

Mill Cities Relay Meeting  
21 October 2008

1. Budget Report: \$10,373.54 is in the account; second person added to sign checks—Dave LaBrode; fee for website is due, last renewed 2005; copy of budget report and summary over last 4 years was distributed.
2. USAT&F rule: a motion was made to do away with the rule as it is no longer enforceable; the data base of runners is not available for general use; it was discussed whether or not there should be a time frame required for membership in a club before the runner can participate for that club in the relay; it was decided that runners should compete in good faith and good sportsmanship; Vicki Miller will review teams that are posted on the web to look for any potential problems and these will be addressed prior to the race
3. Deadline to enter teams is Monday, 12/1/2008, and there will be entries accepted at the Andover X-Country race on Sunday, 11/30/2008.
4. The Marshall Plan: the MCR will accept money in exchange for providing volunteers to various races, and as charitable donations, to be put in reserve for a rainy day. To date, we have \$460.00 in this fund, \$230.00 from the Lawrence Sons Of Italy for volunteering for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July race, and \$230.00 from the Good Times Series.
5. New clubs: there were 3 new clubs requesting entry to the relay—Wicked Running Club, CSU and NETT. There was discussion about how many teams the relay can safely handle. It was voted to accept the Wicked Running Club. Mystic Road Runners will not be part of the relay any longer.
6. Dave C. hired the band The Gobshites for the post-race party. They will start playing downstairs at 2:00. We will still have Shaun Harrington for our DJ.
7. Portajohns: we have 2 in Nashua, one at the Voke and one at the boathouse. Stan and Dave L. will check into getting permission to put one at the 1<sup>st</sup> exchange and another at Griffin Park.
8. There will be water at the finish line this year, per runners' request.
9. Number pick up will again be available at Whirlaway on Saturday 12/6 (Dave K. is this okay with you?)
10. Bridge crossings: University Bridge is closed, but Mammoth Rd. and RT. 113 will have additional volunteers this year as it is a very busy intersection.
11. Giveaways: 2 items were suggested; a fold up bag and coffee mug. The mugs would cost about \$1,600.00 for 800 mugs, we need a price on the bags. If the bags are under \$2.50 apiece, they will be the giveaway choice and will have the MCR logo.
12. Club fees are due, \$50.00 payable to Mill City Relay. Most paid last night, thank you.
13. Discussion regarding securing various sites, police details and whether we will need to pay for police in Lawrence.
14. Insurance permits are all set.
15. The website needs to be updated.

16. Chip has ordered soup from Cote's Market, same as last year.
17. Phil Quinn Award nominees: we had three; Bill Mullen is this year's recipient.  
Jimmy Shelton is the official starter.
18. New clothing: Marshall was given a budget of \$2,000.00 to purchase clothing to sell, possibly fleece vests.
19. The next meeting will be at the Claddagh, Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.