

**SILK CITY STRIDERS**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 17, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The board meeting was held at Sue Leslie's house, 175 Wood Pond Road, South Windsor, and was called to order at 2:12 p.m. by co-President Sue Leslie.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

- A. Present: MaryLou White (co-President), Sue Leslie (co-President), Rick Chromik (Vice President), John Sloan (Treasurer), Mike Fromerth (Secretary), Bekkie Wright
- B. Absent: Dani Kennedy, Mitch Bielenda, Cathy King, Karen Saunders, Keron Smith

**III. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- A. Minutes from the previous meeting held on February 26, 2011 were unanimously approved.
- B. Secretary will email February minutes to Bill Schwarz for posting.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A. 48 paid memberships for 2011.
- B. 13 new members for 2011.
- C. 87 listserv members; however, the list is not up-to-date, contains known duplicates and several unpaid members.
- D. Current treasury balance is \$1,236.90.
- E. Report approved unanimously.

**V. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS & APPAREL REPORT**

- A. Sue reported that new singlets have been silk screened, and are ready for distribution.
- B. Bekkie reported that the current remaining apparel stock is being stored at her house.
  - i. Only 3 XL & 1 XS hooded sweatshirts remain; the cost to order new sweatshirts from Eastbay is currently \$25 each. This would be an issue because we have been selling them (with the SCS logo imprint) to our members for \$20 each. If there is interest, we can consider raising the cost to \$30 to cover the price increase, as well as shipping & imprinting.
  - ii. Crewneck sweatshirts are still in stock and available in S, M & L for \$15 each.
- C. Bekkie obtained quotes for mugs including imprinting and shipping.
  - i. Cost of mugs themselves is less than \$5 each
  - ii. Additional one-time \$60 setup fee.
  - iii. Shipping for a 72 piece order would be \$114, which increases price of each mug to over \$7.
  - iv. Quotes were from a supplier in Ohio; Bekkie will look into finding a local supplier.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Future Meeting Sites

- i. MaryLou has not had a chance to contact the owner of the Hungry Tiger about possibility of hosting future meetings there, but it is not anticipated to be an issue.
- ii. Holding meetings at restaurant is hoped to entice greater participation in board meetings, including welcoming non-board SCS members to attend.

### B. Middle School Track & Field Event

- i. Bekkie explained to Mike Bendzinski that SCS cannot extend our RRCA insurance to cover the Middle School Track & Field Championships, since we are not the primary "owners" of the event under RRCA regulations.
- ii. Mike Bendzinski will seek coverage elsewhere for this year, and Manchester Board of Education will resume coverage in 2012 when the event moves back to MHS after construction is completed.

### C. Ray Crothers Memorial Run

- i. Sponsor and race forms are not yet out, although the RCMR Race Committee has been meeting regularly to discuss this year's event.
- ii. Walt Fitzgerald of CCSU will keep the Silk City Striders apprised of their ongoing discussions.

### D. Hartford Marathon Open House

- i. Sue reported that she and Ellie staffed the Silk City Striders table.
- ii. There was much interest in SCS by the attendees, and lots of race applications, and a several membership brochures were handed out.
- iii. The raffle for a free SCS membership was won by Elizabeth "Lissie" Daigle from Enfield.

### E. Bolton Summer XC Series

- i. Bekkie relayed Dani's report that the series is in good shape.
- ii. 7 runners have already pre-registered
- iii. Entire 2011 series will be held at Rose Farm. A \$1 fee per adult runner will be paid to the Bolton Heritage Farm Commission.
- iv. Fees for runners: Adults \$3, Children \$2, Toddlers are free
- v. Portable toilet cost is \$265, including weekly cleaning & insurance, for the duration of the entire series (6 weeks and 2 days).
- vi. Prize glasses have been pre-ordered.
- vii. Race has been advertised on Cool Running, Hi-Tek, The Last Mile Racing, etc. Will try to post in Bolton town newsletter. Will also look into placing a sign on the Bolton Town Green.
- viii. The grant proposal to the Manchester Road Race committee for \$300 to cover the cost of the portable toilet has been unofficially approved; awaiting official notification.
- ix. Dani is asking BHS parents to staff the registration tables, but anticipates that her neighbors will be able to cover the table if there are not enough volunteers.
- x. Tim Callahan of the Bolton Boosters will handle race timing.
- xi. To expedite registration on the first night of the series, Dani will have pre-written waivers available for each of the 2010 runners.
- xii. Dani also wishes to thank all SCS members who participated in the Bolton Road Race; due in large part to our efforts, the 5 mile course will be saved and the series will be permanently moved to March.

### F. Mission Statement

- i. Rick sent out an email with sample Mission Statements from other running clubs.
- ii. We discussed the need to define clearly the goals of our club – for example, is our goal to put together competitive teams or more to have fun?
- iii. Board members will each put together a few sentences before next meeting, at which time the discussion will be continued.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. UPCOMING RACES/EVENTS

- i. Easter Sunrise Fun Run is on for 7 AM at Church St. in Vernon. It will be a strictly a fun run, with no set distance or official timing. Refreshments will be provided. Bekkie & Janit will host.
- ii. Bobby's Run is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at Northeast School in Vernon, CT.
  - a) A \$140 fee for a portable toilet has been prepaid by Bekkie. That is the only major expense. Prizes will be given from SCS apparel stock, rather than getting Gift

Certificates from the Run-In as we did for the first 6 years of the race.

b) Sue made a motion for SCS to reimburse Bekkie for the cost of the portable toilets and to pick up any future costs. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Bekkie was optimistic that there will be enough SCS volunteers to cover all the necessary areas (registration, water stop, course monitoring & finish line).

d) Rick brought up the possibility of contacting the Vernon school district about the possibility of opening the elementary school to allow access to bathrooms instead of renting a portable toilet. Steve McLaughlin's original research for the inaugural race 8 years ago indicated that getting the school opened for the duration of the event would require at least a custodian for a few hours (cost estimate was \$100 at that time).

e) There was some concern that getting Vernon school district involved might yield other unforeseen expenses (e.g., security).

f) Food donations are expected from SCS members.

**iii.** Hungry Tiger Toy Fun Run: Will take place again this year. MaryLou will make arrangements.

**iv.** Summer Picnic: Dani and Ned Kennedy will host at their home in Bolton. No tent is needed. Dani will be contacted to provide possible dates for the event.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

- A. Next meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hungry Tiger Restaurant, Manchester, CT.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Meeting adjourned at 3:21.