

Calumet Region Striders

Meeting Minutes March 12, 2026

In attendance: Cecilia Bernal, Matt Downs, Barb Hamner, Sherry Martin, Vincent Rinas, Karen Spoor

Absent: Suzanne Bukur, Renee Martin, Jamie Miller

Karen called meeting to order at 6:09 pm. President Ed Caccavale reached out earlier in week to board and resigned his position. Karen provided meeting minutes from Feb 12, 2026 meeting. Motion to accept by Cecilia and 2nd by Matt. All in agreement.

New officers were sworn in by Karen. Barb Hamner and Sherry Martin- Members at Large

Barb discussed wanting to have board meeting minutes published on emails so all can see. She is also requesting that an agenda be prepared before meetings so we have order at the meetings. Info that needs included on the agenda should be sent to Karen 2 days in advance of next meeting. Requesting that we plan monthly meetings and decide one week prior if meeting is necessary. Group discussed possible later start time for meetings.

Barb made a motion to appoint Vincent Rinas as President. 2nd by Matt. Vincent would accept president position if he could transfer position of Gold Cup chair to another member. All present board members in agreement. Jamie Wolfe had previously voiced interest in the Gold Cup Chair and Vincent made a motion we should invite her to be Gold Cup Chair, motion was 2nd by Barb and all board members present in agreement. Reached out to Jamie Wolfe via phone during the meeting and she accepted.

Vincent was sworn in as President by Karen and he then took over the meeting. Jamie Wolfe was sworn in as Gold Cup Chair via facetime by Vincent. Current location of Gold Cup table stuff at Aaron and Emily's- they are bringing to St. Pat's race.

Cecilia provided financial report. Update from last meeting: Nick Schultz-paid and Earth Day-paid. Still waiting on Gold cup fees from Cinco de Mayo and Trail Extreme. Need to get second signer switched at bank to Vincent. Need to arrange time with Ed to do switch over.

Vincent discussed changing the overall jacket winners to maybe after second win we get them patches for the previous jacket. This would be more like a cumulative jacket to showcase your years of awards.

There is a race in Muncie that wants to be on the schedule for the sponsored races. Will see how interested they are in this. Also, Sponsored races need address changed to where to send the applications and fees to. Gold Cup chair to find a sponsor race person to help out as needed.

Matt discussed that Jim Cox application is open until April 1st. Currently only one applicant. Winter running going well, some new families and potential for growth. Looking for volunteer(s) to help with youth runs. 5:30pm Mondays at Fleet Feet and 5:30pm Wednesdays @ Lincoln Center in Highland until April 11th. IU cross team coach reached out to offer some assistant for future events. Kids Fit 500 is May 24th – 3 families signed up. Motion made by Karen to cover Coach Matt's hotel in Indy for event. Motion 2nd by Vincent and all in favor.

Summer track to start after Memorial Day – options include using Wheeler HS – they have events weekly in summer. Also, we have permission to use Illiani High School track one night a week and Crown Point community track can be used as an alternative. We will be planning events with Highland Parks, catholic schools and the All- American mile.

Friendship Run-Possible Location 1- Rohrman Park- can't do speedway run- not possible. Cost \$300, can't do a Wednesday – not available due to other events at park. Location 2 as possibility is Robinson Lake in Hobart. Fee \$300 with need for police for traffic and insurance coverage. There would be a concern over parking at this location. Lisa is looking into race premium of a visor for race.

We need to fill Member at Large position vacated by Patrick Dever. Jamie Miller nominated Marialena Dominguez and Matt nominated Lisa Stetler. Vincent will reach out the both and verify they are interested and will have a vote with board members via email.

Next meeting will be April 9th at Porter County library in Valparaiso at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm by Vincent Rinas.