

SRR Board Meeting – October 3, 2011

SRR Scholarship (John Gorvin):

John presented the recommendations of the scholarship subcommittee and asked for feedback from the board. We decided upon the following:

- SRR will create two (2) \$1000 scholarships
- The recipient should be planning to attend some sort of accredited post-secondary educational institute.
- Recipients should demonstrate athletic activity and/or community service
- Two short essays:
 - How running/athletics/community service has impacted their life
 - Discuss an obstacle that he/she has overcome
- Two letters of recommendation
- The committee would like to choose the 2012 recipients
- The committee will follow up with Somerville High School regarding how the funds are actually distributed.

Financial Update (Larry, Heather):

Larry reports more than \$28,600 in current assets. Bill Bryant agreed to work with Larry on developing a forecast statement for 2012.

Larry and Heather brought up a concern regarding the club's use of RaceMenu. RaceMenu has not paid the club for 26x1 entry fees and believes it has overpaid entry fees for the 24-hour relay. In addition, several club members report growing complaints by race directors in the community regarding the timeliness of entry fee payments. We discussed the conflict of interest presented when club members also work for RaceMenu and a concern that SRR has placed all of its races with one start-up company. We agreed as follows:

- Heather to contact Brendan Kearney to ask him to recuse himself from any discussions that involve both SRR and RaceMenu. The club's priority is to maintain Brendan's leadership role for events like An Ras Mor and the 26x1, but also protect both him and the club from a visible conflict of interest.
- The An Ras Mor race directing committee will fully bid out online registration companies, rather than selecting RaceMenu outright. Heather will notify RaceMenu and encourage them to submit a bid.
- Heather will contact RaceMenu's owner, Alain Ferry, and inform him of the club's decisions. She will ask that RaceMenu pay the fees for the 26x1 immediately and that a full accounting of the 24-Hour be submitted to its race directors for evaluation. If SRR has in fact been overpaid, we will send a reimbursement check to RaceMenu immediately.
- We will very closely monitor payments for the Gobble.

Summer Steamer (Heather):

Heather asked that the open club discussion be delayed until the November board meeting when there is more time to debate.

Gobble X3 (Bill Bryant)

Bill provided a written update on the Gobble for the board with goals for 2011. All appears to be on track for another successful event.

Weekly Runs

Bur Run: More than 100 runners participated in the Anniversary Run on 9/26. Halloween "Boo Run" is 10/31

Thursday Night Run: concerns about runners not wearing reflective gear

Winter Challenge (Scott & Deb):

Slated for January 8th. Scott and Deb will confirm with Casey's.

Mill Cities (John Gorvin):

Same plan as last year. SRR will pay all club team entries. Slated for Sunday December 4th.

ROTM (Kate):

November: Andover Cross Country

SRR Grand Prix (Kate):

Kate will send a detailed memo to the club outlining the Grand Prix

Miscellaneous (Heather):

- Paul Geffken asked that the club once again sponsor the Mustacio Bashio in November.
- Paul Geffken has stepped down as merchandise coordinator. Heather and Tim are temporarily handling merchandise requests until we can turn it over to a new coordinator(s)
- Conduct policy – Heather spoke with Steve Vaitones, who recommended contacting Central Mass Striders to see if they will share their policy.
- Need to check whether membership brochures need to be reprinted and make sure they are available at the Burren and Casey's.