

May 1, 2023 from Co-Captains Steve Doyle, Alan Olson, and Kent Richardson

Greetings to all USATF affiliated San Diego Striders (SDS), non-affiliated USATF San Diego Striders members and potential USATF affiliated SDS members:

1. **BACKSTORY:** Due to the sad passing of our San Diego Strider teammate and friend, Jim Kurtz, a fund (Go Fund Me, aka "The Fund") has been established by Jim's family at his request to provide money to SDS to use for all things related to RUNNING, his passion.
2. **GOVERNANCE:** Monies from "The FUND" account, as well as previous SDS winnings and any future winnings from USATF affiliated SDS runners, will be utilized to support the following:
 - a. When requested, annual USATF registration fees for:
 - i. SDS members (currently \$55/year)
 - ii. USATF XC and T&F race entry fees (E.g.s., DIRT DOG, local and National Championships, T&F meets, trail, road racing) when running as an SDS member, both individually and as an SDS Team.
 - iii. As appropriate and needed SDS Team expenses such as:
 1. A van if necessary to provide transportation for the race outside San Diego County.
 - b. Annual December meeting at the home of Steve or Alan open to all SDSAC members and invited guests to:
 1. Have fun talking about how fast we used to be, etc.
 2. Have discussions and make decisions as agreed upon via SDSAC Governance and Fund allocations.
 3. Eat pizza and have drinks of choice.
3. **CURRENT POLICIES:** These are what seems to be appropriate for now until such time we decide to modify, add, delete or make new at the SDSAC Annual December Meeting.
 - a. An SDS member who wins a monetary award decides whether to:
 - i. Receive the award personally
 - OR
 - ii. Donate it to SDSAC "The Fund"
 - b. Travel, lodging and food/drink expenses will be covered by those who participate in USATF running events, whether it be as a SDS team member or as an individual SDS member **when requested by these individuals.**
 - c. To be eligible for SDSAC benefits described herein, National Championships in any location, require SDSAC members to compete for SDSAC wearing the standard SDSAC uniform of the MEB singlet and black racing shorts/pants. In the

- case of competition is a sport other than running, other approved SDSAC garb can be worn.
- d. Local USATF events (not Championships) allow SDSAC members to compete on any local team such as FTC-W, SDTC, etc. However, to receive SDSAC benefits, an SDSAC member is expected to compete for SDSAC wearing the standard uniform of the MEB singlet and black racing shorts/pants.
 - e. In agreement with our local USATF, "The Fund" will be used to help finance an 8K Dirt Dog event currently scheduled for October 15, 2023. The Kurtz family is excited about this. It is being called the Jim Kurtz Celebration of Life 8K, aka JK8K. Help and suggestions from SDSAC members and others are welcomed and encouraged. Your efforts in any way will be greatly appreciated for the organizing of JK8K. Jim's family has happily received the task of selecting the JK8K awards for each year and they will be there the day of the race to help out in a variety of ways. Most notably, a Kurtz family representative, will hand out the awards.

As you might imagine a lot of time and effort has been expended working on all aspects of leading SDSAC and managing the SDSAC Fund with comments from Jim's family and a few SDSAC members. What we have written herein was significantly influenced by their comments and we thank them.

In closing, Jim's request was not specific as to how the Fund should be used, but we think his intentions were to support SDSAC in all things related to competitive sports such as running that was his favorite sport. All interested SDSAC members will have the opportunity to make suggestions at our upcoming SDSAC Annual December Meeting. The date and details of this meeting will be sent to you before 30 November 2023.

Since SDSAC welcomes all sports, if any member wishes to notify or recruit individuals from other sports to join SDSAC, please do so. This also includes all ages.

Sincerely,
Steve (619-368-9975) and Alan (858-401-3941)

P.S. Those of you wishing to UNSUBSCRIBE to SDSAC email announcements may do so by calling or sending an email to Steve and Alan and you will be taken out at sandiegostridersac@gmail.com