

Calumet Region Striders
Board of Director's Meeting
January 12th, 2015
Minutes

Location: Deanna Grimes Home - Merrillville, IN

Robin Benson	President
Jose Lopez	Vice-President
Milagro Gonzalez	Treasurer
Carri Massau-Ables	Membership & Volunteers
Lisa Moreno	Public Relations
Beth Boyer	Youth Running Programs
Deanna Grimes	Adult Running Programs
Mary Moreno	Social Events
Barb Hamner	Gold Cup Series
Tim Brown	Nominations, Bylaws, & Disabled Runners
Pete Klaeser	Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:19 PM

Absent: None (Milagro Gonzalez attended via phone)

Guests: Heather Hobson – provided an update on the silent auction coming up at the banquet. Would like to send out an email blast for possible donations from Strider business people. Will need 25 copies of bid sheets. Concerned about the method of accepting charge cards for auction item purchase.

Motion by Lisa Moreno to purchase a credit card machine for up to \$50.00. 2nd by Beth Boyer. Approved by Board 9-0.

Motion to approve December (2014) minutes: Motion to approve minutes with corrections made by Deanna Grimes. 2nd by Jose Lopez. Approved by Board 9-0.

President's Report (Robin Benson) :

1. Ballots for elections have been mailed
2. Chicago Marathon Waterstop \$500.00 donation has been received.
3. RRCA 2000 Volunteer Hours Certificates received with patches.

4. I wore my Strider Wear tickets for the Banquet (will need certificates for the winners)
5. Quilt Raffle certificate to include expiration date

Vice President's Report (Jose Lopez):

1. Steve Kearney is running state-line to state-line for a disabled runner.
2. CARA has a Pat Rhodes volunteer award named the same as our volunteer award.
3. Will work on the website the next few weeks with Mike Wilson, Dave Chary, and Jose's brother-in-law.
4. Mike Wilson is willing to continue working on the website. We don't want to spend lots of money on the site.

Treasurer's Report (Milagro Gonzalez):

1. Membership Totals:

Total Households: 491

Total Members: 866

Total Gold Cup: 319

2. Funds

General Fund:

Jim Cox Fund:

Stevens-Hamilton Fund:

Available upon request.

Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser):

No Report

Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Barb Hamner):

1. Awards for the banquet have been ordered
2. Jackets: ordered – price of jackets were not in the original quote –so cost has come out over the originally budgeted amount.
3. Clydesdale/Athena: Weigh in rule change – participants in this category will need to weigh in three times over the Gold Cup season.
4. Elite Series: Rule change – All races in the series will be weighted equally.
5. GC Committee meeting: Dec. 13, 2014 Barb Hamner's home
Attendees: Barb Hamner, MaryJo Russel, Tim Brown, Kevin Hitzeman, Linda Murkve, Jose Lopez, Robin Benson, Beth Boyer, Lisa Moreno

2015 Gold Cup series races were discussed and chosen.

Long Distance series was discussed. Complete races and receive a recognition award.

Motion was made by Barb Hamner to approve the Gold Cup schedule of 35 races. 2nd by Tim Brown. Approved by Board 9-0.

Motion was made by Beth Boyer to adjust the ages for races for Jr. Strider points. Races with a 5K and a longer race will have 14 and under run the 5K and 15 and over will run the longer race. With races with a 5K and a 1 mile race will have 11 and over running the 5K and 10 and under will run the 1 mile race. 2nd by Deanna Grimes. Board approved 11-0.

Public Relations (Lisa Moreno)

1. GTM Order Status – we don't know when the online store will open. We are looking at other possible online stores. May look for a more local outlet in order to get better service.
2. Potential New Sponsors – Will meet with Select Physical Therapy. Another possible sponsor is concerned about the sponsor names being at the bottom of the website page. A website redesign could change the sponsor location.

Youth Runner Programs (Beth Boyer)

1. The Jr. Striders had a Pizza party last Saturday at Beggar's in Crown Point. During the meeting we recognized the 11/12 Girls team and handing out the 3rd place plaques they should have received at Nationals but did not due to a mistake in scoring.
2. I am planning a CPR training class in February for the Jr Strider coaches. I may have to schedule two of them to get everyone in. I will let the board know when they are planned. Will have at least one full class and maybe two.
3. There is a USATF Level one training class coming up in Illinois in mid-February. I have a couple of coaches that are thinking about attending. I have budgeted for 2 - 3 and will screen who requests going. Early bird ends January 30th and they know they will not get reimbursed until they attend and pass the test.
4. We will be having a coaches meeting in February or March to get ready for the 2015 track season. I will keep you informed
5. Will look into scholarships soon. Will check deadline dates and review last year's form.

Adult Running Program (Deanna Grimes):

X-tra mile is having a training for the Orchard run. (Deanna is working with them)

Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Tim Brown):

1. Motion by Lisa Moreno to revise the club constitution to fix typographical errors. 2nd by Beth Boyer. Board approved 11-0.
2. Motion by Tim Brown to adopt bylaws with the club constitution update corrections. (This is the 2nd vote and final vote). 2nd by Lisa Moreno. Board approved 11-0.

Membership and Volunteers (Carri Massau-Ables):

1. The Fun Run on De. 27th had 30-35 participants. The canned food collection went well. The after X-mas date for the Fun Run worked out well.
2. The Pat Rhodes volunteer award recipient has been chosen and will be presented at the banquet.

Social Events (Mary Moreno):

1. Still need to set up a date for the Space Learning Center Day. Will still try for a Friday or Saturday (best for families) but the center is pushing for Monday – Thursday times.
2. The Gold Cup banquet responses are coming in!
3. Reviewed the Banquet agenda and have made adjustments.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12th, 2015 – Lake County Library - Merrillville Branch

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM