

SRR Board Meeting – October 7, 2013

Volunteer Activity (Ali McGinty)

Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K (10/5): 17 volunteers. Good turnout, and SRR won “fastest team”.

BAA 1/2 (10/13): 20 volunteers or so signed up for finish line medal distribution.

Tufts Health Plan 10K for Women (10/14): Only 3 or so signed up. Volunteer assignment is a full day commitment so it has been hard to fill and keep volunteers committed.

SRR Kids (Emma Kosciak)

Tonight was our first practice! 35 kids (approx) are signed up between the Monday and Thursday night practices. It has been a success between coaches’ participation, the support of the City of Somerville, and the kids/parents interest. It has been a possible means to get some of the SRR parents involved again if their family commitments had previously been a barrier. Target race is a 5K in Castle Island on 12/7. This could potentially be a SRR Grand Prix race and bring in more participation and a sense of team spirit for the kids. The possibility of the Gobble came up, but 4 miles might be too much given the program just launched. Other ideas were thrown out (to table for future programs) including pairing up SRR members with kids, integrating parents, or other outreach. Clothing donation over the past 3 weeks was successful, and the kids seem to be outfitted well (so far!). Further, each kid received t-shirts today which created a lot of excitement and will receive water bottles later this week.

This program came to fruition within 3-4 weeks, so big shout-out to Emma and Ali for all the coordination and involvement!

Merchandise (Bradley Harris)

New singlets will arrive 10/21. Other gear possibilities were thrown around for the winter time including hats. Members will be surveyed to see if fleece or non-fleece is preferred.

Sales for Sept were \$113. Monthly average for the past 6 months is \$161. Inventory level is \$3439.

Treasury (Stephanie Finnegan)

Financial reports for September are forthcoming.

Membership (Kathy Hynes)

We discussed the proposed management system that Joe had passed along for membership management, but there is hesitation in switching systems and dealing with data security issues. Sharing member spreadsheets on signmeup should be an option for the board rather than distributing monthly spreadsheets. Ownership of yahoo discussion board is to be revisited, and current owners/moderators will be queried to see if they mind if ownership changes. Membership signup for 2014 is forthcoming, and with that push for renewal will come an option for USATF membership.

Community Involvement (Korynn Stoyanoff)

No updates, although the Kids program has been an initial success and does fall under the umbrella of community involvement. Other activities should be revisited such as the SRR City Streets cleanup, couch to 5K program, and other identifiable opportunities.

Club Races / Runs:

24 hour update:

Call for new race director has been put out to the club.

Race to the Row:

Outstanding line item is to be settled for Somerville Auxiliary Police.

Gobble Gobble Gobble:

Registration is at 135% of what it was last year! Need help for race setup for Tues and Wed. TBD. Shirt color won't be revealed ☺

Weekly run updates:

Bur-run: (Gordon Pilotte/Seth Maleri/Paul Geffken): Anniversary run was successful and only major cost was the shirts. Stops have been specified for the upcoming Boo-run (10/31). Registration is available as Zombie Boo Run 3. Seth and Paul will be taking over as race contacts for the weekly run. Congrats to Gordon on all his hard work in starting this run and making it a huge success! Discussed giving donation to Paul Nelson for his home brews and time given for the past anniversary run. Possible gift: gift certificate to a home brew kit (per keg cost ~ \$40 but will confirm).

Thursday night: (via Alison): Apple-off scheduled for this week (10/10), followed by trivia. Next upcoming run is the PR run on 11/14. We discussed the need to find a clock to display at the start, and other logistics: no need for sweepers this year, as we learned last year they were passed by the subsequent groups. Runners should know their PR and sign up according to time

so that they can be prepared for the start of their “time to beat”. Urvi will email Bill to try to get a hold of a timing clock for this run.

For both Monday and Thursday night runs, the question came up about clicking and linking results and race info (via coolrunning.com) to the SRR landing pages for both of these weekly runs.

Long Run: (Corey Maillette) Next planned run is 11/9 (hosted by Scott Abrams). Corey is looking for ways to find long run groups for runners (lining up by pace, location, etc), and vice versa. The possibility of setting up a google doc or another forum for online management of long runs was brought up.

Non-club Races:

Grand Prix: Some of the race suggestions came up for the winter Grand Prix . The race that aligns with the kids program could be a possibility for December, New Years’ Day race (either Run Your Hangover Off in Woburn) or the BOMF run could serve for January, Super 5K for February, An Ras Mor (which will be on the bid list for USATF series), Paddys 5M, or Spring Classic were possibilities for the spring. If An Ras Mor is to be selected, volunteers should get participation towards the Grand Prix as well (win win!). The previous suggestion to have members vote in was brought up. That way, members can provide input as to the convenience and location of each race but we can easily come to a consensus. Waiting for the Pub series or USATF grand prix might take a while.

USATF update (Brian Cullinan/Jesse Morrow):

No new updates.

Other Items:

Discussed prioritization of volunteer/community commitments: we should support City of Somerville wherever possible (cleanup, fitness programs, etc) but we should revisit our commitments to Conventures as it has become cumbersome to send volunteers regardless of getting paid or not.

Tent – account representative has been identified, so there is a little progress towards getting an estimate.

Boston Marathon – Kathy is looking into the bus, and Tina is looking into booking the hospitality suite. For planning purposes, we should start earlier this year given the larger field size of runners.

Generic signage for races/banner – in the range of \$160-240. Molly to get a few more quotes.

Back on My Feet – discussed participation in New Year's Eve race, Sneaker Week (week of 11/16), and Snowball in December which requires reverse sponsorship. We are probably overcommitted in December with the Grand Prix, Kids Race, and Mill Cities so we can't commit to the Snow Ball, however we could inquire about a representative coming to us for Sneaker Week donations. We will also explore the Norwood race for New Year's Day.

Need to fill role of Holiday Party planning as well (individual or committee to plan).

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 11/4.