

Calumet Region Striders
Board of Director's Meeting
June 10, 2010
Minutes

Location: Portage YMCA, Portage, Indiana

Michele Hale	President
Robin Benson-Harvey	Vice-President
Pete Klaeser	Secretary
Cecilia Bernal	Treasurer
Doug Walter	Nominations, Bylaws, & Disabled Runners
Dan Sturgell	Membership & Volunteers
Mary Zemansky	Gold Cup Series
Lisa Moreno	Social Events
Sue Brown-Nickerson	Runner Programs & Scholarships
Mike Wilson	Webmaster & Statistician

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

Absent: Doug Walter

Guests: Holly Plew, Polly Theising

Motion to approve May minutes:

President's Report (Michele Hale):

New Business

- Mailing GC Applications : The Gold Cup and sponsor applications will include two copies of the form along with two addressed and stamped envelopes. One copy of the form will be sent to the PO Box and the other copy will go to the Gold Cup Chairperson.
- WW recap: The Weight Watchers event was a success that will net a profit for the Striders. Our event was the largest RRCA WW event. The committee for this year's WW event will need to evaluate and make notes to help with the event if repeated next year. A large volume of participants signed up the day of the event and that needs to be considered for future events like this.
- A motion was presented by Michelle Hale to purchase 150 Strider Tote-bags (similar in style to the ones given out at the WW event) to be used as volunteer gifts at events such as the AAU meet. 1st – Cecilia Bernal, 2nd – Robin Benson-Harvey. The board passed the motion.

Unfinished Business: None

INSTEP Deadlines

- Submissions due by: June 17th
- Go to print: June 21st
- Pick up: June 25th
- Mail on: June 29th

Vice President's Report (Robin Benson-Harvey)

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Treasurer's Report (Cecilia Bernal)

New Business:

Complete Accounts

Total Households: 506

Total Members: 734

Total Gold Cup: 330

Funds

General Information:

Jim Cox:

Stevens-Hamilton:

Information available
upon request.

Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser)

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Mary Zemansky):

New Business:

GC/SS Committee:

1) July raters:

Firecracker 5K: Robin Benson-Harvey & Polly Theising

Brickyard Run: Mary Zemansky & Cecilia Bernal
Zoo Run: Lee Alvarez & Dan Sturgell
Friendship Run: Lisa Moreno & Sue Brown-Nickerson
Buckley Run: Dan Sturgell & TBD

2) Sunburst accolades: There was a tremendous turnout at the Strider's table, which was located at the exit so everyone had to pass the table. The Race Director showed an interest by stopping by the table before the race to see if everything was good.

3) 7/31 XYZ race info: This will be an informal 10-mile trail run at Imagination Glen Park (6pm). No race application will be produced but the race will be announced in the Strider Newsletter.

4) Zoo Run perks: The Washington Park Zoo run includes free admission to the zoo for that day with a race bib.

5) Online GC apps- target date mid-July: There is a need for putting instructions for the GC application process and that applicants need to contact Mary Zemansky. We should be reviewing races prior to a race applying for the GC series. There is a concern about getting too many applications from unreviewed races.

6) Review of SS race app procedure: All questions, applications, and checks for sponsor races need to go to Mary Zemansky in order to be processed correctly.

7) Request for water fountain donation: The Bike Club at Imagination Glen Park is asking for a donation from the Striders for a drinking fountain at the park. The donation would just be for the fountain itself and not include installing it. Recognition would be attached to the fountain. Mary will inquiry regarding the exact donation amount.

Unfinished Business: None

Social and Sponsorship (Lisa Moreno)

New Business

- Railcats Outing: Will be held Sunday, July 11th at 2PM. The doors open at 1Pm. Reminders of the event will be sent out.
- Strider Picnic: Lisa requests a budget of \$400 for food and other supplies for the Strider picnic. The motion was made for a \$400 budget. 1st- Dan Sturgell, 2nd- Mary Zemansky. The board approved the motion.
- Lisa read a letter she received regarding a concern over the first aid station at the Xtreme trail run. There was a concern that the first aid service was not adequate.

The Striders will remind race directors of the importance of having adequate medical/first aid help at their races.

Unfinished Business: None

Runner Programs and Scholarships (Sue Brown-Nickerson):

New Business:

1. Propose to announce for coaching certification opportunity for Sept 25-26 in Valparaiso and pay for a Strider to become certified. The Striders will advertise the program and ask for applicants. The deadline for applications will be July 31st.
2. Request \$500 donation check to Taltree Arboretum in accordance with director's initiative to donate 10% of TT proceeds to TT, traditionally as has been done since inception of race, and as advertised.
3. Move remaining proceeds of 2010 TT race proceeds (after \$500 donation to TT): 25% to scholarship fund; 75% to youth fund.
4. Disney Official Running Club Program & vote to launch and announce to membership: A group ID number allows members to get discounts on races and hotels. Also, will get two guaranteed entries after races sell-out. Michelle Hale will gather information to go on the website. The goal is too have this launched by the July board meeting.
5. A Motion was made to purchase 1 case of 14 Gatorade powder packets \$86.00 for use at AAU, and any other GC races that we deem fit this summer. These will be stored in the Strider storage unit. 1st – Dan Sturgell, 2nd – Cecilia Bernal. The board approved the motion.
6. Strider advertised events for June 26th: Be careful when advertising events that they don't occur on the same weekend on volunteer weekends such as the AAU meet.
7. Board Governance Suggestions: A need for more delegation within committees to lessen the load on committee chairs. Possibly look to appoint more members to help out board members with large amounts of responsibilities. (Responsibilities are increasing due to larger membership and expanding programs). Possibly put articles of incorporation onto the website. Possibly produce some standing committees to help out with board member responsibilities.

8. Hershey's Report - Schererville (48 Striders/68) & Valparaiso (58 Striders/133)

9. Move for financial allocation for youth pizza party on June 23 at both Lake County & Porter County locations: Funds will be taken from the Junior Strider budget.

10. Hershey's Valpo - Note: Thanks to THTiming for donation of services back to youth program for timing June 9th.

Unfinished Business: None

Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Doug Walter)

New Business: (President and Vice President Report) The President's message in the July newsletter will include an announcement of the proposed change in the club constitution expanding the board membership from 9 to 11 members. This will be the 30-day notice required prior to a general vote that will occur at the September 9th meeting at Omni Fitness Center.

Unfinished Business: None

Membership and Volunteers (Dan Sturgell):

New Business:

- Volunteers for the AAU meet (June 26th and 27th): Will email blast this next week to get more volunteers.
- Strider bucks (\$39.00) were handed out at the Hershey's meet.
- Weight Watchers Walk recap: Included many first time walkers/runners
- A suggestion was made for the club to purchase and have on hand a defibrillator at races. This was rejected on the basis it would put too much liability on the club and it is not the club's responsibility at races.

Unfinished Business: None

Webmaster and Statistician's Report (Mike Wilson):

New Business: None

StriderWear (Polly Theising)

Strider Jackets: A motion was made to preorder 36 Strider jackets (in 2 different styles) for sale as Striderwear. 1st- Robin Benson-Harvey, 2nd-Dan Sturgell. The board passed the motion.

Strider Newsletter (Holly Plew)

1. Need updating of sponsorships in the newsletter and also need to know the protocol for sponsors.
2. Will put an announcement in the Newsletter describing sponsorship opportunities.
3. A report of sponsors will be presented at the July board meeting.
4. Should we continue with a quarter page sponsorship or reduce the size?

Next Meeting: July 8th at Omni 41 Fitness (6:30PM)

Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 PM