

Dear Club Member:

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The next meeting will be October 14, Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. at the Public Safety Building, Spring Street, Portland. It is a very important meeting. Please try to come. Movies will be shown on the James Bailey X-C Run and the Ellsworth 20K.

At the last meeting we discussed many matters concerning the future of the Club. As of now, no one has come forward to be a club officer for 1981. It's a serious problem, because the current officers do not want to serve again. We need new blood for officers, or a different way to run the Club. I personally do not wish to do as much as I have, nor do I want the Club to fold. If I'm shown the interest and concern for the Club is high, I'll remain in some capacity to insure the Club will be as active and strong as the past two years. I want to be able to train properly again and race to the level I know I'm capable of performing. With my present Club duties, it's impossible. This is not a reflection on the other present officers. They have done a great job and I have enjoyed working with them very much. Their situations are different from mine. Gene Coffin is now one of the top runners in the state. He must devote his time and energy to this intense level of running. I have gladly taken over many of his duties so he can represent our club at 100% effort. In spite of a demanding job, which includes much traveling, Wayne Larochelle has done a great job as Treasurer. He has made everyone happy and has kept the Club out of court. I will miss working with him very much. Dave Paul, despite a demanding job and large family, has done a great deal for the Club and is very concerned about its future. My situation of having more free time and experience has been the difference. I have done as much as I possibly can do in terms of promoting the Club, being well organized, getting things done, and just being there. I can't do it forever. It's a position of doing something well and so often, that it is either taken for granted, or more is expected. You have got to come to the meeting so we can discuss and vote on these areas.

- (1) Do we still have officers, but pay them?
- (2) Do we pick certain races and assign race directors?
- (3) Instead of officers, can many club members do what is required? Under this concept, do we pay someone to oversee and insure the Club will run smoothly?

I hope we can have a good meeting. It must be decided now. If we wait until after the Club Banquet, it will be too late, believe me.

Great job by Charlie Scribner in directing the successful "Children's Fun Runs." Also, Dave Paul for the popular James Bailey Cross Country. The Club won the Team Championship with the strong 5-man team of Frank Carroll, Scott Mannette, Gene Coffin, Brian Flanders, Jr. and Mike Towle. Another good race for Mike after a long injury layoff.

Club member Bob Winn of Wells, won a big 10 mile race in Connecticut, besting over 2000 runners.

Anyone interested in the "Bermuda Weekend" send in your \$100.00 deposit now! Space is very limited, as this has become a great package for anyone, runner or not. Your non-runner friends can take advantage of this, also. It's a great time, in all aspects.

Don't forget the "Great Pumpkin Classic" 10K, October 26 at Saco. Send in your flyer today. We need all club members to run. It's the final race in the State Team Championship series. We really need help from our upstate runners in Farmington for this race. Don't forget - you score points for running, finishing and beating other club runners. Everyone is very important. Also, wear your Club shirt, as we will be taking movies that will be shown at the Club Banquet on December 6 at the Holiday Inn. I realize the Saco Race is the week after Casco Bay, but come to run easy and let it be your day's workout. Let's keep those silver bowls as the best club in the state.

This past weekend the Club won the State 20K Championship held in Ellsworth. It was a tough course, and a well organized race with great prizes. The Men's Championship was won M.T.C. with 10 points, Maine Rowdies 19 points and Central Maine Striders 25. Great job by Hank Pfifle 2nd, Bob Winn 4th, and an outstanding race by John Gardiner for 10th place. We also won the Women's Championship led by Kim Beaulieu, Marjorie Adams and Barb Hamalok. And we won the Master's Championship led by Bob Coughlin, Russ Connors and Frank Morong. It was a good weekend.

The next Newsletter will contain the complete information concerning the Club Race and Banquet to be held December 6. Don't forget, you must renew your membership at this time, also. The cost will remain the same as last year.

Any club member who has not received all their club clothing, please let me know!

Hope everyone makes an effort to make the meeting, see you the 14th.

Sincerely,

BRIAN T. GILLESPIE, President

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