

Empire Runners April 2008 Club Meeting

[Approved as read at the May 22, 2008 club meeting]

Filling in for **President Bob Finlay**, Vice President **Dave DeSelle** (daviddeselle@sbcglobal.net) called the April 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:35pm on April 24th, 2008.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Nate Koch** (nathankoch@gmail.com) read the March minutes which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer **John Harmon** (jj2harmon@yahoo.com) reported on the club's finances. Starting balance \$31,070.65 Ending balance \$30,662.40. Student Grant Fund \$2,040 with a projected \$2400 by time of dispersal. **John** suggested that the club put in some money to make the number a nice round \$2,500.

John Harmon also noted that the Loop de Loop netted a profit for which **Doc** (docisabeau@sbcglobal.net) apologized and promised that the next **Doc and Mojo Production** would right this tragic wrong.

John also reported that a clothing budget would be presented and a proposal would be made at the next meeting. The budget, if adopted, would then be reported on quarterly.

Special Report

Davey Jones, race director for the Fitch Mountain Footrace, thanked the club for all of their help in years past and would appreciate further help and suggestions for improving the race. A new race website is being created; it was offered that a link could be put on the club website to the race site when it was finished.

Recent Events:

Loop de Loop (April 6th) – **Doc** says, “Read it. Read it in the newsletter”. ‘Nuff said.

Petaluma Footrace (April 13th) – there was a great turn out. **Bob Shor** suggested that that either venue needs to be moved to accommodate the large number of starters, or to start the two races separately.

Boston Marathon (April 21, 2008) - **Doc** says, "Read it in the Press Democrat". There was an excellent article. There will most likely be a report at next month's meeting since none of the participants were present.

Upcoming Events:

Jack Rabbit Derby (May 4th) – **Digger** says that this is a great opportunity to compare your times with the high schoolers to see how slow you really are.

Human Race – takes place on May 10th.

Spring Has Sprung (5/17/08) – takes place in Middletown

Marin Memorial Day Races (5/26/08) – **Digger** said that it's previously known as the Pacific Sun

Bob Shor reported that the **Viking Classic** at Montgomery high School is this Saturday (April 26th) and there is an open 2 mile race at 8:30am and the All City Meet at Santa Rosa High School on May 2nd.

Committee Reports

Brush Creek Cleanup – "We cleaned up," says **Doc**. **Doc** also reported that next year we will cleanup a "reach" of creek (or is it crick?) on the west side of town.

Digger reported that **Events with Sole** offered to donate several Wine Country Marathon entries to become a sponsor, which was rejected. Events with Sole did donate money which put them at the Backer Level of sponsorship.

Unfinished Business:

And quick and not very informative update was given on the donation to Annadel State Park since no one present knew what was going on. It will be reported on next month.

New Business:

Jerry Lyman asked what those present thought of accepting requests for donations to charitable organizations through the E-group as long as it was running related. There were no complaints, so Jerry will continue to approve them.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Digger Dave** won (\$15) and promptly donation his proceedings to the scholarship fund.

Drawing: **Robin Stovall** (\$200, not present). Next month's drawing is for **\$200**.

Vice President **Dave** concluded the meeting at 8:08pm. Perhaps a new club record.

Attendance:

Nate Koch, "Super" George, Bob Shor, Don Sampson, Dave DeSelle, Doc Isabeau, Ralph Harms, Carl Jackson, Pappy, John Harmon, David Jones, Darryl Beardall