# Calumet Region Striders Board of Director's Meeting December 8, 2011 Minutes

Location: Robin Benson-Harvey's residence

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 Public Relations

Sue Brown-Nickerson Youth Running Programs & Scholarships

Nicolette Huber Adult Running Programs

Linda Ramos Social Events

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM

**Absent:** Cecilia Bernal

**Guests:** Milagro Gonzalez

Motion to approve November (2011) minutes: Motion to approve November Minutes by Sue Brown-Nickerson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Walter. Approved by Board.

#### **President's Report (Michele Hale):**

Holiday Party: Great job done by Linda Ramos!

Web site: Doug Walter will contact and work with Mike Wilson to look at a possible website for the club.

Fun Run: & Membership Drive – need 2012 membership forms – will be inserted in the next Instep.

Marathon Donation: have received the check for this.

OE wish list: Motion was made by Sue Brown-Nickerson to donate \$500 to OE Wish List. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Benson-Harvey. Approved by Board.

StriderBucks- Volunteers: Give out StriderBucks to all volunteers.

Instep 2012 Deadlines: Beginning in January the deadline dates will change in order for members to receive the Instep at the beginning of the month. (deadline will now be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the minth)

WWW: Weight Watchers are no longer sponsoring the walk.

RRCA Convention: Lisa Moreno and Robin Benson-Harvey are going to the convention. Motion was made by Doug Walter for a maximum of \$1500 to cover expenses (air travel and hotel) for Lisa and Robin attending the RRca convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Zemansky. Approved by the Board. Convention registration fees are budgeted in the general fund.

### Banquet-

Layout – need more light at silent auction section.

Perfect Scores – need list of members with Gold Cup perfect scores.

Sponsors – will send out letters to possible new sponsors.

Nominations – 8 nomination forms turned in.

There will be corsages for Board Members at the Banquet.

#### **INSTEP Deadlines**

• Submissions due by: Dec. 14th

Go to print: Dec 19thPick up: Dec. 21stMail on: Dec. 27th

## **Vice President's Report (Robin Benson-Harvey)**

The Striders can nominate 3 RRCA Volunteers of the Year.

## **Treasurer's Report (Cecilia Bernal)**

Complete Accounts

Total Households: 578 Total Members: 855 Total Gold Cup: 321

#### Funds

General Information:

Jim Cox: Available upon request

Stevens-Hamilton: PayPal Account:

## **Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser)**

No Report

## Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Mary Zemansky):

- 1) Finalizing the 2012 GC schedule: New date (April) for the Taltree Ten. Manda's Race won't be a Gold Cup race this year because of missed deadline.
- 2) SS Races 2012 (thus far): there are currently 3 sponsored races for 2012.
- 3) XYZ 2012: Mary Zemansky will coordinate the Trail Run series next year. Looking at an expanded schedule.
- 4) Silent Auction Item: Every GC race director has contributed (not including the Chicago marathon) a race entry to the silent auction.
- 5) Mary Zemansky is willing to coordinate the trail run series and the sponsored races in 2012.

# Public Relations (Lisa Moreno)

- Facebook activity: 901 followers between our 2 facebook accounts.
- Striders in the News: The Times is putting in articles about the Junior Striders and Gold Cup races.
- Promoting GC races: looking into advertising the GC races on the Lakeshore television station.

## Youth Runner Programs and Scholarships (Sue Brown-Nickerson):

Coaches XC Championships WV Nov 19 (6 coaches, 54 athletes, 22 medalists, runner-up championship award, great bus experience)

2 AAU Nationals Orlando; Dec 3rd - Dustin Hudak 1st-National Champion 11yrs; Caleb Chapman 2nd place runner up 12 yr olds.

2012 Statistician? Possible coordination with Th timing? Doug Walter will talk with Mike Wilson regarding Statistician.

RRCA Convention proposed board attendance criteria: Sue Brown-Nickerson distributed a proposed criteria for Strider Members attending the RRCA convention.

Discussed the policy regarding guests at Board meetings – will look at a possible change to have guests only at the beginning of meetings.

## **Adult Running Program (Nicolette Huber)**

Working on developing criteria for coaches and what is expected of them.

There will be Half-Marathon programs in both Porter and Lake Counties in 2012.

## Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Doug Walter)

Working on Board nominations.

## Membership and Volunteers (Dan Sturgell):

StriderBucks report submitted to Treasurer.

Will send out an email blast for nominations for a Strider Volunteer of the Year.

## Social Events (Linda Ramos)

Holiday party wrap up: 105 participants. Location and food worked well. Expenses were below budget.

trophy update - Waiting for Mike Wilson's data - will place order next week.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Omni Fitness Center)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM