

Empire Runners August 2009 Club Meeting

(pending approval at the *September 24, 2009* meeting)

Vice-president Nate Koch called the August 27, 2009 meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Paul Berg (pMBERG@sonic.net) read the July 2009 meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Harmon (jj2harmon@yahoo.com) reported that the current club balance is \$52,547.53, up \$14,340. from the same time last year. There is still an anticipated expense of approximately \$7500 for Kenwood t-shirts.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$340, approx \$103 more than the same time last year. \$750 was sent to Maria Carillo HS for the Summer Track series.

The Club received \$250 for the Vineman aid station.

Race Reports:

1. Recent races/Runs:

- a. Salmon Creek 8-02-09. Low tide, good turnout
- b. Summer Track series 8-05-09. John Harmon reported that the series had a total of 753 paid participants for the 5 meets, 60% were 19 and under. There was a brief discussion about why the turnout was so much higher than last year.
- c. Petaluma training runs. Chris Mason reported there are about 15 runners doing 4-5 miles, margaritas after.
- d. Santa Cruz 8-22-09, Mini Mel ran, plus a few masters and senior runners.

2. Upcoming Races/Runs:

- a. XC- Phil Widener XC open 8-29-09. OK to go
- b. SR marathon 8-30-09. 2 members will doubles weekend
- c. Annadel Loop 9-06-09. Bob Merritt showed a new design for poster and t-shirts for the 25th anniversary. Bob also said he has procured gift certificates from Willie's wine bar as awards.
- d. XC Golden Gate 9-12-09
- e. Viking opener 9-19-09. Alumni and coaches run at 9:45, 2 miles, \$5 benefits MHS XC
- f. XC Garin Park 9-26-09
- g. Carousel Fund run 9-27-09. Chris Mason reported on 5k and 10k at Schollenberger Park in Petaluma, benefiting Carousel Fund for incurable diseases.
- h. Wine Country marathon 10-11-09 has requested ER operate an aid station. They also need registration help, course monitors and finish line. Discount for registration at Fleet Feet before 10-01-09
- i. Tori Meredith reported on a 5k and 10k run 10-11-09 benefiting Lake county Literacy coalition. 9am Kelseyville to Lakeport, \$20.

Committee Reports:

1. Kenwood Footrace. Val Sell reported that the only unfinished business is the additional t-shirts to be picked up at Fleet Feet.
2. Cross Country. John Harmon reported that an open team and masters team competed at Santa Cruz. For the upcoming Phil Widener opener, there are approximated 63 ER signed up. Golden Gate upcoming, contact team captain.
3. Website update. Chris Mason reported

New Business

1. Run at Destruction author reading. Paul Berg reported that Copperfield's Books will host author Lynda Drews on October 15 @7pm. Look for info in October newsletter.
2. Donation to SRHS for hosting the 5th track meet in summer series. John Harmon explained that the last track meet was moved from MCHS to SRHS due to track repairs, and he proposed the ER give \$250 to SRHS. After discussion of how much effort was actually expended by SRHS, it was proposed that we give SRHS \$150. Passed Unanimously.
3. Annadel:
 - a. Drinking fountain. John Harmon reported that \$2000 was allocated last year but never issued due to the fact that we can't assure the money will actually go to Annadel. Jerry Lyman explained that Ranger Nowicki said we can't directly fund the project, but may be able to do so through Valley of the Moon Historical Society.
 - b. Possible closure. Jerry Lyman reported that the park is on a closure list, but it's unclear whether or how that will actually happen.
4. Assistance to High School XC and Track Programs. Val Sell reported on the severe financial strains on HS running programs due to state budget cuts, and suggested ways that ER might want to help these teams financially. She proposed sending a letter of inquiry to all Sonoma County HS and junior HS coaches to assess their needs. This could include entry fees, equipment, uniforms and transportation. A committee was formed of Val Sell, John Harmon, Dale Peterson and Bill Browne to assess the need and report back next month.

Raffle: The non-raffle donations netted \$32 for the student grant fund
Drawing: Clay Winkler would have won \$200 if he attended the meeting.

Vice-president Nate Koch concluded the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Attendance:

Bob Shor, Don Sampson, Dave DeSelle, Super G, SL.Edge, Bob Merritt, Wolfman, Chris Mason, Bill Browne, Darryl Beardall, Mini Mel-Bell, George Wilson, Val Sell, Bones Koch, John Harmon, El Teee, Le Docteur, Dave Secchitano, Dave

Goodwin, Thermo, Shirley Fee, Pappy, Don Stewart, Eric Downing, Tori
Meredith, Larry Meredith, Paul Berg