

Empire Runners August 2008 Club Meeting

[Pending approval at the September 25, 2008 club meeting]

President Bob Finlay (bfinlay@sbcglobal.net) called the August 28, 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:34pm.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Harmon (jj2harmon@yahoo.com) reported that last month we ended with \$41,502.70 and is now at \$38,131.92. The drop is from Kenwood Footrace and Cross Country expenses. The Student Grant Fund balance is \$650 and there have been \$3,150 donated to high schools to date. The Salmon Creek Run netted \$163 and the Summer Track Series netted \$193. Kenwoods updated numbers show a net profit of \$10,559.

President's Report

President Bob Finlay reported that the donation and a letter has been sent to help with El Molino's new track. Construction should begin in October. They are still about \$6000 short.

He also reported and after talking to the ranger at Annadel, the money we send will only be used for the drinking fountain and several mountain biking groups have shown interest in helping out as well.

Some information was also passed out about St. Jude's Heroes.

Recent Events:

Summer Track Series – Val Sell reported that there were 250 total participants.

Salmon Creek – This year's run had the biggest turnout with 69 finishers.

Empire Open – This was well attended with 175 participants and 36 participants from the club

Upcoming Events:

Mustang 5k – 9/1/08

Golden Gate Cross Country – 9/6/08

Annadel Loop – 9/7/08

Viking Opener – 9/13/08 - Alumni and Coaches race – Montgomery grads run

free

Santa Cruz XC – 9/20/08 – not a subsidized race

Garrin Park XC – 9/27/08

Rancho Cotate Invite – 9/5/08 - come and watch the local high school teams

Committee Reports

CPR Training – Mel Lovrin and Nate Koch reported that they have two trainers set. They are still working on specific times, dates, and places. The cost will be about \$30-40.

Unfinished Business:

CC Club Sponsorship – Bob Finlay reported that do to time constraints, the board of directors met and decided to keep the current policy (runners pay for first race and the club will pay for up to 5 more) for this year.

Mojo then made a motion to rescind the decision of the board of directors. Val Sell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

John Harmon motioned to allow people to donate back the money for subsidized races and to decide where that money goes at a later meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mojo brought up an idea from some time ago about advertising along Hwy 101. This turned into a discussion about membership and how to attract new members. Mojo agreed to do further research into the advertising.

Val Sell reported that the club will man an aid station at the wine country half-marathon. A coordinator is needed to organize this.

New Business:

Becky Lunders came and talked about a new program from the American Cancer Society called the “Charity Runner Program”. Runners can raise money to help fight cancer. Affiliated with the Wine Country ½ marathon in October. For more information see www.runhealdsburg.com

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Nate Koch** won (\$15)

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

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 7:30pm.

Attendance:

“Bones” Koch, John Harmon, Chicklet, Val Sell, Bob Shor, Super G, Dave Deselle, Don Sampson, Gil Moreno, Carl Jackson, Chris Mason, Bob Finlay, Darryl Beardall, Mojo, Becky Lunders