

Calumet Region Striders  
Board of Director's Meeting  
May 9, 2013  
Minutes

**Location: Frank Johnson - Home**

Frank Johnson	President
Robin Benson-Harvey**	Vice-President
Cecilia Bernal	Treasurer
Dan Sturgell	Membership & Volunteers
Lisa Moreno	Public Relations
Deanna Grimes**	Adult Running Programs
Beth Fulmer-Boyer	Youth Running Programs & Scholarships
Linda Ramos**	Social Events
Jose Lopez	Gold Cup Series
Jim Raymond	Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners
Jeff Mescal**	Webmaster
Holly Fortmann**	In Step Editor

\*\*Absent

Meeting called to order at: 6:26 P.M.

Guests: none

Motion to approve April minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Moreno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jose Lopez, Board Approved

**President's Report (Frank Johnson):**

President asked for a Board volunteer to take the May minutes of the meeting. Jim Raymond volunteered to do so.

Secretary position vacancy. Has talked to five people about taking Secretary Position vacated by Teresa Chester. One person is interested. Term for this office will run from June 2013 through February 2014.

Announced the appointment of Tim Fealy in the newly created appointment position of *Community Events Director*.

President distributed the Strider Youth program AAU Schedule.

Received a check for \$2,000.00 from *Select Physical Therapy* for Club Sponsorship.

Thank you card received from Jr. Strider *Andrew Kearney* for receiving Youth Scholarship.

Discussed the possibility of purchasing a 10'x10' Strider Tent. Cost approximately \$399.99. Would be easily transportable and include Strider identification on tent, such as a coat-of-arms flag and/or pennants.

Encouraged Board to consider sponsoring more Strider Fun events. Free race or fun run with a Strider Pride Kick-Off theme, raffles and participants to show off Strider wear and colors. Also consider modernizing Club colors, possibly neon colors.

Valpo Life has solicited Calumet Region Striders for a \$300.00 sponsorship which would advertise the club activities and events in their publication. Motion made by Lisa Moreno, seconded by Dan Sturgell for Calumet Region Striders to purchase a one year sponsorship at \$300.00 to Valpo Life. Motion approved.

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

No Report.

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

Funds-Balances As of May 9, 2013.

General Account:

Jim Cox:

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Stevens-Hamilton:

Pay Pal:

Strider Membership Breakdown, as of May 8, 2013.

476 Households

774 Individual members (197 of those are Jr. Striders)

311 Gold Cup Members

**Secretary's Report**

No Report. Position vacant resulting from Theresa Chester resignation.

**Adult Running Program (Deanna Grimes):**

No Report.

**Youth Runner Programs & Scholarships (Beth Fulmer-Boyer):**

Discussed the Youth Scholarship Youth Fund distribution and aspects to the criteria.

Provided an accounting of the May 11, 2013 Girls on the Run race.

10 to 20 Junior Strider uniforms are needed, and requested the purchase of said uniforms. Motion made by Beth Fulmer-Boyer to purchase up to 20 Junior Strider uniforms in the present style, sizes subject to Youth Committee discretion. Second by Lisa Moreno. Motion unanimously approved.

Fuel Fitness Center, Schererville, In. is starting a 16 race circuit this summer and fall. There is some Gold Cup race overlap.

Need volunteers for the Hershey Track & Field Youth Meet at Wheeler H.S. on June 6, 2013. Requested \$300.00 budget for participation awards, timing service, volunteer bucks. Informed the Board that this would be a CSR event from now on. Board members believed more information about the degree of involvement of CSR was required before a motion could be made for official Club sponsorship of the event. No action taken on the monetary request.

Informed the Board that the Friendship Race at Wicker Park on July 18, 2013 would be a Strider Youth race and be directed by Sue Brown-Nickerson. Stated that the R.D. requested a limited amount of money for food and drinks. (possibly beer – subject to permit) There were a number of questions by Board members regarding the details of the race and the discussion was tabled pending further information from the Committee.

Advised Board that as of September 1, 2012 all our youth coaches must pass a background check, including AAU and USATF coaching background.

### **Social Events (Linda Ramos)**

5k Fun Run and Membership Drive On May 28, 2013 at Beggars Pizza in Crown Point, In. Free pizza, water and soft drinks available to first 60 people who sign up following the run. Old Strider gear will be raffled off to those present, and everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite race shirt.

D.C. Country Junction outing in Lowell, In. is scheduled for June 8, 2013. There will be a free one hour private dance lesson before business opens, to all.

The Gary Railcats minor league baseball outing will likely be scheduled in July of this year. More details to follow.

Discussed the possibility of a Strider sponsored corn roast at the Field Station Frenzy 5k in June or at another Gold Cup race. Striders to provide free corn and prepare. Possible beer provided as well. Check licensing first.

Suggested we create a Volunteer Registry. Topic tabled for further discussion and review.

Advised the Board that Strider, Pharmacist and Junior Strider Coach George Ramos has been interviewed by the Crown Point Shopper.

### **Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Jose Lopez):**

After 10 races there are 7 people still in the running for the Jim Cox Award.

The Brickyard Race Director would like to co-sponsor a Youth training program with the Striders for their 5 mile race. Since we already have a viable youth running program, this idea was believed by the Board to be unnecessary, and may also present some training schedule conflicts with current CSR Youth Running Program.

Board members race evaluations needed.

### **Public Relations (Lisa Moreno):**

Has been looking into purchasing running style shirts for our Training programs. Latest bid is:

- 1.) 50 shirts at \$7.70 each for front only, \$9.10 both sides;
- 2.) 100 shirts at \$6.65 for front only and \$7.90 front and back.

After some meaningful discussion it was informally agreed that the back of the shirts would depict the new Strider slogan "*STRIDER STRONG.*"

Motion made by Lisa Moreno to order 100 Strider training shirts with our new slogan on the back side at \$7.90 each. Second by Linda Ramos. Motion unanimously Board approved.

As of May 9, 2013 the website activity was – 2,555 visitors. Group runs are listed as events on Facebook and will run the entire summer. The web site homepage is updated with the latest CSR activities.

The new web site test version should be available July 1, 2013. Lisa Moreno & Jeff Mescal are working diligently to set that up. August 1, 2013 is the tentative date for final version.

Calumet Region Strider Sue Brown-Nickerson has been nominated for Valparaiso Kiwanis Club Volunteer of the Year. There will be a luncheon to honor all of the nominees at the Valparaiso Strong Bow Inn on Wednesday May 20 2013. Board members are encouraged to attend if personal schedule permits. Linda Ramos indicated she may be available to attend and represent the CSR Board.

Reported that Serenity Massage, Griffith, In. would not be available to offer complimentary chair massages at the Field Station Frenzy 5k. They did indicate their desire to massage at a future Gold Cup race.

**Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Jim Raymond):**

Asked all officers and Committee Chairs to continue to review their job descriptions and consider any changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

CSR Trail Running Program is in its third week. Workouts are scheduled twice per week. (Thursday evenings and Saturday or Sunday mornings. Interest high. All involved are expected to run Xtreme Trail Run 12k on Memorial Day. Workout notices have been posted and updated on the home page of CSR website. Fielded many email questions on trail running and practices.

**Membership & Volunteers (Dan Sturgell):**

No Report

**InStep Editor Report (Holly Fortmann)**

Via E-mail: InStep submissions are due by tomorrow, Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone has suggestions for “Meet a Strider / Jr Strider” let Holly know.

**Next Meeting:** June 13, 2013, 6:00 P.M.at the home of Robin Benson-Harvey, Portage, In.

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:39pm**