

## Mill Cities Relay Event Committee Meeting Minutes

Claddagh Pub

23 October 2006

Present: Dave Camire, Dave LaBrode, Rosa Tejada, Mike Quigley, Jim Gilford, Tom Farrar, Zak Tibbetts, Jeff Gould, Stan Klem, Jim Gulla, Paula Gulla, Gary Freeman, Glenn Stewart, Sue Hoxie, Matthew Germain, Chip Mann, Skip Cleaver, Marshall McCloskey, John Webber, Ed Mahoney, Sharon Yu

1. A budget report was given. There is a little over \$4,000.00 in the account. A \$100.00 donation was made in Steve Burton's memory to the Miles For Miracles fund. The email list was updated.
2. A handout was distributed regarding changes in the course. These will also be distributed with the bib numbers and on race day. The changes include the Sunshine Start (9:00am, not 8:30), the start of leg 6 from Griffin Park (11:15am, not 11), runners crossing over 3A in Hudson and a water stop added to leg 4. The finish is at the Claddagh, along with the post-race party.
3. There were two nominations for The Phil Quinn Award—Steve Burton and Steve Moland. Steve Burton was chosen as this year's recipient.
4. Giveaways were discussed. Suggestions included mugs, headbands, gym towels and a medal/bottle opener/key chain. The medal with the MCR logo was chosen. The cost is \$2.20 per medal and 700 will be ordered.
5. Changes in the start times for the Sunshine Start, Griffin Park start and along the course should be communicated to participating clubs by reps. Info will also be on the MCR web site.
6. Six clubs requested entry into the relay. Inviting 2 clubs to participate this year was discussed. It was voted to accept an invitational on a yearly basis. This year will be Shamrock Road Runners and Mystic River Runners. Two teams from each club will be accepted and scored in the open division. The teams will pay the entry fee, but not the club fee, and will have volunteer duties on the course.
7. A cap on the overall field will be discussed and decided on after this year's event.
8. A handout was distributed detailing the responsibilities of each club. Dave Camire will drop the brick.
9. Dave has requested an assistant commissioner for next year as he is considering retiring after the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the event. (this is the 23<sup>rd</sup> year). This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
10. Open discussion included timing each leg and the USAT&F rule.
11. Please remember club fees are due. The fee is \$50.00 and can be sent to Sharon at 6 Perkins Court, Haverhill, MA 01832.
12. The next meeting is at Jim Gilford's store in Topsfield Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Bib numbers may be picked up at the meeting. Entries and bib numbers will be accepted/distributed at the Andover X-Country race Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.