

Calumet Region Striders
Board of Director's Meeting
June 14, 2012
Minutes

Location: Huber Home

Michele Hale	President
Robin Benson-Harvey	Vice-President
Teresa Chester	Secretary
Cecilia Bernal	Treasurer
Deborah Brann	Nominations, Bylaws, & Disabled Runners
Dan Sturgell	Membership & Volunteers
Jose Lopez	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 6:56 PM

Absent: Linda Ramos

Guests: Mary Zemansky

Motion to approve April 2012 minutes: Motion made by Lisa Moreno to approve with corrections, 2nd Robin Benson-Harvey, Board Approved.

President's Report (Michele Hale)

AAU – Need at least 20 volunteers + the Wheeler Track Team is helping

GC Premium – The socks came in in the wrong color. Vendor offered to take off \$1 per pair. We will start giving these out at the Brickyard Run.

RD Meeting – Wednesday, November 28th at Joe's Crab Shack

Relay / CRS Perks – there will be a tent available for the Striders

Instep Shells – Have been ordered and delivered to OE for free. Application for 2013 GC Series

Forms at GC table / Membership Drives / Extra Rack – we were out of forms at Munster race. Need to make sure we have plenty of copies. Nikki's membership drive is next Sunday 6/24

Sponsorship – Need to go to Linda to set up new parameters

Vice President's Report (Robin Benson-Harvey)

No Report

Treasurer's Report (Cecilia Bernal)

Complete Accounts

Total Households: 506

Total Members: 764

Total Gold Cup: 310

Funds

General Information:

Jim Cox:

Available Upon request

Stevens-Hamilton:

PayPal Account:

Secretary's Report (Teresa Chester)

No report

Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Jose Lopez):

Gold Cup table schedule

July 21st - Lowell Buckley 5 Miler – Dan & Jose

August 4th – Lowell 33 RDP – Runnin' With the Devils– Teresa & Robin

August 11th – DeMotte Rotary Ramble – Teresa & Robin

August 25th – Valparaiso Race to the Taste – Cecelia & Jose

Sponsor Fees

Race application fee for mailing vs. sponsor fee

Board members evaluations – if you run a race please complete an evaluation

Public Relations (Lisa Moreno)

Facebook activity: 1,227 followers (Striders = 1,042 / JR Striders = 185)

Participation in summer parades – Highland Parade on July 3rd. We will give out water along the parade route. \$25 requested as a budget for the water. Motion to approve \$25 budget for water for parade by Lisa Moreno, 2nd by Teresa Chester, Board Approved.

Michelle will check with Family Express to see if they will donate water

Webmaster & Statistician (Lisa Moreno)

Website Activity – 5,290 hits in May

Adult Running Program (Nicolette Huber)

Request for \$150 budget for membership drive on June 24th for food & supplies. Motion to approve \$150 budget for membership drive by Sue Brown-Nickerson, 2nd Robin Benson-Harvey, Board Approved

Will have raffle for signing up at membership drive

Membership & Volunteers (Dan Sturgell)

AAU meet is this weekend

Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Deborah Brann)

There is a disabled runner who wants to participate in the races. His father is responsible for obtaining approval to participate in races.

Social Events (Linda Ramos)

Request for \$500 budget for picnic – Motion to approve by Robin Benson-Harvey, 2nd Cecelia Bernal, Board Approved

Give all extra Railcats and Illiana Speedway flyers to Sue

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

Program shirts for coaches – Request for \$450 for coaches shirts. Motion to approve by Sue Brown-Nickerson, 2nd Cecelia Bernal, Board Approved

Strategic Planning for 2013

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2012 (Omni Fitness)

Meeting adjourned 9:34pm

XYZ Issues

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- the XYZ trail running group has been around since 2005
- it was brought to the Striders in 2011 to provide a trail running component to the organization
- it was not required that xyz participants join the Striders, though most did
- three xyz events are GC races this year

-we never discussed the parameters for xyz races and GC events like we have for SS races

-both in 2011 and 2012, the only cost xyz has incurred is the \$50 stuffing fee in the February Instep (supposed to have been taken out of our xyz funds)

-we promote to our participants via a Google listserve and haven't used IContact
-usually, only Red Dawn and Bride of Zoy choose the option to stuff into the Instep; both paid in 2011 (though the check for Red Dawn 2011 was lost at OE and evidently was sent to the PO Box this year and lost again??)

-last year, (approximately) 38 people participated in the competitive series for xyz; this year we have 25

-when the schedule was established, there was one race (Sarett) that occurred on the same day as a GC race (RIS); after the xyz schedule was set, Taltree changed its date to the same day as another xyz event (Potato Creek); however, both xyz races were held out of state, and had a minimal impact on GC events (only seven Striders went to Sarett and three Striders went to the Potato Creek race)

-Grand Mere actually changed its date last year to ensure that they did not conflict with Fall Frolic

XYZ questions:

- 1) Do the Striders still want a trail running component affiliated with the organization?
- 2) If so, shouldn't trail running events be coordinated with xyz?
- 3) Can races that are so small be exempt from restrictions to the rules which apply to SS events?