

Mill City Relay Event Committee Meeting at the Tap in Haverhill
23 June 2005

Present/Clubs represented: Dave LaBrode (AS), Aileen Mason (SRR), Chip Mann (GLRR), Stan Klem (GCS), Jeff Gould (NMC), Zack Tibbetts (NMC), Brian Slater (MRC), Marshall McCloskey (MVS), Ed Mahoney (AA), Tom Farrar (AA), Rosa Tejada (GDTC), Barry Neill (Sandown RR), and Dave Camire, Skip Cleaver, Sharon Yu

Clubs not represented: GAC, WCRC, Sqaunnacook, WRT, and NSS

1. A budget report was given. There is \$2,723.33 in the account. The meeting at Maria's in January was \$998.20; a check was sent to the Methuen police for their detail at Griffin Park for \$217.80, there was a checkbook fee of \$13.60. The \$150.00 check made to the Lawrence Auxiliary police last year was never cashed. \$200.00 was put on the bar for this meeting.
2. There was a discussion of what went right and wrong last year. The gate at the Voke school was not opened and this year a phone call will be made to the school the Friday before the race to remind the person in charge to have it open. There were complaints about vehicles parking in the driveway of the Voke, two Sunshine starters got lost in Lawrence and on Leg One in Hudson, there was a problem with runners crossing the road at various spots creating traffic problems. The beer line was way too long and this will be discussed with Mike. It would be helpful if the bartenders poured ahead and tips may be built into the ticket fees. There were parking difficulties at the end and traffic backups on the last leg. The driver's route will be different from the runner's route this year. On the plus side, all the teams had fun!
3. Chip will take care of the insurance certificate this year.
4. There were many suggestions for the giveaway: glasses, insulated beer holder, water bottle, backpack, drinking socks, leather embossed key chain, mugs, Tyvec jacket, singlet, pens, pins, patches, hand held device for a water bottle and bottle opener. It was suggested putting items up to get a feel as to what the runners would like, but it was voted that the committee would decide the giveaway. Nominations were taken for different items and it came down to the patch or socks. Prices for both items were to be researched and the less expensive item will be the giveaway.
5. The MCR logo is on the front page of each participating club's web site, with the exception of MVS.
6. Active.Com will do the online registration this year. Team captains entering online can pay for the whole team or have each individual on the team enter and pay. No pay-no number. Printed apps will also be available this year, 300 "rack cards" to be distributed in the clubs' newsletters.
7. Phil Quinn nominations are DUE AT THE NEXT MEETING!!
8. Michael Amarello will do timing this year for \$150.00.
9. Rules refractions were discussed. Runners can only run on a competitive team representing their own club and not be pulled to other clubs to form ringer teams.

10. Jimmy Gilford has suggested the next meeting be a run and cookout get together, inviting all club presidents. Since Jim was leaving for Western States, and unable to be at the meeting, this will need to be confirmed.
11. Open discussion took place. Some items were a mixed vets team (5 runners) and eliminating the Sunshine Start or starting it in Nashua instead of at the Voke.
12. An email will be sent out notifying all of the date of the next meeting.