

## **Santa Fe Striders (SFS) Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting**

Monday, September 16, 2024

Attendees: Svati Narula, Jenny Day, Loretta Dodson, Helen Wang, Ben Shulman, Therese Trujillo, Don Brown, Jes Wood

Start: 7:02pm

End: 7:49pm

Meeting Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from July that Ben sent out. Did we time the Angel's Kitchen Run? No, we did not. Motion to accept minutes by Don, and a second Svati.

Treasurer's Report: From Don, the Striders balance is up on the year significant, it's an inflated number because we haven't made any significant outlays in shirts, etc. It includes provisions for the Girls on the Run and Holiday Party. It excludes the Scholarship Fund. The Run Around is fully accounted for and it resulted in \$2600. What donation should we give to Girls on the Run? The Running Festival, net was \$7200, another \$1000 came in from the City of Santa Fe. So, \$8200 for the benefit of the Club to defray costs like insurance, holiday party, equipment. We'll probably have a net positive at the end of the year. What should we do with it? Running Festival was a big hit! Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Ben. Don will not be standing for Treasurer reelection, and so we're looking for a new Treasurer.

Membership Report: From Ben, we are starting to flatten out for the year. We are 335 members compared to 291 members last year at this time. Loretta needs help distributing shirts to new members when she's not in Santa Fe. With the membership, Helen brought up adding nonbinary to our membership form. This has been done. The other issue is for our races to acknowledge a nonbinary division. Loretta will do this for the Corrida and the Running Festival. Only three of our members have registered as nonbinary. Important to be inclusive even if it's a small population.

Land Acknowledgement and Commitment to DEI: Stephen Sweezey originally drafted the statement, and Helen edited the statement and added a map. If the BOD is comfortable with posting both statements and where we would place it. Helen suggests we add either add a tab to the website or once you navigate to the homepage, it could be listed under the "who are we". The BOD approves both the statement and the placement. Motion to approve and second.

Volunteers: Ben came up with proposal for volunteers. Do the volunteer incentives have to be managed by the Treasurer? Ben says that he can manage the volunteer incentive program in his capacity as SFS Membership Lead. Ben says that we should go with free membership for folks that volunteer at least twice per year. It could be a loss of up to \$750 to the Club, but this is a simple way of acknowledging service and getting volunteers for our program. It's important for this to be optional for members that want to pay for their membership. Each race director will need to send a list of volunteers after the race. Will go into effect in 2025. So at the end of 2025, volunteers will receive an email saying that they have free membership in 2026. Motion to approve and second.

Scholarships: Loretta was approached to include the Santa Fe Indian School in possible schools where students could be considered for a scholarship. Loretta had thought that this was a private school, but it's appropriate to include them. Motion to approve and second.

Holiday Party: Catering quotes were gathered, and we went with Posa's which is a Big T sponsor. Now we both have a caterer and venue (Santa Fe Women's Club). One issue we have is alcohol. Loretta contacted Kelly's and sent the information to Don. The quote includes two security guards, bartender, liquor license, and price per drink. Is it possible to bring our own drinks? No, the Santa Fe Women's Club requires a state-issued liquor license. Then we would also need to hire our own security guards.

Track at Desert Sage: Will Kessler reached out to Loretta with the concern that Santa Fe Public Schools have stopped maintaining the track at Desert Sage School. Looks like it needs to be rolled. Will SFS members write emails to officials so that it might stay open to the public? If someone will write a template, we could send it out to the SFS email list so members can send it in if we want to? Ask is to send letters to Santa Fe Public Schools and Mayor's Office. Loretta will communicate with Will and see what we can come up with. There are no bathrooms, which is a significant drawback. Loretta wants to help the City come up with a fitness plan, and maintaining infrastructure like this is important to the community. Contact City Counselor for this area?

Races: Updates

- **Big T**: It's on Sunday, October 13. We lost about 15 people who are not able to race on a Sunday. About half asked for a deferment and the other asked for a refund. Looking for over 200 races, great sponsors \$2000 from multiple
- **Santa Fe Snowshoe Classic**: Will be held on January 25, 2025. Whitney requested permission to purchase 200 beanies for \$9.40 hats plus tax and shipping. Approved.
- **Corrida**: Race will be March 1. Registration will open October 19. Jenny will have fliers to pass out at Big T.
- **Running Festival**: Apply for the Running Festival to be a State Cross-Country Event. It might get people to come to Santa Fe and participate in our races. If we put on a quality event, people may come back.

RRCA Runner Friendly Community: We were designated this status in Santa Fe! Loretta wants to hold a ceremony once we get the plaque. Loretta wants to hang the plaque at The Running Hub. Maybe hold something at both The Running Hub and the City Counsel to celebrate? Loretta may send something from The New Mexican or the Los Alamos news. Next step is to put the logo on website. It's good for four years, and then you need to reapply. The reapplication isn't as time consuming. Pretty exciting!

Race Director Handbook: Loretta and Svati made some changes. Keep it as a Google Doc and then save it as a PDF to send out to volunteers, so they can see what they're responsible for in preparing for race day.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for November or late October. Big thing is that we have elections coming up and information needs to be sent out to let members know what the ballot looks like. Think about if you want to stay in your position, so we can move forward.