SFS Striders Membership Meeting

<u>Date</u>: Monday, January 8, 2024

<u>Attendees</u>: Loretta Dodson, Don Brown, Jes Wood, Jennifer Day, Jim Owens, Sheila Van Cuyk, Svati Narula, Helen Wang, Ben Shulman, Therese Trujillo

<u>Meeting Minutes</u>:
- **Election Meeting**: An email was sent out to the membership, and members responded back *(see list below).* Everyone voted yes for all or a portion of the ballot. Everyone has been confirmed.
- **Treasurer's Report**: Balance is $47,759, up $30,229 for the year. Most of this is earmarked for the scholarship fund ($29,000) to be allocated over the next ten years. $6,000 reserved to purchase a chip timing system. The holiday party outlays were approximately $4800, including awards for Striders' volunteers and Strider of the Year. This equates to roughly $50 per person and includes the 20% gratuity. Chip system alternatives: Race Results System approximately $5800 after shipping; An alternative RFID system approximately $2800.
- **Chip Timing**: Jim Owens discussed the RFID system, through Atlas RFID, sell systems to lots of different types of people. System is used for tracking things, inventory, etc. Can also be used for race tracking, a do-it-yourself approach. Jim believes that it's fine of SFS buys a "canned" system, but you end up spending more than you need to. The Atlas RFID system he is proposing would allow more flexibility than other systems. A downside is that race directors might be responsible for adhering chips to the bibs, and Jim argues that Atlas RFID can sell these. Loretta wants to know what happens if there's a problem, how quickly will we get help? Don asks what is the data that comes out of the Atlas RFID system? Jim says that it's a number and a time, an input to an Excel spreadsheet. Helen says that Atlas RFID wasn't included in the list of products that is widely used, and it's not clear that Atlas RFID is easy to learn and set up. Webscore is the software we'd use for data management/presentation. Cost is $100/year, and there's a free version you can use for five participants. Loretta said that we're interested in looking for a new timing system because the current timing system isn't meeting our needs. Is this Atlas RFID going to meet our needs, particularly if we're using the same software we're current using? Ben wants to define exactly what our Chip Timing budget includes. How do you factor in the "hassle factor" issue which can be disempowering for new people to participate in timing? We need to lower the barrier to entry. When do we need to make a decision? We would like to do a test run on Corrida de Los Locos, and we need to order things, plan/prep, etc. at least 30 days in advance. Ben votes that we try out the fancier system (presumably easier-to-use system) at Corrida de Los Locos for $260 and make a decision from there.
    - **References**: (see notes)
        - https://www.webscorer.com/resources/tutorial-videos
        - These are Webscorer videos. I haven't looked at them yet

- RRS has a similar suite of videos. I looked at their software, it seemed fairly intuitive but built on old architecture.
- https://www.raceresult.com/en-us/home/index.php
- **Minutes**: Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Don, seconded by Sheila. October and November meeting minutes are approved.
- **Chip Timing**: Board approved renting the Race Results system for Corrida de Los Loco to try out the system.
- **Personal Locator Beacon for Trail Runs**: We need to find a system that we want to aid in the safety for our trail runs. There are essentially three categories: true personal locator beacons (you hit a button, nothing else), two-way SOS button, and there are the newest iPhone where you have two-way communication. There is some debate about whether iPhone satellite network is as good as inReach. Ben recommends using a true PLB because many of our runs are fairly close to where we have cell service. Ben doesn't recommend the two-way PLB because logistics are more complex for a club application. For the true PLB, it's the cheapest option, it is a good match for our needs, and we'd only need to replace it every seven years. The two-way PLB is $140/year, plus $400 upfront. The true PLB is $300-something once every seven years.
  - Jes and Don motion to purchase the true PLB as Ben recommends. Board approved. We will proceed. What about requirements for trail run group leaders to carry their own mobile phones?
- **Santa Fe Athletic Company**: Will offer $50 memberships, and a 20% discount on 5, 20 or 15 class pass. Loretta will follow-up with a timeline for checking yearly.
- **St Johns Participation**: Will we offer them a discount on the race registration fee on Corrida? And we would also ask them to provide volunteers to help with the race. Don thinks that as long as they give us volunteers, that it's fine to give a small discount – however, our races are already so inexpensive, we shouldn't be further discounting.
- **Safe Sport**: Group leaders, Running Class coaches and RD's need to do 25-minute video with test. Relevant for situations where we have group events with participants under the age of 18.
- RRCA **Runner Friendly City**: Deadline to apply are July 1 and November 1. Svati and Helen might be great at helping with the application process.
- **Corrida de Los Locos**: We need to post the race registration link, Don will help by sending the link to Loretta.

Members who approved ballot for 2024 Elections:
Carolyn Reeves
Jim Owens
Vinnie Kelley
Simon Miera
Dick Rodrigquez
Jack Siegel
Michael Furlanetto
Jack Lippncott

Scott Reeves
Beth Johnson
Melissa Barbara
Steven Dodson
Robert Fuerst
Sheila Van Cuyk
Helen Wang
Liz Sponagle
Alice Barthel
Claire Bowen
Mark Vanderlinden
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