

Wapiti Striders Meeting Sept 8, 2004

Present: Leonard, Harvey, Rick, Laurie, Joe, Francis, Bill

JB Relay

- Laurie talked about the possible resurrection of the Jasper-Banff Relay! There is a website at www.jbrelay.com with information. June 4th, 2005 is the proposed race date.

Press Run:

- We *think* we made money
- Another "layer" had to be added to the trophy

Jeff Halvorson

- Bill would like the club to donate \$100 to the Jeff Halvorson memorial fund. All agreed.

Ernie's Display

- Ernie's Sports Experts has given the Striders a display board in their running shoes section of the store
- Will be used to display posters and hold brochures

Wolves Classic X-C Race

- Takes place Sat, Sept 18th
- If yer not runnin' then yer helpin'
- It will be a test run for the 2006 Nationals
- The course is composed of 3K and 2K loops. The 3K loop will pass through the GP Museum.

Outstanding Invoices

- We are all paid up!

Road Running Series

- Bill has not had a chance to talk to any of the other race directors yet in this regard

OBW Half Marathon

- Eric was a bit disappointed at the lack of race returnees at this year's event, but overall numbers were up this year

Elite vs. Social Running

- Laurie thought we should advertise the Striders as being involved with racing and have a "running club" for social events
- The Striders are still perceived as being elite, and recreational runners do not see a need to join
- It was noted that the Striders club as a whole does not ever run together

- It would be nice to see some members at some of the fun, recreational events
- Rick pointed out one role of the club as being a lobby group of sorts
- Bill offered to make a "Recreational Club" brochure

Santa Run

- The idea of having this event run in conjunction with the Santa Parade (Nov 28, 1:00pm) was brought forward
- Alderman Helen Rice liked this idea and will present it to the parade committee
- Perhaps we could dress up a few runners in elf costumes and people could place bets on them?
- The course (parade route) could be quite short, so it would be possible to go into Muskoseepi park afterwards and do a loop in there

Terry Fox Run

- Takes place on Sept 19th, 1:00pm in GP and also in Sexsmith
- Information is on the national website and also on the Ernie's Board

Breast Cancer Run

- Takes place Sunday, Oct 3rd
- All money raised stays in the Peace Country

Laurie's Booth

- Laurie will be manning a Striders booth in the Prairie Mall on Sat, Sept 11th from 10:00am to 3:00pm
- Many other clubs will also be present

Policies & Procedures

- Laurie was wondering if we had any??!? We do not.
- Meeting minutes are posted on the website

Dates for 2005 Events

- Match 15th : AGM (7:00pm in Muskoseepi Pavilion)
- May 21st and 22nd : GP Triathlon and Kids of Steel
- May 29th : Brian Harms
- June 19th : Press Run

Equipment

- Athletics Alberta has a program of matching grants for equipment (track club stuff)
- Need implements because the weight standards have changed
- Bill suggested we buy a mix of stuff this year and javelins next year. All agreed.

Timing Program

- Cliff Turner would like the club to purchase the PocketTimer palm software
- The Triathlon Club agreed to pay for half

Next meeting: Nov 16th, 7:30pm at the Co-Op Café