

Calumet Region Striders

Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026

In Attendance: Cecilia Bernal, Marialena Dominguez, Sherry Martin, Jamie Miller, Vincent Rinas, Karen Spoor, Jamie Wolfe

Absent: Suzanne Bukur, Matt Downs, Barb Hamner, Renee Martin, Lisa Stelter

-Vincent called meeting to order at 6:41 pm and previous meeting minutes (May 14th meeting) provided by Karen. After review, Cecilia made a motion to accept minutes and 2nd by Jamie W. All in favor.

-Vince discussed that he attended the Schererville Council meeting and got approval for Aug. 3rd for the Friendship Run at Rohrman Park. The Council has agreed to waive the fee for the event (for this year only). We will need to pay a \$250 deposit for the park use – still needs to be done.

-A second debit card has been issued for Vince for bank transactions. Cecilia has 2nd card. Still need to get name switched for storage unit, Ed will need to go to the storage office. Vincent will try to see if they will lower the monthly cost at this time storage unit as new renters are getting a much better deal or we might have to consider a cheaper place.

-Jamie W. assured the board that the Brickyard race will have a brick award for the Athena and Clydesdale categories. There will be no Strider table at the American Mile race. Race evaluations for the American Mile race can be filled out online or the following day at the Fly the Flag Race.

-Cecilia provided the financial report. We are currently waiting on new checks for the new bank acct. Checks for the Jr. Striders acct have also been ordered. Pierogi Stumble applied for sponsored race.

-Mile 5 Volunteer table set-up for Extra Mile event with Carey Pinkowski on Sat. June 20th- need representation at table. Suzanne plans to take the table and Vincent will create a flyer with Mile 5 volunteer information to share.

-Marialena has created a Bylaws committee to update current bylaws that need changes. Sue Brown-Nickerson, Marialena Dominguez, Steven Bugarin and Cecilia Bernal are on committee. A recommendation to add that the president does vote for any/all proposals that need to go to vote. It was discussed that even the RCAA has an even number in their board and if there is a tie when a vote is used, it stays as a tie and motion does not pass. The motion may be amended and may revote with new motion. This is something we can add to bylaws. Also, will discuss further re: president voting on motions/proposals.

-Karen shared Jr Striders info provided by Matt. Summer running/track season registration is still open. Meets are June 11th, 18th, 25th. The Jr. Striders will participate in American Mile and Friendship Run also. Practices are Mondays and Thursdays @ 5:30pm at CP School District Building- former Taft. 21 athletes are signed up and flyer has been posted on socials. \$100 Strider wear has been sold to incoming athletes also. Charlie White will be assistant coach.

-From Matt, request was made to Robinson (his employer) to sponsor Friendship Run- waiting on reply. Also, June 3rd Global Running Day – good turnout, raised \$1000 for the Jr. Striders and Girls on the Run. Next year will bring marketing swag and snacks.

-Next Meeting will be July 9th, 2026 at Valpo Library @ 6:30 pm

-Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:31 pm by Karen, 2nd by Jamie W, All in favor.