

## SFS Striders Membership Meeting

Date: Monday, June 17, 2024, 7:00pm

Attendees: Loretta Dodson, Don Brown, Jes Wood, Svati Narula, Helen Wang, Ben Shulman, Sheila Van Cuyk, Jennifer Day

### Meeting Minutes:

- **April Minutes:** Reviewed. Motion to accept minutes (Ben), everyone in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Balance is \$26,195, up \$1,436 for the year. This includes unrealized items including \$6k reserved to purchase a chip timing system, \$6k reserved for Scholarships, and \$1.5k reserved for donation to SF Search & Rescue (check written but not cashed). This does not include the Winter Party and RRCA fees.
  - **Santa Fe Run Around:** Don't have finals yet for this event. SECU donation expected to be \$5k, but we haven't received it yet. There may be an outstanding expense for the "volunteer" expenses. Big expenses were police, southwest safety, and city permit.
  - **SECU:** Charging us an inactivity fee, \$20/month?
  - **Vanguard:** Does the board want to place extra cash into a Vanguard money market account? We have extra cash in our operating account at Century. Ben motioned to approve, Sheila seconded.
- **Membership:** Individuals are at 307 members (last year we had 261 members at this time). Thursday runs are huge, 20-30 people per run! Mary would like someone else on the board to help with membership, Ben volunteered.
- **Chip Timing:** Don ordered the system, and it's on backorder. It might come in November. The back-up plan is to order the old system if the new system is not ready by 2025 Run Around.
- **Track Workouts:** Going well. We paid the fees for this year, dates are set. \$1.3k fee.
- **Initiative to have Santa Fe designated as an RRCA Running Friendly Community:** Submitted! We submitted 6 letters, including the mayor, SECU, the city council, Loretta, etc. Deadline was July 1, so we should hear back after that.
- **Promotional Cards:** Loretta has draft examples.
- **Races**
  - Corrida: We need a race director and committee members. Loretta has gotten several members to volunteer as committee members.
  - Run Around: It's done! Timing was a scare and then it was wonderful. Minor error at the front, and then figured it out. SECU had high hopes that they would have 20 vendors, but they only had 4 vendors. The firetruck went to the wrong location. Issue with Bishops Lodge access for local drivers. Perhaps opportunity to communicate with locals better. The volunteers we paid for that were supposed to direct traffic, were not directing traffic. The police said they weren't doing their job. The "rabbit" biker missed a turn and the lead pack ran an extra 0.3 miles, and there were hard feelings. The bathrooms were supposed to be opened, and they were not opened. Barbara is aware. Big discussion is do we

want to stay on the Plaza? It's so expensive, and traffic is tricky. Loretta received an email complaint from UNM about the failure of the biker to make the turn. He was also concerned about the safety. Another member complained about missing a turn. Tom Miller (City of Santa Fe) is wonderful to work with, suggested Alto Park. Railyard is a great alternative for the location, only scary road crossing is at Baca (have multiple police officers). SECU would need to approve. We need to have a "Plan B" that's not a road race in case the police are not willing to support the Santa Fe Run Around in the future. Who would be responsible for the safety plan in this scenario?

- Running Festival: We have 39 people registered, ahead of where we were last year. The Moriarity High School team may come up to participate, Loretta is working on a reduced rate and reaching out to other high school teams. Sponsorship is going well.
- Big T: Registration is open! They have 25 people so far. It's going to fill up this year, 250 max. Don plans to allow for 10% overage because a lot of people DNS. Dustin had hoop dancers come in last year and a blessing from Jemez Pueblo, hope to repeat that this year.
- **Santa Fe City**: Loretta will work with economics POC to make Santa Fe a "running destination" in July/August.
- **Scholarship**: Deadline was May 20, seven applicants (all female), and we meet on June 23 to select a winner. Around 3-3:30 on Sunday, need someone from the board to approve. We then immediately contact the recipients. We do awards on August 8 Thursday run. We will establish the size of the award. We may issue 4-5 prizes at a cost of \$2.5k or less. HelenAnne's prize would be \$1k. Anne and Nathan resigned from committee, Stephen will be on the Scholarship Committee for next year taking Anne's place, and Johanna may take Nathan's spot on the committee for next year.
- **New Business**
  - Zozobra Run possibility? Anyone hear from Zozobra Committee about doing a run? Possibly a small run that already exists around that time.
  - New members: Loretta will be emailing new members to see if anyone wants to participate in the Running Festival committee.
  - Holiday Party: We need to start looking at the Holiday Party planning, any venue ideas? Need venue that accommodates 125 people (last year we had 80). Ideas might include venues that could be rented and then have catering (possibly might require paying for security)? Maria's is an option, but it was \$40/person (not great value, doesn't have vegan options). Neptune Event Space on Canyon Road, would require catering. SITE Santa Fe (Jenny will follow up), Railyard, Gerald Peters Gallery, Masonic Temple (Don will follow up)
  - Summer Party: August 17 at the Lumley's house in Pecos.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.