

Report on the 32nd Annual Freeze for Food
by Jack Laun, Event Coordinator
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The 32nd Annual Freeze for Food was held on Saturday, January 19, 2013 in Madison. The event was co-sponsored by the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison (RPCV-Madison) and the Colombia Support Network (CSN), with all proceeds to go to the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado, Colombia, a sister community of Dane County. The event consisted of a 5-kilometer run/walk followed by a 10-kilometer run. The races started and ended a short distance from the Vilas Park Shelter near the ice-skating rink, with the 5-kilometer race/walk beginning at 12 noon and the 10-kilometer race beginning at 1 p.m.

The weather on January 19 was relatively warm for the time of year, with a reported high temperature of 43 degrees. There was no precipitation and the sidewalks, bike path and Arboretum road surfaces were virtually clear of ice. The day was partly cloudy, with the wind quite strong at a reported 20 miles per hour. The participants in the 10-kilometer race encountered a strong headwind as they entered the last part of the race, coming out of the Arboretum and running through a part of Vilas Park to the finish line.

There were 128 participants in the 5-kilometer run/walk and 55 participants in the 10-kilometer run. The 183 participants represented a substantial increase over the 2012 races, when 110 persons participated in that year's events.

Approximately thirty volunteers worked at the race site, with 9 from the Colombia Support Network (2 of whom are also RPCV members) and 5 Madison East High School volunteers. The remaining volunteers were members of the RPCV-Madison group. The various tasks were properly performed, although the reporting system for 5-kilometer runners had a few problems, as the crunch of several runners arriving at virtually the same time resulted in some difficulty in determining the order of finish of the competitors. Preliminary results were checked and the Final Results published online were determined to be correct. Reports from around the course and at the finish line indicated that the corner monitors had done their jobs well, with no problems.

No mishaps by any participants in the races were reported. Liability insurance was provided by CSN's insurer, State Farm, which issued binders to the City of Madison and the University of Wisconsin for the Arboretum at no additional cost. Releases were signed by race participants, although some difficulty in obtaining signed releases from advance registrants was reported, due to the volume of persons arriving to register on race day. If pre-race releases can be obtained through www.athenstoantis.com that would help reduce the pre-

race congestion at the registration table.

The expenses for the race totaled \$581.97, as shown on the attached sheet. Total proceeds, i.e., the funds going to the Peace Community, were \$885.00 in advance registration through www.athenstoatlantis.com plus race-day payments to provide a total of \$3,096.00. The winning runners by category in the two races were as indicated on the attached statement of results. Blue ribbons for first place finishers and red ribbons for second place finishers were provided for the five categories each for female and male participants.

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Bills paid by Colombia Support Network for Freeze for Food:

1. Paid to Championship Awards for ribbons:	
a. Invoice #40533, CSN check #1895, 1/18/13	\$12.66
b. Invoice #40600, CSN check #1897, 1/28/13	\$12.66
Subtotal	\$25.32
2. Paid to City of Madison Treasurer for Vilas Park Shelter rental: CSN check #1891, 1/4/2013	\$120.00
3. Paid to Federal Express for set up and copies of brochure: CSN check card charge, 12/07/2012	\$149.50
4. Paid to Menard's for water jug, CSN check card charge (non-reimbursable to CSN)	\$5.49
5. Paid for timing equipment rental, to Madison Running Club	\$100.00
6. Paid to People's Bakery for doughnuts	\$28.50
7. Paid to Bagels Forever for bagels	\$59.00
8. Stamps for sending ribbons to first and second place runners 39 x \$.45 = \$17.55	\$17.55
9. Paid to Copp's supermarket for paper products, bananas and oranges by Hope (in kind contribution, non-reimbursable)	\$19.10
10. Four packages of cream cheese, bought by Hope	\$7.56
11. Paid for coffee to Victor Allen's, by Hope	\$49.95
TOTAL:	\$581.97
Minus amount already reimbursed by RPCV's account	\$120.00
Subtotal	\$461.97
Minus non-reimbursable expenses (\$5.49 + \$19.10)	\$24.59
Net CSN account and Hope Hague payments for reimbursement	\$437.38