Florida Striders Board Meeting

Orange Park Library

September 10, 2019

**Members present:** Jon Guthrie Scott Showalter Julia Wolfe

Kathy Murray Sara K. Guthrie Amy Bonnette

Michele Pelham Perry Pelham Bill Krause

Ann Krause Mike Mayse Scott Hershey

**Members absent:** Cari Holbrook George Hoskins David Bonnette

Dave Allen Shelly Allen Kim Lundy

Vicky Connell

**Guest:**  Suzanne Baker

Jon Guthrie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and approval of August 13, 2019 Minutes.

Officer and Chair Reports:

**President – Jon Guthrie**

Card for Kim Lundy whose mother recently passed away was given to members to sign.

We had 24 new Facebook likes last month. Please invite friends to like. Keep the information out there.

**Treasurer’s Report - Bill Krause**

Our beginning cash balance as of August 1 was $37,758.68 and our ending cash balance as of August 31 was $35,966.36.

August income was $525.29 which included Amazon Smiles and memberships.

August expenses were $2,317.61 which included yearly mailbox rental fee, PayPal fees, partner meeting, storage, website, donation to Marathon High, and Heartland partnership funds distributed to race accounts. This was a loss of $1,792.32.

Certificate of Deposit account balances totaled $61,945.03 as of August 31.

Our net worth as of August 31 was $104,311.91 compared to $96,800.31 last year, reflecting an increase of $7,511.60.

We had a great year with races.

**Social – Amy Bonnette**

We had 15 team members attend the movie Overcomer and go to dinner. This was a very successful social.

Coming up will be Brewers Pizza on Blanding. No date has been set for this yet.

The Evergreen Pumpkin Run will be October 27 and the Community First Distance Classic on Thanksgiving will have the Strider tent there for fellowshipping.

December the Striders will have the annual Christmas party at Haskell.

Cooper River is a Destination Run for the Striders. This will take place on April 4, 2020. Six runners have signed up thus far. There will be a group dinner to plan more on this Destination Run.

Jennny’s Pennies will be October 6 at Clark Park.

**Running Team – Shelly Allen**

No Report.

**Wednesday Track – Dave Allen & Vicky Connell**

No Report.

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**Membership- George Hoskins**

No Report.

Old Business:

**Hog Jog – Mike Mayse and Suzanne Baker**

This year the Hog Jog will have high school teams. Suzanne is experienced in this as she is a cross country coach at Fleming Island High School. They will not receive a medal or shirt, but will receive a team trophy for the winning team.

The cost will be $100.00 per team. According to Mike this is a fair price. Teams can invite families to run. Team members and families of team member only can run.

Team will sign up separately. Runners can participate as a team member or an individual only.

There will be a membership tent. Also, race flyers and a sign-up for the next two Strider races. Signing up now will get the runner a $5.00 discount on each of the two races.

Mike has also asked for volunteers to participate at Ham Jam with our tent offering the same as is being offered at Hog Jog.

**Fall Running Class – Vicky Connell**

Sign-ups are slow at this time. Time is running out and we need more participants. Class to start on September 25.

**Mileage Competition for Club Members – Perry & Michelle Pelham**

The Mileage Competition to start October 1. Participants will need a Garman Connect. This will record mileage and will be added to Age Group Spreadsheet. A poll was taken and everyone replied does have a G. C.

New Business:

**New Member Social – Scott Showalter**

Scott would like to have a new member social, probably quarterly. His thought is that the new members could meet at a sponsor location. Vaughn Motors is a potential sponsor for the first social. As of now we have 75 new members this year. They, along with board members would be invited. After a 5k, there would be refreshments, a meet and greet, and a question and answer time. Scott to let us know the date and time. This should also help with sponsor relationships.

**Club Run /Social – Sara Guthrie & Amy Bonnette**

Sara explained about a fun social to be held in the near future. This would be called the Amazing Strider Run. This is a takeoff of the television show “The Amazing Race.” We would like to keep to a maximum of 20 for the first time. On their run, they would be given envelopes telling them where to go next. We will also need a few volunteers. The cost would be $5.00 per person. This would go toward the refreshments that would be had after the run. The winner would receive a prize. They would run in on a red carpet with cheerleaders cheering.

**Website – The Driven**

The website committee has met on several occasions with representative from The Driven to study what this could do for our club. The committee recommends that we transition to their service. It will save us time and money. A motion was made and seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote. More on this next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara K. Guthrie, Secretary

**Upcoming Events:**

Run 4 Recovery 5K 9/14/2019 supporting Mike Martinez project

Fall running class begins Wednesday, 9/25/2019

COJ Senior Games Track and Field 10/5/2019

Jenny’s Pennies 10/6/2019

October BOD meeting 10/8/2019

Evergreen Pumpkin Run social 10/27/2019

November BOD meeting 11/12/2019

Hog Jog 11/16/2019 Van Zant Park

Thanksgiving Distance Classic Social 11/28/2019

December BOD meeting 12/10/2019

Holiday Party at Haskell 12/15/2019

Resolution Run 1/11/2020

January BOD meeting 1/14/2020

February BOD meeting 2/11/2020

Gate River Run 3/7/2020

March BOD meeting 3/10/2020

Angry Tortoise 25K / 50K run 3/14/2020

St Paddys Run and social 3/15/2020

Destination Cooper River Bridge Run – Charleston, SC 4/4/2020

April BOD meeting 4/14/2020

Run to the Sun 4/18/2020

Annual Strider Picnic 4/26/2020?

Memorial Day 5K 5/25/2020

Strider Cruise (June date TBD)