

They say 'it takes a village to make it happen', and we did it splendidly yesterday.

We had glorious weather, 153 runners, a fun time, and no incidents!

First of all, I'd like to thank the FOSM Snowshoe Committee(Silke, Jamey, Joe, and Jeff Young). They had been working steadily since September to make everything come together on race day. Silke with runsignup registration, FOSM website updates, beanies, Cottonwood student coordination, poster design, timing contract, etc. Jamey handled coaster and sticker design, created a new course map, led the Course Marshal crew, and served as liaison with Cibola SAR. Joe sought out race day food donors in ABQ, award donors, and handled relations with TV coverage and the Journal. Jeff Y canvassed the East Mountains for race day food and drink donors, as well as award donors.

Secondly, to the 22 FOSM volunteers, 12 of whom were course marshals with such a high level of dedication that they walked the course on Monday to treat any obstacles, then again on Friday in case anything surfaced the day before the event. A special thanks to Jeff Huser, who trailered tables, chairs, stanchions, cones, PA system, generator, etc. Jeff H took a blank three foot deep football field area and created a start/finish venue.

Thirdly, to the 7 Cottonwood Classical HS students and 2 faculty who took on parking the runners, check-in, announcing, pulling bib tabs, staffing food and drink tables, etc.

And last but not least, to our partner Cibola SAR, composed of more than 30 volunteers on race day, both on the course and at first aid stations.

It truly does take a village to pull this off... all 60 of us strong!

Thank you ALL!

Humbly,

Mike Madden

Race Director