

Strider Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2009

By Kate Hallaway

Board Members in attendance: Miriam Terc, Barry Chambers, Andrew Keller, Terry Roberson, Chris Cornell, Dave Stadnick, Chip Maxa

Also in Attendance: Mark Coleman, Omar Sesay, Kate Hallaway

Board Member/Committee Chair Reports

President, Miriam Terc

- Miriam announced the appointment of Lee Greb as the new RRCA Representative for South Texas

Treasurer, Andrew Keller

- Financials were reviewed for the Houston Half Marathon and the Houston Striders.
- We are on target to meet our forecasted budget.
- 1000 additional HHM medals were ordered due to projected growth.
- The Houston Strider account is in an interest bearing account.
- On budget for the race of the quarter reimbursements which mean more members are taking advantage of it.

Vice President/Fall Series Corodinator, Barry Chambers

- Strider 10k/20k is right around the corner. Course will go back to original starting line off of Memorial Mews and is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2009.

Governance Committee, Megan Dillingham

- Megan has been working on updating the bylaws. They will be presented to the membership base during the November meeting for a final vote.

Program Director, Terry Roberson

- Distinguished Speaker Event will be held at the Cadillac Bar. Menu may consist of fajitas and margaritas if the budget permits.
- Jon Warren of Rice University will be the guest speaker and will discuss his running philosophy and special workouts.
- Jon loves questions so cards will be placed on tables so that members can fill them out with questions.

Membership, Dave Stadnick

- An account sheet was presented with membership information. Membership is rising.
- Big membership draws are Hilly Tuesday, Wednesday night runs, and boot camp.

XC Relay, Chip Maxa

- We currently have 16 complete teams signed up.
- Andrew suggested sending out the list to the members so that everyone can see who is running and who is available.

Volunteer Coordination, Chris Cornell

- Chris would like the board to consider making the equipment manager a paid position because there aren't enough volunteers.

Houston Half Marathon, Mark Coleman/Omar Sesay

- The chips this year will be disposable.
- Bibs are not in yet, being held up by Asics.
- We do not have a sports drink sponsor yet. Mark is working with Pepsi for sponsorship.
- Suggestion was made to look for a sponsor to cover the cost. .
- Mark to provide the board an estimated cost for the Gatorade if we don't secure a sponsor.

- Other suggestions were to buy the sports drink at cost directly from the distributor or to ask HEB to donate their generic brand.
- \$5.00 off was offered to Bay Area Fit and Katy Fit when we spoke at their location.
- Current total registered (excluding mailings) is 1207.
- Approximately 100 mailings have been uploaded.
- Over 200 registrations were received by mail (1081 for the ½ marathon and 25 for the relay).
- 657 runners requested packet mailings.
- Price increased to \$50 on 9/21/09.
- Miriam requested laptop set up at finish line for the announcers.
- Mark will meet with Parks Department after race to try to have the route changed next year.
- Parks Department would like to build a relationship with the Houston Striders before allowing race route through Memorial Park.
- Course will turn on Bagby this year. Mark will check to see if course has to be recertified.
- Dave requested description of relay for the website.
- Koala does not want to have packet pickup at downtown location this year due to security issues so it will be moved to Luke's Locker.
- Rosa Salang has agreed to solicit door prizes.

Other Business

- PIM – Miriam Terc asked Barry Chambers to see if she could speak at PIM when the next session ends.