

SRR Board Meeting – May 6, 2013

Volunteer Activity (Ali McGinty)

Somerville Homeless Coalition Silent Auction: 4-5 volunteers helped out at this event on 4/27.

MOMs run: Twenty-five volunteers are signed up for this Sunday (5/12, mother's day), which is larger than previous years but the field size is also larger.

BAA 10K: Volunteer registration will open this week. The event is 6/26.

26 X 1: Volunteer registration should also be opening soon. The event is 6/25.

The question arose about whether or not to accept volunteers outside of SRR as Ali has been approached by a couple volunteer groups wanting to help out. We discussed this and decided that if from a reputable organization, then we can certainly use the help during larger club races.

Merchandise (Bradley Harris)

Bradley has the extra SRR hearts Boston and Boston Strong shirts. Any extras by the end of the week will be sold at MOM's run and the money will be donated (\$20 each).

Sales for April were \$305. Monthly average for the past 6 months is \$310. Inventory level is \$4039. Bradley placed an order for car magnets (\$188) which will be available for sale this week.

Treasury (Stephanie Finnegan)

Financial reports for March and April are complete. The missing deposit of \$750 has been accounted for (donation from Eastern Bank for the 24 Hour Around the Lake race).

Membership (Kathy Hynes)

There will be a spring membership drive. There were 144 members from 2012 who did not renew. There are currently 372 members (down from last year).

Scholarship Program (Molly Crellin)

Committee selected 3 finalists from 3 different high schools and the awards ceremony will take place next week 5/15. Student recipients must prove enrollment in the fall.

Community Involvement (Korynn Stoyanoff)

Couch to 5K: The Race to the Row will be the likely 5K selected for this program, and this pushes out the program a bit and will allow for greater participation at a club race as well. Korynn will send out information to club on the chaperone service in which our club members might assist in chaperoning students to/from school on bike or foot.

Club Races / Runs:

An Ras Mor: (via Joe O'Leary) This was the last club race and brought in \$3355 which was better than expected. \$2500 will go to Cambridge Family and Children's Charity Service and \$500 will go to Cambridge Rindge and Latin Track team. Board approved these donations.

26x1 Update: (via Brendan Kearney) relay will be held on June 22nd. Registration will open soon. This will not be a USATF event, despite the previous possibility.

24 hour update: (Kit Newton)

The marathon sold out two weeks after the Boston Marathon. The 12 Hour race is selling out. If there is no further interest in the relay, those slots will then move to open up marathon slots. Medical, tent, U-Hauls and hotel rooms have been set. There has been an unexpected response by the city for first responders to be present during the entire 24 hours of the race. This is an unexpected expense (\$1400 estimate) but this is something we should support. The deposit Stephanie had noted is from Eastern Bank (\$750 donation).

Race to the Row: (Molly Crellin) the 5k route has been finalized and is entirely within Assembly Square. Permits have been set. Sponsors and t-shirts are also set. The legal aspect (through Federal Realty) is still being finalized.

Weekly run updates:

Bur-run: (Gordon Pilote/Paul Geffken): The amount of recreational runners will pick up in the summer months. Special event was recently the Bur-run One Run fundraiser/candlelight vigil.

Thursday night: (via Alison): Next cook-off will be in June. Ideas are welcome!

Long Run: (Bill Hees) Molly is planning to host one sometime in the summer, possibly June. We could potentially have the Grand Prix awards afterwards as well.

Non-club Races:

Grand Prix: Overall results will be posted soon. The last race in the Grand Prix was the James Joyce Ramble on 4/28. 83 members participated in this, which may have been the largest participation from a given club in the race's history! The men's and women's masters' teams each took 3rd place, which is a great deal as this was the masters' 10K championship.

MOMs run: The field size has increased since previous years. Sean Collier's sister is planning to run, and her bib number will be Sean's badge number. The race will be in dedication to Sean Collier. Gordon has also arranged for Cambridge police and possibly a bag piper to be present.

USATF update (Brian Cullinan):

New leadership and things are progressing slowly. Non-Grand Prix event: Masters (30+) and Open will be June 23 at Regis College. Corey Maillette will assist with other events such as cross country.

Boston Marathon recap (Molly Crellin/Urvi Mujumdar):

We had a couple events quickly following the Boston Marathon tragedy. On Thursday the 18th, we had a Special Casey's run which was an untimed run up to Somerville City Hall. We were invited to a candlelight vigil by the mayor.

The next week's Bur-run on 4/22 included the run, followed by a candlelight vigil at the 9/11 memorial in Davis Square. A fundraiser followed in which t-shirts that were custom made were sold and the proceeds went to the Boston One Fund.

We discussed making a club donation of \$500 to the church/parochial school of the pastor who came and spoke at the Bur-run vigil. He did a nice job and the message was universal.

The next week's Casey's run (4/25) was a run to memorialize Sean Collier, the MIT policeman who was also a Somerville Auxiliary. Several auxiliary members attended and spoke on his behalf to kick off the run. The excess shirts from the Bur-run were sold and the proceeds went to the Jimmy Fund, per the Collier family's request.

Special note: The Sean Collier run will be an annual run that will fall on the Thursday immediately after the Boston Marathon from each year forward.

Gordon is discussing getting a medal placed on the Davis Square memorial. Gordon is to approach the city.

One Run (Molly Crellin/Urvi Mujumdar):

This event has been in the planning stages by "Boston Runners" which is comprised of several running clubs and organizations in the area. The run will be the last mile of the Boston Marathon course, and will encourage business at the many local restaurants and bars in the area.

In lieu of the original One Run date (5/11), a few of us were discussing having a pub crawl. The same idea of running camaraderie and bringing business to the area will be emphasized. This will take place Saturday afternoon at 4 Boston bars. Details to be finalized and sent out by Urvi. Urvi can also reach out to club liaisons at Cambridge Running Club and Melrose Running Club.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 6/3.