

Calumet Region Striders
Board of Director's Meeting
February 09, 2012

Location: Portage YMCA

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
Jose Lopez	Gold Cup Series (elect)
Deborah Braun	Nominations, Bylaws, & Disabled Runners (elect)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Absent: Sue Brown-Nickerson, Mary Zemansky, Teresa Chester (Secretary elect)

Guests: Dave Chary

Motion to approve December (2011) minutes: Motion made by Lisa Moreno to approve minutes as written, 2nd Nicolette Huber, Board Approved.

Motion to approve January (2012) minutes: Motion made by Lisa Moreno to approve minutes (with year change), 2nd Nicolette Huber, Board Approved.

President's Report (Michele Hale):

Election Results: Jose Lopez (GC Series), Theresa Chester (Secretary), Deborah Braun (Nominations, Bylaws, & Disables Runners) – New Board members were sworn in. (Teresa Chester not present)

Turn out of votes: 73 votes total.

Storage shed: Bring a shovel and de-icer in the winter to help getting into the shed. Robin currently has the GC table stuff at home.

Banquet re-cap: need to submit a music list to the DJ/Good location for the Auction table this year.

Silent Auction donation @ RRCA: Strider basket to RRCA silent auction.

Mary Z Volunteer of the year RRCA: Has been nominated for the National Award

Membership drive dates: March 18th: Omni Open House – would like a Strider table at this event. Holiday Fun Run (Membership Drive) is scheduled for December 15th, 2012 at Wicker Park.

Marathon Sold out: Add OE plug onto the Strider Facebook page. (\$750.00)

Thank-you from OE, Robin @ OE: gift card

Posting Scholarship apps & Requirements: Need to update requirements concerning membership and participation in series.

Gold cup Premium: bring any ideas to the March meeting (around a \$5.00 cost per)

Chris @ OE: will be not working at OE after 2/16/12

Sponsorship: Trophy Shop and Tanning Salon are two possible sponsors for 2012 – need to look at updating the sponsor categories.

Meeting places: will continue to meet at both the Omni and Portage YMCA.

Strider bucks for Instep: Treasurer to give Robin striderbucks for preparing newsletters instead of from Membership Chair.

Web site & updates on current INSTEP Deadlines

- Submissions due by: Feb. 10th
- Go to print: Feb. 13th
- Pick up: Feb. 16th
- Mail on: Feb. 25th

Vice President's Report (Robin Benson-Harvey)

No Report

Treasurer's Report (Cecilia Bernal)

Complete Accounts

Total Households: 605

Total Members: 896

Total Gold Cup: N/A

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) Transition is in process. Have begun to orient Jose to Gold Cup and Sponsor Series duties, and will continue after I return.

- 2) Help Jose out by giving him a list of GC table coverage please!

Runnin' with Irish 5K: Robin/Linda
Laporte10K : Dan/Nicolette
Ringing In Spring 5K: Deb/Nicolette
Hammond 10K: Lisa/Jose
Spring Fling 5K" Robin/Jose

- 3) Mary will work with XYZ series and not the sponsored races

- 4) The Ringing in Spring 5K is the GC race.

Public Relations (Lisa Moreno)

- Facebook activity: 960 followers

- sponsorship letters sent out: sent out reminders to last year's sponsors.

- Running Warehouse: Discounted running merchandise (15% off with free shipping)
Can put link on the new website at no cost to club. Will put access code in the newsletter.

Motion made by Roin Benson-Harvey to allow Running Warehouse link on the new Strider website, 2nd by Deb Braun, Board approved.

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

10M Run at Taltree Garden & Arboretum - Status

The Taltree Garden & Arboretum Executive Board has disfavored us using the "Taltree 10" reference to anything associated with this event. In accordance with a Memo & Understanding executed by myself on behalf of CRS and Taltree Executive Board through its CEO, we are not allowed to advertise or refer to the event as "Taltree 10". We should now refer to the event as the **"10th Annual 10m Run at Taltree Gardens & Arboretum"**. I have created a new race application, and TH Timing has made the correction on their website. However, the 2012 Gold Cup Series Race Schedule needs to be revised, and re-posted on CRS & TH Timing websites ASAP. The Taltree people are watching for this. Also, any future vertical response should include this new title. I am not worried about the information contained in the display rack so to speak, but anything on the internet needs to be updated ASAP.

Youth Program Committee Report

This committee met Feb 6th Tony's Pizza Valpo. Present: Sue & Jim Nickerson, Jorge & Linda Ramos, Beth Boyer, Steve Kearney, Mitch Semans, Yolanda Monahan.

Track programs will begin May 7th week. Lake Central HS track under construction - Jorge & Linda Ramos will begin search for new Lake County practice site asap. Beth Boyer will contact Crown Point YMCA to look into establishing a 4 week youth program to coincide with Hub Run's shorter events.

Sue working on 4 week youth program at Chesterton YMCA.

Coaching Education & CPR - Would like to budget at least \$500-\$750 in coaching education this year for youth coaches. This would include CPR x12 coaches, and various clinics & USATF courses ranging from \$50 per session to \$150 per session for Level 1 Track & Field (J Ramos). Throws Clinic- Portage HS, Jr High "Learn by Doing" Clinic- Wheaton IL; Speed Development Clinic- Ben Davis. Note: it has been at least 4 years since we have paid for any youth coaching credentials. Doran Lounsbury no longer does CPR. I have called Duneland Health & Fitness, also looked at some online self-courses.

Joe Mis' AAU meet will be Father's Day Weekend June 16-17. This is also the USATF State meet weekend. Our team and coaches will probably split – veterans to USATF, beginners to local AAU. Will affect volunteers.

Adult Running Program (Nicolette Huber)

20 participants in Half-Marathon program (Porter County) – for Crossroads Half Running programs currently in Kouts, Chesterton, and Crown Point
Looking to do more fun runs

Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Doug Walter)

Results of election: Jose Lopez (GC series), Theresa Chester (Secretary), Deborah Braun (Nominations)

Doug Walter has been appointed the new webmaster for the Calumet Striders. – sworn in by Michelle Hale.

Website: new domain name (calstrider.com). Lisa Moreno will assist with the new website. Working on website design. Want to put Paypal on the website, David Chary willing to help with website and GC stats. Michelle will contact T&H timing regarding GC stats and the collecting of Strider memberships. Mike Wilson is working on beginning the stats for 2012 but needs updated list for GC.

Membership and Volunteers (Dan Sturgell):

Will attend the Purdue/Calumet Fitness Fair in April with help from Norm and Tom. Need new Strider applications.

Social Events (Linda Ramos)

Banquet Wrap-Up: 326 attendees. Consider going to first class mailing on invitations for next year. Some members complained of not receiving invitations(due to bulk mailing?) . May also consider sending out invitations earlier if done by bulk mailing.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8th, 2012 (Omni Fitness Center)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM