

**Stevens Creek Striders
Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2005**

Location : Williams Home – a Greek feast presented by our own Spartathlete Mark Williams – congratulations to Mark on his outstanding finish in this years Greek Spartathalon.

Present : Peggy McLeod, Bill Jones, Amanda Williams, Mark Williams, Penny Beeston and guest Robin Mills

Absent : Apologies from Dennis Connor and Jack Pan

Meeting called to order by President Peggy McLeod at 7:30pm

Agenda Items

1. Treasurer's Report

Currently 63 paid up members
\$1400 in checking account
Owe Peter Hargraves \$20
Signing up 1 new member a week

2. Robin's Presentation

- a) Jean has a video of Western States and our Last Chance aid station to show
- b) Robin will check into using Adobe projector, Mark Williams will check into borrowing one from his company too. (*Action : Robin and Mark*)
- c) Robin will make up a CD of pics. Would like people to request one rather than make on for everyone. Will ask Dennis to add the option on the Xmas Party online sign-up. (*Action – Dennis*)
- d) Dennis (or whoever does announcements) to ask for anyone who has photos of Striders to contribute to make a CD for Robin and he will include them. (*Action – Dennis*)
- e) Bill will check with hotel regarding screen also. (*Action - Bill*)

3. Holiday Party Update – Bill

- a) Bill to send \$1007 check to hotel as requested in correspondence (*Action : Bill*)
- b) Discussed dinner and dessert options :
 - Bill will contact Hotel to check if we can make the following selections :
 - 2 salads + soup
 - 3 entrees (chicken/fish/vegetarian)
 - 2 or 3 dessert options
 - coffee/tea included (*Action : Bill*)

- c) Discussed wine. Bill to follow up with hotel. Ask about cost of house wine and also ask if our party can use the open/cash bar downstairs. Bill will present costs of each option (using house wine/ buying our own plus corkage/ hotel supplied from list of wines). Also look into predinner drink options (open/cash bar) (*Action : Bill*)
- d) Bill to follow up on total price (ie price of room?) (*Action : Bill*)
- e) Peggy to follow up decorations with Paul Rodriguez (*Action : Peggy*)

4. **Financing the Party**

- a) We have some great raffle tickets. Discussed giving one raffle ticket to everyone at the door and then offering extra tickets for purchase.
- b) Discussed need to increase price a little to \$35/\$55 (members/nonmembers) (*Action : update new price on website and new menu: Dennis*)
- c) Mention that members' offers to pay at the guest rate to offset costs would be gratefully accepted. (*Action : Dennis add this info to website*)
- d) In recognition of hard times for some, the board would like to encourage members to contact Peggy confidentially for assistance paying for the Xmas party if needed. (*Action : Dennis put this on web*)

5. **Big L Awards**

- a) Nomination Form is online. Dennis to draw attention to the fact that we are now asking for nominations for 2005 Big L awards on our homepage. (*Dennis : webpage update both homepage and nomination page to say 2005*)
- b) Shoe box and nomination forms to be made available for members on Saturday morning. (*Action : Penny will print forms and get a box*)
- c) Peggy will order the trophies (1 – Strider of the Year and 6 others : 2 Volunteer/Spirit Awards, 2 Most Improved Awards and 2 Athletic Performance Awards). (*Action : Peggy to order*)

Saturday Morning Announcements to include :

Holiday Party Sign Ups Ready – online sign up and send check or give check to a board member in person/mail. Cost \$35/55 member/nonmember. Anyone not able to attend due to financial circumstances encouraged to contact President Peggy.

2005 Big L Nominations – now be taken both online and on paper

Silicon Valley Marathon /1/2 marathon and 5 K Sign up online at svmarathon.com and get 10% disc. Use code RCC05 and nominate Steven's Creek Striders as the running club.

Big Sur 10K next weekend. See website for details

Photos - anyone with photos to contribute to the 2005 Strider's CD please give to Robin Mills. If you would like one of these CD's please let us know when you sign up online for the Holiday Party or let Robin Mills know directly.

Turkey Trot at De Anza College on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30am. (Mike)

Xmas Relays – starting to get teams together for this fun event. Please let Peggy know if you want to be part of the fun.

PARC request for volunteers for relay exchange #30 at the top of Hwy 9 on Sunday
am: The exchange point needs to be manned from 7:00am--3:00pm on Sunday; this is normally split into 2 shifts (one from 7:00-11:00, and one from 11:00-3:00). I will need a minimum total of 6 volunteers (preferably 8) for each of these shifts (though if people are willing to cover both shifts, this will reduce the number needed). Volunteers will be doing:

- crowd control (i.e. keeping spectators off of the roadway, especially when runners are approaching);
- some traffic control as necessary to ensure safe passage for runners;
- signaling when runners are approaching and calling team number;
- recording teams as they come through the exchange;
- directing van traffic into and out of parking areas.

Each position will be more fully explained Sunday morning. So far, aside from myself I have 3 others lined up. If you get sign-ups on Saturday morning please have them call my cell phone (510-517-1752) rather than email, as I am also helping with the Organs R Us team on Saturday morning and will be unable to check email after Friday night.

Meeting closed 9:15pm

**Next meeting scheduled for Nov 8
7.00pm at Peggy's Place**