

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

Location: Lake Station Library – Lake Station, IN

Jose Lopez	President
Lisa Moreno	Vice-President
Milagro Gonzalez	Treasurer
Carri Massau-Ables	Membership & Volunteers
Deanna Grimes	Public Relations
Beth Boyer	Youth Running Programs
Rosa Garcia	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 6:10 PM

Absent: Pete Klaeser. Carrie Massau-Ables, Beth Boyer

Guests: Anthony Comer-Hill (Recreation Supervisor) & Char Perez (Special Projects Coordinator) from the Calumet Memorial Park District, Calumet City, IL.

Anthony has been the race director for the Cal City Mini for 2 years. They would like to their race to be considered for the 2016 Gold Cup Schedule. They received many suggestions from runners on how to improve the race. In an effort to address the safety issues, they have hired AAA Rental System to provide safety cones and signs to make the course a little more visible to traffic. They have also appointed Paul Nowakowski as the race Security Coordinator who will have his own crew to handle traffic control at all intersections instead of utilizing the Calumet City police department. Anthony and Char also proposed providing additional Porta-Potties at various points throughout the course. They have also added a new timed 5k to their event. The Board appreciated their efforts to improve their race. The Board will have a Gold Cup Committee member run the half marathon and report back to the Committee.

Motion to approve February minutes: Motion made by Lisa Moreno to approve the February 12, 2015 with one spelling correction (“Hannah’s Hope 5k”). Seconded by Deanna Grimes. Board approved 8-0.

President's Report (Jose Lopez):

Jose reported that although he has authority to sign checks, he will not do so unless the Treasurer is unavailable. All payments should be made by the Treasurer only. Jose also recommended that the President and Vice President's reports should be last on the agenda going forward.

RRCA Convention: 4 board members (Jose, Lisa, Mary and Rosie) will attend the convention in Iowa and represent the club. Reservations have been made.

Website: Jose had a telephone conference call with Mike Wilson and Jeff Mescal and it was decided that Jeff would step down as webmaster and Mike Wilson will continue to do the race results and have the www.calstrider.org website redirected to the www.nwi-striders.org website to eliminate confusion and create less work. Jose has a telephone conference schedule with Mike Wilson and Winston Guray to discuss the best way to archive all the statistical data.

Vice President's Report (Lisa Moreno):

1. Strider Wear Teamstore: The new Strider teamstore has been launched. Members will have until March 20th to place an order before the teamstore is closed. This is a practice run to see how things go. Feedback from the Facebook page has revealed that the shipping costs are high. Marathon Sportswear has been contacted regarding this issue and it was explained that the shipping cost will vary depending on shipping location.

A motion was made by Lisa Moreno and seconded by Barb Hamner to place an order from Marathon Sportswear ordering two of each size of all available Strider Wear to be sold at the Gold Cup table. Lisa will handle the ordering and Barb has agreed to sell the Strider Wear at the Gold Cup Table. Board approved 8-0.

2. Potential Sponsors: Lisa was contacted by Michelob Ultra about potential sponsorship. Lisa wanted feedback from the board about having a beer company as a potential sponsor for the Elite Racing Series. Board members present were fine with it. Barb was fine with the idea as long as no beer logo appeared on any jacket given to a junior strider member.

Treasurer's Report (Milagro Gonzalez):

1. Membership Totals:

Total Households: 180

Total Members: 330

Total Gold Cup: 190

2. Funds (available upon request)

General Fund:

Jim Cox Fund: Information available on request

Stevens-Hamilton Fund:

Milagro has been in contact with Lauren from RunSignUp.com to set up online membership registration. Milagro will work with Lauren to help import the membership roster list.

Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser):

No Report

Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Barb Hamner):

1. Calumet City Half Marathon race director, Anthony Comer-Hill, requested to attend meeting and address the Board. [already reported under guests]

2. Vote to count all GC races for single points except Chicago Marathon (2 races/double points). Barb received an email from Mike Wilson stating that years ago, Fall Frolic was scored as 2 races. Barb wanted to clarification of this. Motion made by Barb Hamner that all races will be scored as single points except Chicago Marathon which is scored as double points. Seconded by Deanna Grimes. Board approved 8-0.

3. Received a message from a member expressing runners' concerns that the Chicago Marathon is now a lottery and cost has gone up. Because the 2015 Gold Cup season has begun, the Gold Cup Committee will review this concern for the 2016 Gold Cup season.

4. Discuss/vote to give credit for 1 GC race to runners who complete ANY marathon during the season (March1-Nov.7). No points will be awarded. Limit

marathon/season. This rule is void if a runner completes the Chicago Marathon (double points and 2 race credits).

5. 100 mile club: A new e-mail address has been set-up 100mileclub@calstrider.org to submit monthly mileage. Mike Wilson has set up 2 web pages: 1st page tracks runners mileage on a monthly basis and the 2nd page is a summary of total mileage from highest to lowest. All emails sent to that address will go directly to Mike Wilson and Barb Hamner.

6. Member asked if Strider Wear shorts will be available to purchase. Lisa reported that we will wait to see how the new teamstore goes. If all goes well, we can offer Strider Wear purchase maybe 2-3 times a year. That way we can offer a variety of clothing options for summer weather and fall weather.

7. 2015 Gold Cup premium. Everyone was encouraged to bring premium ideas to the April board meeting with the average cost being \$5.00 or less for each item.

Public Relations (Deanna Grimes)

1. Strider membership renewal. We need to stress that membership is from January – December not one year from the date you registered. In the past, we have offered 1/2 price membership for anyone who joins with less than 10 Gold Cup races left in the season.

Youth Runner Programs (Beth Boyer)

1. Can we set up a separate fund for the youth program since we are charging a program fee, I want to make sure we know what we have to work with and all of those funds are going toward the youth program. I would still submit a budget, etc. Milagro stated that all funds designated to youth program are deposited into the club's general bank account. At Beth's request, Milagro can produce a detailed report of all funds designated to the youth program.

2. As an FYI, we are planning a CPR training on March 22nd at Chesterton High School. We can only have 6-7 attendees and we should have that with the Jr Strider coaches. I will let you know if we plan a second one or if we have any openings.

3. We are planning to start track practices the first week in May

4. So far I have not received any scholarship applications - would it be possible to send an email blast out to members reminding them of the April 1st deadline. Deanna will send out a reminder email blast.

Adult Running Program (Rosa Garcia):

1. Training for 5k Munster Rotary Run. Rosie will like to offer a 5k training program with the target race being the Munster Rotary Run. Practice will start the 3rd week of April. We will have a call-out meet and Rosie will get a flyer together for the newsletter.

Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Tim Brown):

Mike Wilson sent an email to Tim and Jose regarding typographical discrepancies in the Bylaws. Tim will review the errors and report back at the next board meeting.

Membership and Volunteers (Carri Massau-Ables):

No Report.

Social Events (Mary Moreno): Mary is working with Tim Fealy about the Learning Center Family Science Night. Potential date will be June 13, 2015.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9th, 2015 (Lake County Library, Merrillville)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

