to host the World Masters Ski-O Champs in 2018. Unable to resist a challenge, they agreed, and preparations are underway to hold the event at Craftsbury Common VT next March. As many as 300 orienteers from around the world are expected.

We have had numerous CSU orienteers on the US Team for World Champs in recent years; this year Giacomo Barbone is our only representative at the World champs in Estonia. The CSUer with the most World Champs notches on her belt is Alex Jospé. Alex has retired from the US Team, but just to make sure she has no idle time, she has become VP for

Competition of the US Orienteering Federation. (Not to mention that she is one of the key coaches for our Jr skiing program.)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Tom Dmukauskas reported on the change of our online membership site from SignMeUp to RunSignUp; the new site is better at handling club memberships. As of June 19, there were 154 members, 105 male and 49 female. Primary Section memberships were 89 in Running, 34 in Skiing, and 30 in Orienteering. Forty-nine, almost a third of the members have lifetime memberships.

TREASURERS REPORT: Stephen Peckiconis made a brief Treasurer's report; the current CSU bank balance is \$101,545, much of which is Ski Section funds reserved for the Junior Program.. He has filed for an extension for filing our tax forms, and reminded Section leaders to provide him with details of their activities, income, and expenditures.

ELECTIONS: Only one candidate appeared for each office, and after nominations, Larry Berman was elected as President, Stephen Peckiconis as Treasurer, and Tom Dmukauskas as Secretary. The current Directors representing the Sections are: Catherine Cagle, Lisa Doucett and Jonathan Waldron for Running, Rob Bradlee for Skiing, and Sara Mae Berman for Orienteering.