

Santa Fe Striders Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2025 **Time:** 7pm MT **Attendees:** Loretta Dodson, Tamika Gordon, Jenny Day, Benjamin Shulman, Helen Wang

1. Approval of May Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the May meeting minutes
- **Second:** Received
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously

2. Treasurer's Report (Tamika)

- **Current Balance:** \$56,800+ (approximately \$23,000 over from previous year)
- **Runaround Race Results:**
 - Total registrations: 145 (including 11 race day registrations)
 - SECU sponsorship: \$5,000
 - Running Festival correction: Additional \$300 from Milagro Dental
- **Administrative Updates:**
 - Annual tax filing completed with Kevin
 - Upgraded from 990 postcard to 990 EZ filing due to exceeding \$50,000 income
 - Charitable registration renewal due end of month
- **Investment Discussion:** Board discussed setting aside funds for investment/high-yield savings to ensure financial stability for future events and scholarships
- **Motion:** To approve treasurer's report
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously

3. Membership Report (Ben)

- **Current Membership:** 295 members (vs. 208 last year)
- **Growth Trends:** Notable summer uptick, particularly after Thursday and Sunday group runs
- **Stretch Lab Update:** Monthly group stretches discontinued due to low attendance (2-3 people), but Stretch Lab continues \$250 sponsorship for Running Festival

4. Run Around Race Discussion

- **Race Director:** Jenny served as race director
- **Financial Summary:**
 - Total raised: Approximately \$11,315

- Net proceeds: ~\$7,000 to Striders
 - Girls on the Run participants: 158 registered
- **Operational Notes:**
 - Registration issues experienced on race day
 - SECU covered shirts, awards, and volunteer expenses
 - Future recommendation: Start time should be 7:30 AM instead of 8:00 AM
- **Motion:** To donate \$3,000 to Girls on the Run
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously
- **Future Planning:** Comprehensive discussion scheduled for August meeting regarding organizational structure and communication improvements

5. Running Festival Update

- **Date:** July 19
- **Registration Status:** Currently down ~10 registrations from same time last year
- **Insurance Requirements (New):**
 - City now requires \$2 million insurance coverage (increased from \$1 million)
 - Additional cost: \$167.09
 - Must include sexual abuse and molestation clause in endorsement
 - Most board members have completed Safe Sport training
- **Meeting:** Don meeting scheduled for Wednesday to discuss timing logistics with high school team

6. Big T Race

- **Registration Status:** Ahead of previous year's pace
- **Committee:** Ben, Stephen, and Don
- **Platform:** Using UltraSignup for registration
- **Insurance Check:** Will verify if county has additional insurance requirements

7. Group Runs

- **Morning Run Initiative:** Discussion of early morning group run led by Ben and Jenny
 - Preference for early start times (before work hours)
 - Recommendation to have co-leader for consistency
 - Focus on accessible locations (Rail Trail, St. John's trail heads)
- **Sunday Trail Run Inquiry:** Received beginner-friendly inquiry
 - Determined current trail runs not suitable for beginners due to elevation and technical terrain
 - Suggestion to create separate slower-paced groups when possible
- **Community Platform Discussion:**
 - Plans to create Google Groups forum for member communication
 - Will allow members to organize informal runs and connect with others
 - Chosen as alternative to Facebook groups to maintain email privacy

- Ben to implement and manage platform

8. Scholarship Committee

- **Meeting:** Sunday at 2:00 PM
- **Committee:** Loretta, Jess, Therese, Nathan, Jonathan, Stephen
- **Board approval by phone:** Tamika, Helen, Jen,
- **Applications:** 7 complete applications received (from 9 initial inquiries)
- **Funding Available:**
 - Corrida Race: \$5,000
 - Helen Ann Phillips Inspiration Scholarship: \$1,000
 - Phillips Family (announced at Holiday dinner): \$1,000
 - Awaiting confirmation from Griswold Foundation
- **Milestone:** This marks the fifth year of the scholarship program

9. Running Guide Project

- **Status:** Near completion with June 30 deadline
- **Contributors:** Ben (trails), Helen, Svati (editing), Loretta
- **Content:** Three Galisteo trails to be added
- **Safety Features:** Includes seasonal considerations, weather warnings, and difficulty ratings
- **Final Steps:** Photo collection and final review with city representatives

10. Annual Picnic Planning

- **Status:** Previous celebration plans for John have been completed separately
- **New Plan:** Organize regular Striders annual picnic
- **Timing:** Third or fourth weekend in August
- **Venue Options:**
 - City pavilion (Fort Marcy or similar) - checking with Tom Miller
 - Zocalo community clubhouse option (\$150) - checking with Eric
- **Format:** Potluck style with club providing main dishes

11. New Business

- **Future Race Ideas:** Discussion of potential short trail race (4-5 miles) for club events
- **Project Management:** Board discussion about workload distribution and volunteer coordination for future projects

Next Meeting

Date: August 18th **Time:** 7:00 PM