

Calumet Region Striders
Board of Director's Meeting
February 13th, 2014
Minutes

APPROVED

Location: Lake County Public Library

Frank Johnson	President
Robin Benson	Vice-President
Pete Klaeser	Secretary
Sean Schuster	Treasurer
Jim Raymond	Nominations, Bylaws, & Disabled Runners
David Rainford	Membership & Volunteers
Barb Hamner	Gold Cup Series
Lisa Moreno	Public Relations
Beth Boyer	Youth Running Programs & Scholarships
Deanna Grimes	Adult Running Programs
Mary Moreno	Social Events

Meeting called to order at: 6:55PM

Absent: Barb Hamner

Guests: None

Motion to approve December, 2013 minutes: Motion by Robin Benson, 2nd by Deanna Grimes. Approved by the Board.

Motion to approve January, 2014 minutes: Motion by Robin Benson with added corrections, 2nd by Jim Raymond. Approved by the Board.

President's Report (Frank Johnson)

1. New Board Members were sworn in for two year terms: Sean Schuster (Treasurer), Pete Klaeser (Secretary), David Rainford (Membership), Mary Moreno (Social Events).
2. Proposed 2014 Gold Cup Elite Series was introduced. Includes 8 GC races. Runners must qualify to enter the series by finishing in the top seven overall in a GC race. This is a separate championship from the GC series. Runners cannot win awards in both the Elite and the GC series. **Motion to accept the Elite Racing Series made by Robin Benson, 2nd by Beth Boyer. Approved by the Board for 2014.**

3. Please begin thinking of a Gold Cup premium for 2014. Bring any suggestions to the next Board Meeting.
4. RRCA convention is in Spokane, Washington in early May. There is a budget to cover some costs (airline/hotel/registration) for board members interested in attending. Please email Frank if you are interested in attending by next month.
5. The Striders donated a basket of Strider wear to the RRCA silent auction.
6. Chairpersons on the Board are allowed to form subcommittees to help with activities. Please let Frank know of these committees and when they will meet.
7. All approved minutes should be sent to the President and the Public Relations Chair to be posted on the website.
8. In-Step submissions are due Feb. 14th.

Vice President's Report (Robin Benson)

1. Every Board member must sign a "Conflict of Interest" form. Secretary will collect and keep signed copies.
2. A reminder that any money spent in the club must be approved prior to spending the money. (with the exception of office supplies by the President). Online voting can be done to approve spending if needed before a Board meeting.
3. The Striders have a tax exemption letter that can be used with purchases.
4. Budgets are needed from each program the club sponsors. Be sure to keep receipts from program or event expenditures for the Treasurer.
5. Board member descriptions need to be finalized.
6. Please be respectful of each other at Board meetings and with social media.

Treasurer's Report (Sean Schuster)

1. Complete Accounts
Total Households: 606 (2013)
Total Members: 1077 (2013)
Total Gold Cup: N/A
2. Funds
General Information:
Jim Cox: Available Upon Request
Stevens-Hamilton:
3. Need to close out the XYZ series account from 2013. Frank received receipts from Jeff Emmons for the 2013 XYZ Finale expenses. Jeff Emmons has been reimbursed out of the 2013 XYZ funds.

Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser)

No Report

Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Barb Hamner):

No Report

Public Relations (Lisa Moreno)

1. Over 2000 emails in club database.
2. Over 1000 followers on Strider Facebook page
3. Lisa is helping with developing the new website. The new website will be up and running soon. Jeff Mescal will do the stats for GC on the website, Lisa will take care of the rest of the site. The old website will not be updated because all the work is going into developing the new site.
4. Need to eliminate the XYZ series from the Strider website.

Youth Runner Programs and Scholarships (Beth Boyer):

1. Registration for USATF training has opened up and some interest has been expressed. We need a list of Strider members who are certified for either youth or adult. to have a quarterly coaches meeting to be sure everyone is on the same page.
2. **A motion was made by Sean Schuster for the Club conduct quarterly coaches meetings beginning in March to be sure all coaches are following the correct policies and are aware of any updates. Motion 2nd by Mary Moreno. Approved by the Board.**
3. **A motion was made by Robin Benson to send and pay the registrations for four youth coaches to the USATF training. Motion 2nd by Deanna Grimes. Approved by the Board.**

Adult Running Program (Deanna Grimes)

1. Have scheduled the adult training sessions at the same time as the youth track practices. Allows for families to practice at the same time and the same place.
2. The training schedule for the Merrillville Mini has been distributed.
3. We will have a display and information table at the Merrillville Fitness Expo on March 1st.
4. **A motion was made by Robin Benson to have three members certified by RRCA for 2014. This motion was tabled.**

Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Jim Raymond)

1. The recent elections went well but we need to start the election process sooner in order to avoid high mailing costs.
2. All rules and procedures of the Striders need to be in writing.
3. There may be a need to have a separate committee from the Board to conduct the elections. A Board member who is running for office should not be helping with the elections.

Membership and Volunteers (David Rainford):

No Report.

Social Events (Mary Moreno)

No report

Next Meeting: March 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM at Lake County Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Gold Cup Elite Racing Series

- 1 Ringing in the Spring 10k
- 2 Spring Flink Ramp Run 5k
- 3 Kent's Run 5k
- 4 Munster Rotary Ramble 10k
- 5 Brickyard 5 miler
- 6 Buckley 5 miler
- 7 Popcorn Panic 5 miler
- 8 Merrillville Mini

Scoring : Top Seven Male and female to qualify for elite.

Mix of short and mid size races for competitiveness
championship race counts as triple so runners can not load up on points and

stop.

once you win in elite, you can not win in regular gold cup.
Jeff will put it in the xyz tab and keep points.