

Calumet Region Striders

Meeting Minutes July 9, 2026

In attendance: Cecilia Bernal, Marialena Dominguez, Matt Downs, Sherry Martin, Vincent Rinas, Karen Spoor, Jamie Wolfe

Absent: Suzanne Bukur, Barb Hamner, Renee Martin, Jamie Miller, Lisa Stelter

-Vince called meeting to order at 6:36 pm and previous meeting minutes provided by Karen. After review, Matt made a motion to accept minutes and 2nd by Sherry. All in favor.

-Vince shared that Ed and him went to storage unit and transferred name on unit, he was unable to secure a lower rate for the monthly rent. The unit actually will be going up in price to \$183 per month on Aug 1st, 2026. This is a 10x10 unit. Jamie W. started pricing other nearby units and we are discussing moving the contents to a cheaper unit nearby- possibly Hobart or Portage.

-Mile 5 Chicago marathon volunteer table at Extra Mile event went well, was able to get word out with some flyers, just waiting for sign-ups to open. Seems to have a lot of interest.

-Need to discuss in advance transporting strider stuff to/from the races- we are ok until after the zoo run, but other races still need a volunteer.

-Financial report was shared by Cecilia and reviewed. Signed contract with tempo timing for 5k and invoices are pending.

-Matt shared current Jr. Striders info. The summer run program registration is currently closed. The kids enjoyed racing in the All-American Mile and 2 track meets for fun. There was a beat the coach competition in which 5 kids beat Coach. These kids will receive a special prize. Currently planning an end of the season pizza party.

-Matt announced we have 2 new sponsors for the Friendship Run- The Tuesday Brew Crew and Robinson Engineering. Also, Culvers will be donating up to 150 single scoop coupons and the scoopie mascot will be on hand at the race to pass them out. In addition, the Jr. Striders will plan an ice cream fundraiser event at local Culvers that same week where the Jr. Striders will receive a portion of profits if they hit a minimum sales amount. Currently looking for a donor for water bottles for the Friendship race event.

-Matt will go to Crown Trophy to look for awards and trophies for Friendship Run.

-Marialena added that she is currently working with Bylaws Committee on the verbiage for Bylaws and updates.

Next Meeting is tentatively planned for Aug. 13, 2026 in Merrillville at Robinson. This meeting may be not necessary and may be cancelled. Will follow up in week prior.

-Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:29pm by Sherry and 2nd by Jamie W. All in Favor.