

# Strider Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2008

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**Board Members in attendance:** Whitney LaRocca, Miriam Terc, Lee Greb, George Moriarty, Steve Schroeder, Chip Maxa, Santos Hernandez

**Also in attendance:** Helen Grant, Kate Hallaway, Stacy Stepler, Lisa Ruthven, Jack Rubalcava, David Stadnick, Michelle Chang and Megan Clark-Dillingham

## Half Marathon Update

- Lisa and Stacy unveiled the first draft of the new Houston Half Marathon & Relay and asked for feedback.  
The price of the race is remaining the same.
- Board members asked if SMART members who also are Striders might receive a discount; Lisa and Stacy will consider. Lisa and Stacy suggested early opt-ins for the race from area Houston Fit programs receive a \$5 discount with coaches receiving a deeper discount; board approved.
- Online race registration will remain with SignMeUp.com
- There will be no mailing of packets, with special exceptions, as approved by the board; additional packet pick-up locations will be added this year  
A credit card machine will be available at packet pick-up locations
- RUN Houston Kids participants will receive discounted entry fees as approved by board
- Lisa and Stacy will explore finish camera options and research last year's vendor
- Lisa and Stacy are still investigating the use of the disposable chip for the race and will report findings after the RunWild 5K (first point of usage in Houston area)

## RRCA Convention Update

- Miriam passed out follow-up documents and information from the RRCA convention in May
- Race of the Quarter  
Race of the third quarter of the year is the RunWild 5K July 4 in Uptown Park

- Due to inconsistencies with the online poll for race of the third quarter, votes will be limited to two per family for subsequent polls

## Other Reports

### **Social Committee Report** (Kate Hallaway)

#### Holiday Party

- Kate provided early details for the annual holiday party and recommended the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, last year's party site
- Due the downtown location, the board unanimously approved covering the cost of valet parking for attendees

#### Astros Outing

- Due to low attendance in previous years, the Astros outing was eliminated from the Strider social calendar

### **Membership/stride4fun** (George Moriarty) –

- Due to inconsistency on multiple forms, a subcommittee met to standardize the club registration form and registration fees. The board approved a \$20 individual sign-up fee and \$30 family fee. Other membership designations were eliminated, but multi-year registration will be available for three years (\$60). Dave Stadnick will be assisting with membership and database issues.

## **HARRA**

- Helen reminded Lisa and Stacy to submit volunteer names for the HARRA VVIP awards.
- No other report.

## **Merchandising–**

- Miriam unveiled three possibilities for a new Strider singlet; feedback was given and a vote was tabled for further revisions.

**November Speaker Series** (Whitney La Rocca and Miriam Terc)-

- The board unanimously approved the Heights Fire House as the location for the November speaker series meeting with Suzy Favor-Hamilton as the invited speaker.

**Web site**

- Miriam reported that message boards and other options for the Web site to keep people connected are currently being explored.

**Finances**

- Taxes were filed for 2007 fiscal year
- A new CPA will be hired by the end of the year
- Club charter documents are currently being updated with the State of Texas

**Important Dates**

July 12: Next club novelty run

Aug. 12: Next formal member meeting