

# Empire Runners April 2009 Club Meeting

(pending approval at the May 28, 2009 meeting)

President **Bob Finlay** ([bfinlay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bfinlay@sbcglobal.net)) called the April 23, 2009 meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

## Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Paul Berg** ([pmberg@sonic.net](mailto:pmberg@sonic.net)) read the March 2009 meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

## Treasurer's Report:

Secretary Paul Berg reading the report for Treasurer **John Harmon** ([jj2harmon@yahoo.com](mailto:jj2harmon@yahoo.com)) reported that the current club balance is \$ 27,349.62, down \$643 from the same time last year. The Student Grant Fund balance is \$1526, approx \$566 less than the same time last year.

## Race Reports:

1. Recent races/Runs:
  - a. Loop-D-loop 4-05-09 : **Doc** reported no one died, record turnout.
  - b. Petaluma Footrace 4-19-09: **Chris Mason** reported a record turnout, 600+ runners for 3 and 5 mi races. Many Empire runners won age categories, including **Alex Wolf-Root** as overall winner. Netted \$12,000, Chris extended a special thank you to **Bob Shor** for officiating the event.
2. Upcoming Races/Runs:
  - a. Viking Track Claasic 4-25-09: **Val Sell** reminded the 2 mile open run at 8:35 am prior to the high school meet, Montgomery High school
  - b. Just Go 4-26-09: Sonoma county airport, in conjunction with Girls on the Run
  - c. Human race 5-09-09: **Val Sell** reported that Val and **Gil Moreno** will have a tent this year with ER merchandise, membership info and Kenwood flyers.
  - d. Spring Has Sprung 5-30-09: Middletown 5k, new course
  - e. Fitch Mtn Footrace 6-07-09: **Tori Meredith** reported that volunteers will be needed again this year for registration and finish line. An egroup message will be sent.
  - f. Summer Track series begins 6-10-09 @ Maria Carillo HS: **Bob Shor** reported that some repair work will be done at the track this summer, which may impact one or more of our dates, stay tuned for updates.

- g. 5th grade fitness tests 5-01-09: **Tori Meredith** reported that she is looking for volunteers to assist in administering the annual evaluation. Contact Tori if you're available.

## Committee Reports:

1. Creek Cleanup 4-25-09: **Alec Isabeau** reminded that creek cleanup this year is at Piersen Street Bridge near Railroad square. 9am- noon, 8am run prior. Heart & Sole has donated 2 -\$50 gift certificates to be raffled among participants.
2. Sponsorship Committee: **Bill Browne** reported that his is actively contacting our supporters to renew their support this year. He noted that in these difficult economic times, it is important to support our sponsors. Bill also reported that we are seeking 4 cases of wine for Kenwood age group awards.
3. Scholarship Committee: **Bob Finlay** reported that the High School Scholarship deadline is the end of this month. Only 2 applications have been received so far, but he is expecting a large number by the deadline.
4. Kenwood Footrace: **Val Sell** reported that the shirts are already ordered, 2000 flyers printed and looking for business locations to hang them. The first email was sent today on the new notification service.

## Unfinished Business:

Changing Dues structure: **Jerry Lyman** reported that he wanted to table the motion for another month to notify members of the proposed changes before taking a vote.

## New Business

1. Support for Cathy DuBay: **Melissa Frediani** reported on behalf of Scott Montrose (Cathy's brother-in-law) that in honor of Cathy's fight against breast cancer, their running group "The Weekend Warriors" will be running the Human Race to benefit Cathy's favorite charities, Komen for the Cure and Girls on the Run. In support of this effort, they are selling specially designed t-shirts. Melissa provided order forms and instructions for ordering. 130 have been ordered so far, and they can be picked up at Montecito Heights health club. Bill Browne noted that Montecito, where Cathy DuBay is manager, has been a generous supporter of the club.
2. Proposal to waive Jack Rabbit Derby entry fee in lieu of donation to Cathy DuBay's charity: race director **Dale Peterson** suggested that in

support of Cathy DuBay and Kathy Van Riper, ER create an incentive to participants at the Jackrabbit derby to donate to breast cancer charities. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed to the following motion: *“ To authorize the race director to divide all proceeds (entry fees and donations) from this years JR derby equally among three charities: Komen for the Cure, Girls on the Run and Kathy’s Camp for Kids.”* Motion carried unanimously.

3. Request by Rohnert Park to use the Club clock for a race on May 16, 2009: **Bob Finlay** reported that **John Staroba** has requested the use of the clock for a race to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Clock czar **Bob Shor** said the clock was available, and the request was approved.

Raffle: **Jerry Lyman** won \$18, and \$18 went to the student grant fund

Drawing: **Rob Drawsky** would have won \$200 if he attended the meeting.

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Attendance:

Bill Browne, Paul Berg, Hutch, Bones Koch, Val Sell, Doc, LT, MiniMel, Bob Shor, Super George, Dave DeSelle, Chris Mason, Bob Finlay, S L Edge, Pap, Larry Meredith, Victoria Meredith, Melissa Frediani