

Wapiti Striders AGM March 16, 2004

Executive members present: Leonard Scharbach, Harvey Biehn, Rick Scott, Laurie Remple, Joe Radench, Heather

Club members present: Andy Beal, Francis Plum

Non-Club member present: Eric Chislett (representing the Wapiti Nordic Ski Club)

- Minutes from 2003 AGM passed around
- Membership report (Rick Scott):
 - o 16 memberships (11 road, 5 track) paid up as of today
 - o 28 memberships (20 road, 8 track) expire March 2004
 - o 18 memberships (4 road, 14 track) expired March 2002
 - o 11 road memberships expired March 2001
 - o There are 11 family memberships in the database. 5 of them expire March 2005 and 5 expire March 2004
 - o Total of 73 memberships in the current database. 47 newsletters were sent out in March, 2004
 - o Looking at 40 – 45 paid-up members this year if all goes well
- Motion to accept membership report passed
- Track Club report (Bill Corcoran. Presented by Rick Scott):
 - o Outdoor Track
 - First annual Peace Country Track meet a resounding success with 200+ athletes participating
 - Junior High Program had about 8 kids last year, none too serious about track. Trying a different approach this year with a morning clinic followed by afternoon meet
 - About a dozen athletes from peewees to masters competed at out of town meets. Fred Settington finished 12th in the 1500m at Senior Nationals. Tori Dixon won the hurdles at High School Provincials and qualified for Junior Nationals. Jessica Schmidt won a bronze medal in the 5000m at Western Canada Games. Bill and Marlene Corcoran both won medals at Candian Masters Track and Field Championships
 - o Cross Country
 - Record participation in almost every event. 150 participants in the Steve Burgess Memorial (50% increase over 2002)
 - Wolves men's team won bronze at the ACAC Championships. Wolves women were 4th and men 5th at CCAA nationals
 - X-C running has been the College's most successful athletic program the past few years!
 - o Indoor Track
 - Fred won two bronze medals (1500 and 800) at Indoor Provincials. Bill (1000m) and Marlene (3000m) were both ranked #1 for Alberta Masters for the 2004 season
 - Former Strider Jenna Huber broke two school indoor records at the University of Nevada and placed second in the 3000m and third in the 5000m at the WAC Championships. Jessica won the 3000m and 5000m at the Sunbelt Conference

Championships and also added a bronze in the mile. She was named the outstanding female competitor of the meet

- Upcoming Plans
 - Focus on the Alberta Summer Games in High River. There will be a clinic and meet on May 8, host the Peace Country Track Classic May 15 and conducting Zone Trials on June 13.
 - Fred is aiming for the Olympic Trials in Victoria, Bill and Marlene plan to compete in the Masters Nationals in Calgary, and about half a dozen other local athletes will be competing in local and provincial meets. Hoping to attract about a dozen local ASG athletes to train for the Games.
- Other
 - Bill coming to end of term as an Athletics Alberta Board Member and plans to run for another 2 year term
 - Bill recently completed the Level 3 Distance Running Coaching Certification. If there is interest he may be able to conduct a Level 2 Distance Running course in GP
 - Bill is still webmaster for the club's site
 - Bill will be starting up the bi-weekly running column in the DHT starting mid-April
- Motion to accept Track Club report passed
- Motion to accept 2003 AGM Minutes passed
- Road Club Treasurer's Report (Harvey Biehn):
 - Harvey went over our expenses and revenues from last year
 - There was \$3824 in the bank at the start of the year which is currently at about \$3200 right now
 - There was a deficit of \$19 last year and currently a profit of \$492 in 2004
- Motion to accept Road Club Treasurer's Report passed
- President's Report (Leonard Scharbach):
 - Another great year with increased participation in the Wolves X-C series
 - Participation in the Brian Harms and Press Run held steady
 - Good turnouts for the Santa Shuffle and Resolution Run
 - Gathering some momentum with the Saturday and Sunday morning runs at Bricco's and 100th Street Tim Horton's
 - Need to determine the club's direction in lieu of the Jasper-Banff Relay
- Motion to accept President's Report passed
- Executive Board Members:
 - Road:
 - President: Leonard Scharbach
 - Vice President: Bill Corcoran
 - Secretary: Joe Radench
 - Treasurer: Harvey Biehn
 - Newsletter: Francis Plum

- Statistician: Member at Large
 - Marketing: Laurie Remple
 - Track:
 - President: Leonard Scharbach
 - Vice President: Bill Corcoran
 - Secretary: Joe Radench
 - Treasurer: Rick Scott
 - Head Official: Rick Scott
 - Marketing: Laurie Remple
- Motion to accept Executive Board passed
- Brian Harms road race (Rick):
 - Things proceeding as normal
 - Looking to approach Ernie's for support
- Daily Herald Tribune Press Run: (Andy, Leonard)
 - Facility is booked
 - Looking for volunteers
 - Posters designed by El Graphics coming out soon
- Muskoseepi Kilometre Post Markers (Rick)
 - Everything has been approved and paid for
 - Need to get "The Wheel" out when the gravel is gone from the trails and mark out kilometre markings south from Muskseepi Pavilion and around the reservoir
 - The City will do upkeep (re-painting) of the markers in the future
- Track Club Treasurer's Report (Heather):
 - \$1900 in account at the beginning of the year
 - \$2600 brought in from track meets
 - Spent \$1800 for travel and entry fees
 - Balance of \$1042 in account at end of March, 2004
- Motion to accept Track Club Treasurer's Report passed
- Leonard talked about the history of the club:
 - Originally there was a Legion Track and Field Club
 - The Jasper-Banff Relay started up and an invitation was sent to Grande Prairie
 - A meeting was held and the Wapiti Striders was created (Eric had thought the club was around before the JB Relay)
 - Bill Turnbull kept things at a pretty minimal level while at the Club's helm
- Eric talked briefly about the OBW Half Marathon:
 - The half-marathon and mini-marathon will start at 10:00am this year, with a full marathon starting earlier at 9:00am
 - The 2003 edition of this event saw about the same participation numbers as 2002
- A mission statement for the Striders is something we probably need to have
- Other things to improve our visibility: Clothing line, singlets, t-shirts, etc.?
- Perhaps we need to take advantage of the popularity of the Death Race? There are lots of GP residents doing it.....but where are they?
- Rick suggested we need to tell people that we have things to offer as a club for their events

- Laurie stressed the importance of not coming across as an elitist club
 - Leonard suggested the possibility of a monthly group run, and Laurie said if we do that, then the core members need to show up
 - Leonard queried Eric on the feasibility of the Striders hiring someone similar to the role that Shirley Olsen currently has for the Nordic ski club (raise funds, marketing, etc). It was agreed there was not much money available for this
 - Eric talked about the WNSC's current situation and how that club's programming has been falling apart due to a focus on "the facility". He mentioned it would be great to have the local outdoor enthusiast clubs come together under one umbrella and form an "Outdoors Club", but there would need to be a commitment to look after the Steve Cooper lodge, maintain the trails, etc.
 - It was stated there are almost 2 sections of land the WNSC looks after. The future of it is somewhat cloudy (government can take the lease away). 12-month usage of this area would help greatly with securing its role as a recreational area.
 - Perhaps all clubs could donate \$2 from their individual memberships and thus go on the WNSC trails guilt free? .. And supply manpower for helping with work bees.
 - Eric suggested a Grande Prairie to Grande Cache relay race as a possible "raison d'etre" for the Striders. Capital idea!
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- Next meeting for the club executive was set for May 4/04. 7:30pm at Bricco's.