

Calumet Region Striders

Meeting Minutes Feb. 12, 2026

In attendance: Cecilia Bernal, Ed Caccavale, Matt Downs, Renee Martin, Jamie Miller, Vincent Rinas, Karen Spoor. Guest- Lisa Caccavale

Absent: Suzanne Bukur, Patrick Dever, Barb Hamner, Sherry Martin

Ed Caccavale called meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Informed by Ed that Patrick Dever is stepping down from board – member at large position. Will need to fill with a member for one year commitment. Will discuss and decide by next month's meeting.

Swearing in of the new voted in board members: Cecilia Bernal- treasurer, Renee Martin-Member at Large, Vincent Rinas-Gold Cup Chair, Karen Spoor- Secretary

Discussion to make change to the 80 and older age group requirement for Gold Cup Races to drop the requirement for completion of the series to 5 races (similar to the youth requirement).

Still need Gold Cup fees for the following races: Cinco de Mayo, Trail Run xtreme, Nick Schultz, and Earth Day run- was sponsored race and switching to gold cup

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta will be held Sunday May 3rd,2026 at noon – Wicker Park, Highland

Cecilia provided updated financial report. Requests that we get a more accurate count for the banquet for future years and not just use "200 attendees" as the standard. The club paid for dinners that were not necessary. Also, request was made to not pre-pay for events such as Gold Cup directors meeting in the future as it was not well attended and could have saved money by ordering at time of event. Someone recommended to send reminder email close to event and possibly ask for an RSVP. Cecilia also recommended the club buy CDs with some of capital fund to get interest in investment to help keep club and Gold Cup dues down.

Matt provided updates on junior striders. We have not had any candidates for Jim Cox Scholarship apply so far. Indiana University Northwest team wants a volunteer opportunity and considering helping with Friendship 5k and/or help with Jr. Striders practice.

Friendship 5k, park special event application filed and will go to the park board, plan for Rohrman Park with possible Illiana Speedway loop. Lisa will look into pricing for possible visor as race premium for Friendship race.

Junior Striders participating in Kids Fit 500 during winter running program, will have opportunity to participate in Delta Dental 5k on May 2nd during Mini- marathon festival.

Concern expressed over St. Patrick's Running with Irish race since bridge is under construction. Vincent will reach out to race director.

Next meeting will be March 12th,2026- Park Tower in Merrillville @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 by Ed Caccavale