

SRR Board Meeting – March 3, 2014

Elections

President – Molly Crellin

Vice President – Urvi Mujumdar

Secretary – Alison Lackey

Treasurer – Stephanie Finnegan (second year of two-year term)

Members at Large – Alison McGinty and Aaron Beer

Newly Elected Board approved appointed positions. Merchandise coordinator and Boston Marathon coordinator are TBD.

Volunteer Activity (Ali McGinty)

Upcoming events:

An Ras Mor: Plenty of volunteers for pre and post-race but 20 more are needed for course support. Course support will require longer shifts because of the women's early start. Suggestion arose to reach out to the Cambridge schools that are benefiting from the race.

Kids Program (Emma Kosciak through Ali McGinty)

Spring program is set to begin on March 19th. The concern is finding an alternate location if the field is still covered with snow and ice in two weeks. Suggestions: run on the sidewalks by Dilboy Field, or Thorndike Field, or Tufts track, or the Tufts Field Hockey field (which has been pretty clear all winter). Currently, 24 kids are signed up (most of which took part last session). Outreach is continuing with the Somerville PTA and schools. We will have 5 coaches and 8 volunteers, and many are signing on to take on administrative tasks for the program to help Emma. Background checks are in progress for new coaches/volunteers.

Merchandise (Erin Morin/Anthony White)

Sweatshirts are in and need to be distributed (Erin). Extra green shirts (St Paddys style) are ready by March 4th (Anthony). Bradley has been researching websites that would accept credit card payments as well as a shipping system. Labels and postage can be printed readily and packages can be mailed out to buyers. This might make the merchandise system much easier. Currently, we have many who are interested in helping out with merchandise but we were in consensus that this position is better handled with 1-2 coordinators on point. Discussed College Hype shirts that the L Street Running Club uses. Erin is also looking into selling

merchandise at Marathon Sports, like Melrose Running Club is doing. It is busy right now with marathon season, but this is a possibility.

Treasury (Stephanie Finnegan through Molly Crellin)

Financial statements were sent to the board for 2014 to-date. January and February were pretty quiet relative to last year. Compared to last year, we are operating with a Net Income of \$6,400 compared to last year's \$7,700 much of this due to timing of income and expenses. 24 hour has seen a decrease in registrations compared to the prior year while An Ras Mor has slightly increased registrations. Dues are down \$700 looking at the same time frame in the year. We should suggest to Kathy to do a membership drive for non-renewed members. Gobble and Boo run expenses were submitted late in 2013 but related to 2012 expenses while we closed out expenses in the same year (2013) so there was no run over in 2014 for these same races. Club insurance was paid late ahead of time so it does not appear in 2014 expenses. Holiday party expenses increased \$2,600 but we also deposited the collections from the party faster than last year increasing revenue by \$1,900. There was also a late reimbursement for the 26X1 in 2013 that was paid in 2014. That said, as a reminder reimbursements should be processed within 30 days and any urgent payments requiring Stephanie's direct attention should be line itemed in the email subject. During tax season, Stephanie has limited time for processing reimbursements and payments so we should be cognizant of this when making submissions. Stephanie is still making a point to process payments on a weekly basis. Furthermore, if something is expense related it should go directly to Stephanie and not to another club member.

Also discussed adding Urvi as a signer on the account.

Club Races / Runs:

An Ras Mor (Anthony White): Sponsors set up, the course is the same, and Portico is set as beer sponsor. There will be a shoe donation drive. We are currently at 300 registrations. This is higher than last year, but still less than the year we were part of the Pub Series.

26X1: The race committee gave an update that June 21st has been approved for the race this year.

24 Hour: Larry Horlick and Nichole Bukowski have given updates. Registration has been open and we are ~ 10 fewer registrants than last year. Nichole has set up a volunteer committee that last met on February 20th and roles have been assigned. Molly also joined in with meeting, and made the suggestion that the club can cover the costs for 5 relay teams as long as volunteer participation is included. This will help with the late hour shifts that are harder to fill, and in the absence of Lake Winnie, the club can feel involved in another relay. Benai Kornell is part of this

committee and is reaching out to local clubs for participation. There is a new office ground area for tents.

Race to the Row (Molly Crellin): Date will be August 24. We may be going with a new timing company. Permits are in place. We are hoping to create flyers for distribution at An Ras Mor. We have many vendors onsite at Assembly Row that will be covering food (JP Licks, Legal Sea Foods, to name a few). Further, Legoland is set to be open at this site and we hope to involve them in the Kids Run.

Long Runs (Corey Maillette):

Corey will transition to the incoming coordinator, Todd Wallack.

Boston course run planning is in progress, and an email will be sent out for volunteers shortly. A suggestion came to reach out to Brian Cullinan to target volunteers who might be racing An Ras Mor the following day. Cambridge Running Club is looking to do a joint run in early May. Possible venue is East End Grille.

Weekly run updates:

Bur-Run: no updates.

Gordon previously suggested a memorial Bur-run the week of Boston, ending at the memorial for 4/14.

Thursday Night Run (Alison Lackey through Urvi Mujumdar):

Meatloaf-Off: will be held March 13th.

Lucie Gagnon run: tentatively scheduled for March 20th. This run is to honor Laurie Gagnon's mother who recently passed away. The idea arose by Sara Radkiewicz to have potluck items donated by a few, and collections to go towards the scholarship fund set up in her name. Sara is following up with Laurie, and Casey's is fine with this plan. We can call for a table that week. 1000th Thursday Run: will likely be held April 3rd. Planning is in progress. The idea came up by our exiting Members at Large to have the club cover 1000 ounces of beer. We could purchase 16 pitchers of beer (16 X 64 oz ~ 1000 oz). Karin Turer will be invited to kick off the run.

Sean Collier Memorial Run/Boston Pasta Party: will be held April 17th. Alison will contact the Somerville Auxiliary Police and coordinate with Casey's closer to the date. Dan McGinty will be invited to kick off the run. Donations will be collected for the Jimmy Fund, per the family's charity suggestion last year.

Non-club Races/Runs:

Grand Prix (Kate O'Malley/Molly Crellin): Super 5K was most recent race. Standings and points are in progress. New Bedford and Spring Classic are the next scheduled races on March 17th and April 27th, respectively.

Membership (Kathy Hynes):

No updates.

Welcome Wagon (Ruthanne Waite):

No updates. This position will transition to Dafne Cardamone.

Boston Marathon (Aaron Beer):

Due to security measures, there have been several restrictions set forth for this year's marathon such as no baggage, and no bandits or running in other members on the course. We need to be vigilant in reminding SRRs about these policy changes. Runners can drop off clear bags at the Boston Common area on the morning of the run. Most of our runners will have the option to drop off bags at the hotel room on the previous night, or leave with a designated individual who he/she can meet up with afterwards. Aaron (and another volunteer if needed) offered to meet the bus at Wellington to take any personal effects (cell phones, keys, wallets) back to the hotel room. Tina is all set with the hotel room, and Kathy is all set for the bus. We are moving the bus reservation to online registration. Aaron is checking in with the various others helping out this week, and will confirm if Tina will be manning the hotel room. We also need to remind runners that the no-bag policy worked well in NYC with little hassle. Individuals can run with phone and money, and those taking the SRR bus will be able to remain warm until the start. Members can hop off and on the bus and food is available at Athlete's Village.

Miscellaneous

Tent/Flag Banners: no update on tents. Molly has found one website for flag banners with 6, 8, 10, and 12 foot options, some sizes are available in double sided. The estimated cost is \$214 plus shipping. Bradley sent images of the SRR logo to Molly and Jesse for ordering tent and flag banners. Molly might be able to get two banners (for either side of a finish line) prior to An Ras Mor, or thereabouts.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 7th

Schedule for the next year:

April 7th

May 5th

June 2nd

July 7th or 14th (vacation schedules TBD)

August 4th

September 1st

October 6th

November 3rd

December 1st

January 5th

February 2nd

March 2nd/Elections