

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

Location: Lake County Public Library – Merrillville Branch

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

Absent: Pete Klaeser

Meeting called to order at: 6:08 P.M.

Guests: Michele Hale, Sue Brown-Nickerson, Todd & Heather Henderlong

Guest – Todd & Heather Henderlong:

Todd and Heather Henderlong came to the meeting to address several Facebook posts submitted by Frank Johnson relating to a Fleet Feet – Crossroads discount code and a negative comment was posted against the Extra Mile store. The perception was that Extra Mile didn't support the Striders and they were hurt by that. They have always supported running and the Striders and came to the meeting today to let everyone know that they were hurt by that social media post.

Guest – Sue Brown-Nickerson:

With regard the County Line Apple Orchard 10 Miler, Sue Brown-Nickerson presented with some checks, a report, a picture of the finisher awards and a budget (see attached).

As RRCA State Rep, Sue Brown-Nickerson lead a discussion regarding RRCA's Conflict of Interest policy and member accountability. There was also a discussion regarding the County Line Apple Orchard 10 Miler race and the Crossroads Marathon/Half Marathon race date conflict and options were given.

President's Report (Frank Johnson):

** Swear in Barb Hamner **

Lisa motioned to approve the February 13, 2014 Minutes with the change to remove the sentence relating to the XYZ expenses and inserting that those expense have been paid, 2nd by Beth, Board Approved February 2014 Minutes with the changes.

100 miles club is not 100 miles a month – the idea is to get people running and every time you hit 100 miles, you will receive a pin or a patch. This pertains to Striders 18 yrs. or over. Contact Frank with your mileage log. Frank will come up with guidelines for website and the mileage tracking will be based on the honor system.

RRCA Convention: Robin motions that we send Jim Raymond, Frank Johnson and Mary Moreno to the 2014 RRCA convention at \$750.00 per person which includes the entry free into the convention, 2nd by Barb Hamner; motion passed. Be sure to turn in your receipts.

Gold Cup premium ideas, Deanna had an idea for a wicking beanie hat and Barb suggested beach towels or something you can sit on. Frank suggested a roll up blanket similar to the one that you get at the Soldier Field 10. Per Robin, if we can get those blankets for \$6.00 a piece then yes go ahead and order them.

Beth received a key to the new storage unit. Frank did not agree that every board member needs a key to the storage unit since we no longer have Strider wear and Barb plans to keep the Gold Cup table with her. Robin noted that the Board decided to relocate the storage unit so everyone had easier access to the storage unit but now no one can get in it.

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

No report.

Treasurer's Report (Sean Schuster):

Regarding the transition, Sean met with Cecilia and she gave Sean all the paperwork with the financial statements and a flash drive with Quickbooks. Sean has Quickbooks Pro a slightly different program than what Cecilia used. Based on that, the transfer was a little difficult but he was able to transfer all financial statement data from Dec. 31, 2013.

With regard to the CRS database, Jeff Mescal is helping with that. A discussion ensued about splitting up the CRS master roster tasks with the Membership chair. In the past, Cecilia Bernal created the master CRS member roster and prepared the mailing labels. Sean stated he spent 85% of his time on the membership roster list instead of his Treasurer duties. Per Frank, the membership chair will now be keeping and creating the membership roster. David will provide a copy of the master CRS roster to the webmaster, PR and Gold Cup Chair.

Complete Accounts

Total Households: 304
Total Members: 520
Total Gold Cup: 223

Funds

General Information:

Jim Cox:

Available Upon request

Stevens-Hamilton:

PayPal Account:

Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser)

No Report.

Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Barb Hamner):

Barb was not involved in the initial Elite Race Series process and wants to be involved.

GOTR race was approved by Frank to be a sponsored race on the same day as Gallery Gallop; Barb wants rules so she doesn't get in trouble. Frank said it wasn't final. Barb will contact the Race Director of the Gallery Gallop to see if she has an issue with the GOTR race being sponsored on the same day.

Barb put together a Gold Cup Committee and they had a meeting on March 8, 2014. Barb passed out her Gold Cup committee minutes (see attached). The purpose of her Committee meeting was to go over committee responsibilities and wants to form a Facebook group for her Committee members. Barb is trying to encourage her Gold Cup Committee members to not just meet one time a year and select races, she wants her Committee to feel like they are helping out and being a part of everything and make good feedback when selecting the Gold Cup races. Barb was reminded that no medicine (i.e. aspirin) is allowed to be in the first aid kit due to liability. Barb has a sign for the Gold Cup table that she will list the latest information on.

Barb will email Jeff Mescal (Webmaster) right after each race with the names and DOB information of new memberships that were collected at that race. Barb needs to get the membership forms to David Rainford (Membership) and the checks to Sean Schuster (Treasurer).

Barb would like to pick two people who fill out race evaluations and give them \$2.00 in Strider bucks; Robin motions that we allow \$4.00 in strider bucks per Gold Cup race (\$2.00 per person – for two people) 2nd by Frank Johnson, motion passed. We need to create a Board member's race evaluation for the website.

Barb mentioned that the Bylaws state that the Social Chair is responsible for the Gold Cup table; Barb would like that language to be corrected.

Public Relations (Lisa Moreno):

Facebook account has: 781 followers | 506 Junior Strider followers

The new website has finally been launched; positive feedback has been given.

Lisa mentioned the three (3) typographical errors that are in the Bylaws relating to the number of Board members and who is in charge of the Gold Cup table and made a suggestion that they be corrected. Jim suggested that we first start with correcting the Constitution then get to the Bylaws later – Jim tabled this issue and will refer it to his Committee.

Youth Runner Programs (Beth Boyer):

They had 3 people attend the USATF training class and they have 90 days to take the test and pass.

The Jim Cox Scholarship application is up on the website and the deadline is April 1, 2014. Beth had a coach's meeting last Sunday and has people who want to serve on the scholarship committee. Beth plans to have the Scholarship Committee meeting the first two weeks in April so they will have a recommendation ready for the April Board meeting for Board approval and have those recipients recognized at the County Line Orchard 10 race.

With regard Gold Cup races, they have asked Race Directors if they are interested in doing shorter distances for Junior Striders, Hub Run may do a shorter race for Junior Striders.

County Line Orchard 10 will have a 1 mile run for the kids 12 and under. Beth motions that the County Line Orchard 1 mile run be scored for Gold Cup points for Junior Striders 12 and under, 2nd by Sean – motion passed. We will need to add that to website.

With regard to Gold Cup points and required number of races, as it currently states, Striders ages 15-18 are required to run 7 races. For some kids who are actively running in their schools track program and cross country program it would be nearly impossible for them to run 7 Gold Cup Race in a year. Beth motions that we change the Gold Cup rules that Striders 18 and under have to complete 5 Gold Cup races in a year instead of 7, 2nd by Barb – motion passed. This new rule needs to go in the newsletter and updated on the website.

Youth program will be offering a \$30.00 spring track program and Beth will work with Lisa on getting an online registration form for this. The spring track program will start on April 30 or the first week of May. Beth submitted to Frank a budget for the Youth Programs in the amount of \$7,000 and a lot of that money will come from the Junior Strider youth fund. Beth also submitted a job description for Jim.

Adult Running Program (Deanna Grimes):

Deanna will attend the marathon callout meeting for World Vision on Sunday; she will take the Gold Cup table there to represent the Striders. Extra Mile, Fleet Feet and Jeff Mescal are all attending.

Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Jim Raymond):

At the January 9, 2014 meeting, the Board agreed that Jim would send out a letter to Extra Mile regarding the use of the name "XYZ Series". Since that time, the Board has decided we no longer want to send out that letter. Robin motions to void and strike the prior motion that was made at the January 9, 2014 meeting due to more info came to light after the motion was made and voted on, 2nd by Beth Boyer – motion passed.

Jim received an application last week from David Frasier asking for assistance from the disabled runner fund. David Frasier is from New York; he and his wife have some pretty severe medical disabilities, he was born with Cerebral palsy and his wife has stomach cancer. He sent in an estimate for \$3,500 to purchase a wheelchair. He is affiliated with a running club in New York called Achilles Racing Team and has ran several New York marathons. Jim makes a motion to give a \$150.00 donation out of the Disabled Runner Fund and an XL Strider Strong shirt to David Frasier, 2nd by Sean Schuster, 6 board members vote yes, 2 board members vote no and 1 board member abstains from voting. A discussion was held and it was suggested to maybe change the disabled runner application in the future to maybe make it a requirement to be a Strider member or maybe limit it to applicants who live in the area.

At the December 12, 2013 meeting, a motion was passed to amend by Bylaws, Jim would like that change reflected on the website.

With regard to the 2014 election results, Jim would like to get it on record the Certification of Ballot Count which was done on February 1, 2014 in the presence of Jim Raymond, Robin Benson-Harvey, Lisa Moreno and Frank Johnson (see Certification of Ballot Count attached to these Minutes). In terms of the election, some people were displeased of the results and it looks like the only issue was narrowed down to the number extra ballots and what happened to those extra ballots. The extra ballots were destroyed and Jim would like to protect his integrity and honesty and the honesty of the election. That election was conducted the same way as the previous years. Doug Walter counseled Jim correctly and it was an honest election.

Membership and Volunteers (David Rainford):

David inquired on how to get membership info from the members who sign up online. David and Sean will get together to work on the master CRS roster.

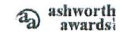
Social Events (Mary Moreno):

If anyone has any ideas on a location for the picnic, maybe a possible beach theme for picnic and we can have it after Gallery Gallop. Mary will go ahead and book the Avalon Manor for the 2014 Gold Cup Banquet.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2014, 6:00 P.M. at the Lake County Public Library – Griffith Branch.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 pm - Minutes submitted by Lisa Moreno.

COUNTY LINE ORCHARD 10MILER
 YOUTH 1M/APPLE DASH
 April 27, 2014



2014 BUDGET

INCOME PROJECTIONS

Sponsorship to-date:

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| Chicago Steel | 250.00 |
| R&P Restaurant Service Inc. | 250.00 |
| Valpo Soft Touch, Inc. | 100.00 |
| RLM, Inc. | 100.00 |
| additional sponsorships out | 500.00 |

1,200.00

Registrations approx

300 @ \$25.00

7,500.00

8,700.00

EXPENSE PROJECTIONS

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| Ashworth Awards finisher medals | 1,957.50 |
| Orchard Facility Rental, refreshments | 1,492.00 |
| Ashworth Awards division awards | 475.00 |
| Apple or Crown Awards OA/Master | 100.00 |
| Hodges Awards apple dash medals | 100.00 |
| TH Timing | 750.00 |
| Service Sanitation | 125.00 |
| Uhaul Rental | 125.00 |
| Vista print - Sponsor Banners etc | 200.00 |
| Misc Supplies: course prep/paint etc | <u>100.00</u> |

5,424.50 Expenditures

\$ 3,275.50

projected profit w/300 runners

Gold Cup Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2014

Attendees: Charlie White, Linda Murkve, Nora Fernandez, Carri Ables, Frank Johnson (Strider President), Jim Raymond, Tim Brown, Barb Hamner

Agenda

- Committee responsibilities
- Gold Cup Table responsibilities
- Criteria for Gold Cup races

Barb Hamner started the meeting by thanking everyone for accepting appointment. We proceeded to discuss the responsibilities of the Gold Cup committee which include: participating in the selection of criteria and races for the Gold Cup series and volunteering to work Gold Cup table at 2 races. Next, Gold Cup table responsibilities were explained (see attachment). Finally, talked about forming a facebook group.

Committee members were encouraged to introduce themselves at races and ask for feedback on the Gold Cup series. During the season, committee members will post ideas and member comments in the facebook group. We will meet later this season (date to be determined) to examine comments made throughout the year and use these to enhance the current Gold Cup race selection process.

Meeting was adjourned.

Committee Members: Karen Spoor, Charlie White, Amy Maciejewski, MaryJo Russel, Kevin Hitzeman, Sue Glass, Time Brown, Jim Raymond, Barb Hamner, Jack Hamner, Nora Fernandez, Linda Murkve, Tammy Bucko, Carri Ables, Frank Johnson (President), Robin Benson (Vice-President)

Gold Cup Table Instructions

Supplies

1. Table
2. Table cloth
3. Tent – if possible
4. Application rack
5. Future race applications
6. Race evaluations
7. Membership forms
8. Gold cup Premium
9. “I wore Striderwear” tickets
10. Clipboard for questions

Set-Up

1. Obtain table supplies from storage unit or Barb Hamner prior to race.
2. Arrive at race at least 1 hr. early for set up.
3. Set up table.
4. Stay at table until you need to get ready to run race.
5. Have fun running race.
6. After race go to table and stay there until after awards are given out.
7. Pack up table and return to Barb Hamner.

Instructions

1. **Must e-mail Jeff Mescal asap after race and provide info. for members that sign up. This includes Striders as well as Gold Cup. Also, send a courtesy e-mail if no one signs up. (mescal@netnitco.net)**
2. Beg people to fill out race evaluations!!! Return completed forms to Barb Hamner.
3. Pass out Gold Cup premiums. I have a list of people who still have not picked up gym bag for 2013. 2014 has not been determined yet. Make sure you cross people off the list after picking up item.
4. Members can fill out “I wore Striderwear coupons”. Return all coupons to Barb Hamner.
5. If anyone asks about becoming a Gold Cup or Sponsored race give them Barb Hamner’s (Gold Cup Chairman) contact info.
6. Barb Hamner’s contact info - e-mail: hamnercrownpoint@aol.com
7. Can not accept race applications that are not Gold Cup or Sponsored races.
8. Have fun talking to fellow runners.

Barb Address/Barb Cell

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]Any questions.....Do not hesitate to call

CALUMET REGION STRIDERS
2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Election Ballot certification

The undersigned do hereby certify the results of the Calumet Region Striders Board of Directors 2014 Election for the following offices.

TREASURER

- 1.) SEAN SCHUSTER 99
- 2.) NICOLE SCHEIDT 55

SECRETARY

- 1.) STEPHANIE CROOK ~~57~~ 103 RBM
- 2.) REBECCA KLAESER 103 57

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS

- 1.) CARRI MASSAU ABLES ~~82~~ 72 RBM
- 2.) DAVID RAINFORD ~~84~~ 84

GOLD CUP

1.) JOSE LOPEZ

76

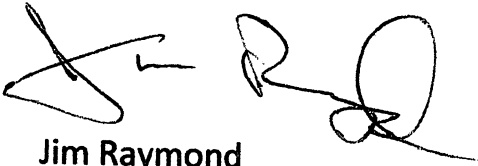
2.) BARB HAMNER

85

SOCIAL & SPONSORSHIP


1.) MARY MORENO

145



Jim Raymond
Chair, Nominations, By-Laws &
Disabled Runner Fund

Frank Johnson, President
Calumet Region Striders
Frank Johnson 2/1/14



Lisa Moreno, Chair, Publicity
N,B-L,DRF Committee Member

Robin L. Benson-Harvey 2/1/14
Robin Benson-Harvey,
Vice, President, Calumet
Calumet Region Striders
N,B-L,DRF Committee Member

Dated this 1ST day of ~~January~~, 2014.

February
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