

## **Empire Runners Meeting Minutes 8-23-18**

Location: Montgomery Village Round table Pizza, Santa Rosa, CA

**Call to Order:** 7:34 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Andrea Guzman, Catherine Dubay, Luis Rosales, Chris Gardina, Kate Papadopoulos

**Approval of Minutes:** 7-26-18 minutes approved

### **Officer's Reports**

President's report: Luis-ERC Summer track series was successful including starting child races first.

Treasurer's Report: Tanya emailed board information. Kenwood Net proceeds were \$29,205. Race director to be paid 20 % of net, \$5,841. Total Balance as of July 31, 2018 is \$102,524.

### **Committee Reports**

Club Race Registration & logistics-Jerry Lyman- The Last 10 K needs new race director. Andrea Guzman volunteered to take over position.

Cross Country Team- John Harmon-

- 1) Directorship: John will assist the Cross Country program pending new director/s. Cathie Wilhoyle has volunteered to help with administrative duties such as team snap registration. John has authored a detailed ERC Cross Country guide to assist new leadership. Draft sent to ERC board.
- 2) Roster: Number are down. John recommends looking at recruitment strategies as part of succession plan.
- 3) Empire Open: Using existing lines for start/finish. Bob Finley will deliver and pick up. Lines will be modified in the winter.

### **New Business**

Proposal #1: Mike Weddington: Summary- proposed a new running/walking/cycling event "The Santa Rosa Cross City" 15 Km. Goal date weekend of Sept 2019. Course to start at Piner HS through Santa Rosa [course described further in proposal] ending at Maria Carrillo HS. Idea includes this being a large, festive, fundraiser event to benefit those affected by fires which would include partnering with multiple community and business entities. ERC involvement to include planning assistance. Race costs would largely be covered by support from outside sponsors. The proposal is still in planning stages. See document for additional details. ***ERC board voted to reconvene at future date to discuss proposal when the plan is more developed.***

Proposal #2: Project Zero. Rhonda Roman/Catherine Dubay- Proposal to use club timing equipment for the Project Zero Fun Run/fundraising event and in memory of Kathy Van Riper on 10-21-18. Proceeds donated and matched for breast cancer patients. Catherine Dubay will be the club member representing ERC and tracking equipment check in/out. ***Approved 5-0***

Proposal #3: ***(prior approval achieved 6-0 via board emails due to time sensitivity)*** Catherine Dubay: Proposal-ERC to sponsor Elite race for Gran Fondo/Sonoma Vita's Down Town Mile on 10-7-18. Total prize money maximum would be between \$10,000 to max \$15,000 if all race

premiums are reached for elite male and female participants. ERC will have race presenting rights. Race is otherwise directed/timed by event owners.

**Announcements and issues for discussion**

Hall of Fame/Spirit of the Club awards—John Harmon- Pending new champions. John willing to help in the interim. Nominations are due October 1<sup>st</sup>. John and Tori willing to help in the interim with hall of fame. Applications for awards are on the website.

ERC Club Audit- John Harmon-John offering to assist with club audit. This would help the club make progress with a succession plan as currently ERC has many seasoned leaders who may be retiring from volunteer duties in the not so distant future.

Sonoma Strong Ragnar Fundraiser- Raised \$16,000

McGuire's run- Mollie McGuire to direct with assistance of Eric Bohn

**Race Reports:** past: 8/5 Salmon Creek Beach Run 2 & 5 mile, 8/5 Water Wine Half marathon & 10k, 8/7 ERC Bob Shor Summer Track Series #5

Upcoming: 8/25 Phil Widener Empire Open 3.4 m XC race, 9/2 Annadel Loop 7 mile trail race, 9/15 Viking Opener Alumni/Coaches Race, 9/16 Clo Cow Half , 10k, 5k.

**Adjournment: 8:45pm**