

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

**Location:** Lake County Library - 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 6:21PM

Absent: Barb Hamner, Tim Brown

Guests: Sue Brown-Nickerson

Sue reminded us that the County Line Orchard Run never applied for the 5K run to be a Gold Cup run. The Gold Cup schedule currently lists the 5K as a Gold Cup run for Junior Striders. A motion was made by Deanna Grimes to eliminate the 5K Orchard race as a Gold Cup race and have the ten mile race as a Gold Cup for those 15 years and older. The one mile Orchard race will be a Gold Cup race for those 14 years and younger. Seconded by Lisa Moreno. Board approved 8-0.

Motion to approve January (2015) Minutes: Motion made by Lisa Moreno to approve the January, 2015 Minutes with one spelling correction. Seconded by Beth Boyer. Board approved 8-0.

**President's Report (Robin Benson) :**

1. Robin has passed on the Post Office box key to Jose Lopez and the Strider Club Checkbook to Milagro Gonzalez.

**Vice President's Report (Jose Lopez):**

1. Board members will need to sign the updated Strider Bylaws at the next Board meeting.

### **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: Available Upon Request

Stevens-Hamilton Fund:

### **Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser):**

No Report

### **Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Barb Hamner):**

1. My belief is we should support as many local races as possible as long as they do not conflict with Gold Cup. This is already reflected in the rules.
2. Had a member ask why minutes of Board meetings have not been posted on website. Website is under construction and will be updated soon.
3. Ringing in Spring - Is Clydesdale/Athena mandatory? According to T&H timing it's not possible because runners can switch from 10K to 5K. This discussion has been tabled until the March Board Meeting.

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

1. New Sponsors / Select PT request – Select Physical Therapy would like to offer free massages at some GC races. We cannot guarantee that the GC races will allow Select PT to offer the massages without paying a vendor fee. Will need to ask the race directors for permission.

Chanbo Sim has signed on as a Gold Sponsor for 2015.

2. Newsletters pick up from OE – Jose Lopez will pick them up.

3. Website duties – Need to consolidate the two websites into one. Working with Mike Wilson to get this to happen.

4. Teamstore with Marathon Sportswear – they came to the race directors meeting with samples. We are working with them as a possible vendor for club sales.

5. RunSignUp Presentation on 02/17/15 (at Rosatti's Pizza) – Will present their offerings – they offer much more than race registrations. Would be able to organize all club rosters and records.

6. RRCA Convention – Will be in Des Moines, Iowa this year. If Board members are interested, we need to know and submit registration soon.

7. Clarify memberships (Life Members/I Wore my Strider Wear Winners) – Life Membership and Strider Wear Winners only includes Club membership fees and not GC registration.

## **Youth Runner Programs (Beth Boyer)**

1. Coaches meeting planned for March 1 at Beggar's Pizza – Board members are invited.

2. Quilt raffle at Gold Cup Banquet - potentially discontinue - losing money

Beth Boyer made a motion to discontinue the quilt raffle at the annual banquet. Seconded by Deanna Grimes. Board approved 9-0.

3. Can we set up a separate youth fund to track program fees, donations? Milagro will produce a budget report for youth running.

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

1. Deanna Grimes made a motion to approve complimentary 2015 memberships for coaches working with the adult running program this year. They include: Becky Kreiger, Tom Little, Nicolette Huber, and Mark Langlois. Seconded by Mary Moreno. Board approved 9-0.
2. Hannah's Hope 5k, who applied for the Gold Cup circuit, wanted to know why they were not accepted as a Gold Cup race this year. Will need to have Barb Hamner respond to their inquiry.

### **Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Tim Brown):**

No report

### **Membership and Volunteers (Carri Massau-Ables):**

1. May wish to consider participating in the Spring into Action fair next year at Crown Point High School.
2. Contact has been made with the Strider member who wanted to be removed from our membership because he felt the club was unresponsive in the past (2000) to his concerns. An email letter has been sent to him and he has responded with appreciation.

### **Social Events (Mary Moreno):**

1. Hope to do the Banquet invitations online next year if the new RunSignUp system is used.
2. May change bands next year for the Banquet – may have a DJ instead.
3. Would like to add a club picture slide show next year.

## **Swearing in of New Club Officers**

President Robin Benson swore in the following elected new members to the Strider Board of Directors. All will be serving two year terms.

President – Jose Lopez

Vice President – Lisa Moreno

Public Relations – Deanna Grimes

Youth Running – Beth Boyer

Adult Running – Rosa Garcia

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 12th, 2015 (Lake Station Library)

**Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM**