

Santa Fe Striders (SFS) Members Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025

Attendees: Jenny Day, Loretta Dodson, Jim Owens, Don Brown, Therese Trujillo, Svati Narula, Tamika Gordon, Henry Klee, Jes Wood, Ben Shulman, Helen Wang

Start: 7:02pm

End: 7:41pm

Treasurer's Report: From Don Brown, Striders' balance is \$33,305 a +\$8,546 on year as of 12/31/2024. This excludes the scholarship fund. The largest contributor to the growth was the Running Festival which netted \$8,025 after all expenses. Well done, Loretta! The other events were approximately net-flat after donations to charity. Total donated in 2024 was \$24,900. The Holiday Party cost \$3,325 total, rough a \$1,500 savings over last year's event at Maria's for a similar number of people. A \$1,100 donation was made to the Shoe Scholarship Program was recorded in 2025 and doesn't appear in this set of financials. The Race Result System has been delivered. We are working with RRS to address an issue with the firmware in their decoder box. 50/50 on whether this system will work for the Snowshoe Classic. More details are available for anyone interested. Don Brown is happy to walk anyone through this. Motion to accept report issued by Svati, seconded by Jenny.

Membership Report: From Ben Shulman, we ended 2024 with 341 members. Right now, we're at 180 members for 2025. People are slow on re-upping memberships. Ben sent a reminder last week, and that seemed to spur many folks to re-up their memberships.

Elections: Loretta sent out 3-4 emails, and she had people respond via email to vote. Tamika Gordon is running for Treasurer, and Henry Klee is running for a seat on the BOD. There was a motion to accept the BOD, and everyone voted "aye" to accept. Emailed votes: Jim Owens, Mindy Reisinger, Svati Narula, David Simpson, Steven Dodson, Thomas Scott, David Hyun, Robert Fuerst, Tiago Stock and Jack Lippencott.

2025 SFS Board of Directors

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Survey: 35 responses, Ben shared some ratings of the weekly workouts: 4.1/5.0 Track Work, 4.3/5.0 Thursday Night Run, 4.2/5.0 Saturday Rail Trail Run, 4.5/5.0 Sunday Trail Runs. Suggestions are that there's a gap between those that want to go fast and those that want to go slow, and this isn't ideal. Many folks like post-run refreshments, are there more opportunities for informal social time? They'd like to see more variety in routes, particularly for the Thursday Night Run and Saturday Rail Trail Run. And some runners think the Sunday Trail Runs are too long and don't accommodate non endurance runners. General theme is more social time and figure out how to accommodate more paces. There were a few people that are willing to help with organizing runs. There are also suggestions for new group runs. There's a desire to replace track work Tuesday during the winter with a different type of run. There is a desire for a daylight run on Thursdays during the winter. And some folks would like another trail run during the week; a short trail run in Saturday could be a possibility. What about an early morning run on Friday suggested by Jenny Day? The most valuable thing we offer in the Running Hub discount, more varied responses on other benefits.

At this point, the membership meeting is concluded.

RRCA Guidelines: Important that everyone knows what the guidelines are, please read them when you can. We are required to have a conflict of interest signed. Loretta will send this out for people. Anyone that offers a kid event needs to have the "Safe for Sport". What is the cutoff? 18 and under. We need to do this every year.

Welcome to Tamika and Henry! Tamika will be taking over as Treasurer, and Don is transitioning this to her.

Holiday Party: It was \$1500 less than last year. The Santa Fe Women's Club gave us the option of not returning our deposit and booking for next year? We would book 12/13/25. We had about 4 tables that are empty. We had 90 RSVP, and 72 actually showed up.

Shoe Scholarship: Loretta has questions about the criteria. There are 11 schools eligible, but what if only 8 schools submit? We need to have a set criteria and guidelines. In the proposal, Therese put in the guidelines for the school coach to choose a runner to receive shoes. Therese can commit to five years, and it's not clear if The Running Hub will commit for five years. If we can do two pairs of shoes per school, one pair would go to the girls' team and one would go to the boys' team. How will the coaches select the runner, is it financial need? No, it's not financial need. The criteria are articulated in the proposal that Therese sent out, and Therese is going to send it out again for us to review. Svati, Jes, and Jenny all approve the criteria listed. Therese will talk with Stephen S. about The Running Hub's long-term donation plans for these shoes.

Good News / New Business: Running Festival has been selected as a state cross-country championship! The next goal is for Don Brown to consider a regional trail championship for Big T, which would present many challenges but could possibly be doable. Need a race director for Corrida for 2026.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for March, likely in-person when Loretta is visiting and the majority of the BOD are available. What are the goals that we'd like to see for 2025? Increase number of participants, other ideas?



January 23, 2025