



GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR

The 12th Annapolis Ten-Miler will be held Sunday, August 23, 1987. Other than this decision and the selection of Dick Hillman as Race Director, all other decisions are open!

Get in on the ground floor. Participate on the Race Committee. Help decide whether to proceed with a new course and a later starting time; publication of a race program; prize money; the runner's gift and whether to give it to all entrants or just finishers; whether to have a short fun run for kids and others; expanding to a three day format; new sponsors; etc., etc. All facets of the race are open for discussion. If you want to assist in the management of the race by active participation on the committee, your recommendations for revising and improving the race will be actively considered.

While many of the previous race committee members have already indicated they wish to continue fulfilling their traditional role, each task can surely use a co-chair and many tasks are either new for this year or are the result of dividing larger assignments from former years. Particular race directing experience is not necessary. In fact, many tasks are generic in nature and require absolutely no knowledge of road racing.

In addition to the Race Director, an Associate Race Director (position now vacant), and the Striders President (ex officio), the Race Committee will consist of 18 individuals directing, coordinating or supervising the following tasks: course, scoring, finish line, stadium, medical, awards, registration, finances, records maintenance, correspondence, public relations, associated events, security and risk management, volunteers, invited runners, sponsors, and fabricating.

If you want to serve, know of someone else who will, desire further information or wish to offer any guidance or assistance, please call the Race Director, Dick Hillman, 269-0253. The first meeting of the Race Committee will be Sunday, January 4th, 7:30 PM at the home of the race director, 4 North Street (in front of the State House), Annapolis. Please call to volunteer for a task first!

It is anticipated that committee members will work independently or with small groups. The whole committee meet again formally only on the following Sundays: March 1st, May 31st and July 26th. Please note these dates and call Dick Hillman now.

-Dick Hillman

RACE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

ISSUES CLARIFIED FOR RACE DIRECTORS

1. There have been some inquiries on the cost of some of our events. The Board's 1986 guidelines for these fees are: \$3 (members), \$4 (non-members), and \$5 for all raceday entrants. Track races have entry fees of one dollar less for each of the above categories. Entry fees are not increased if a sponsor contributes T-shirts or other perks. If shirts are not provided by a sponsor they are sold as an option separate from the entry fee for \$6 each.

2. The 1987 Race/Runs schedule is included in this issue. There are still a few events for which Race Directors and Assistants have not been named. We do need volunteers. (Several previous Directors are taking a well deserved rest this year after giving more than their fair share of time and energy.) Please do not hesitate to volunteer just because you may be inexperienced. Many of our best events have been directed by Striders with no prior experience. You can count on expert assistance and advice.

3. An organizational meeting for 1987 Race Directors will be held shortly after the end of the holiday season. Old hands will be invited to attend. It will be an informal forum to pose and answer questions, exchange information, etc. Please let me know if you would like such a session, and whether you would prefer a weekday evening or weekend afternoon.

4. Request forms for public school use for races will be submitted shortly for all 1987 Strider events. All these will be returned to me and I will let each race director know as soon as approval comes through the mail.

5. A pool of experienced former race directors are being sought. They will act as consultants to new race directors as they plan and organize their first run. Each consultant will only be expected to serve on one race per season... Former Race Directors, please let me know if you are willing to participate.

6. The Striders have published a two volume "Race Director's Handbook." A limited number of copies are available from me. Each director is requested to pass his handbook on in the direction of the same event for the succeeding year. In the meantime, brief extracts will be printed periodically in this column.

-Joe Walsmith