

Empire Runners December 2007 Club Meeting

[pending approval at the January 24, 2007, club meeting]

President **Val Sell** called the December 2007 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 6:35pm on December 20th, 2007.

Secretary's Report:

Incoming secretary **Nate Koch** filled in for Lars Anderson and read the minutes from the November 2007 club meeting. They were approved with the following changes: it stated that **Nate Koch** was the coach of the Petaluma team, which is incorrect; he is the coach of the Rincon Valley Christian cross country team.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer **John Harmon** reported on the club's finances. Starting balance \$25,713.67 Ending balance \$21,551.21. Student Grant Fund 965.00 with a projected \$1800 by time of dispersal. The Last 10k made approximately \$1000. And \$4,250 has been donated to local high schools.

Recent Events:

The Last 10K & Final 2 mile had a great turnout with a total of 186 participants. Digger noted that Sarah Sumpter ran a 38:05.

Several people ran the California International Marathon. Mini-Mel ran under 3 hours. It was stated that Larry Meredith has his work cut out for him.

Upcoming Events:

Resolution Run – Santa Rosa High is providing volunteers. **Val Sell** noted that it will be the same course as last year. Gifts will be gloves again. The race starts at 10am.

It was noted that Christmas is just around the corner.

Old Business:

Bob Finlay motioned to elect officers as nominated in one vote as all offices are running unopposed. It was seconded and approved. **Bob Finlay** as

President, **Dave DeSelle** as Vice President, **John Harmon** returning as Treasurer, and **Nate Koch** as Secretary.

The club party is on February 2nd at 5pm. **Val Sell** stated that several age group awards for the Fleet Feet Grand Prix are still needed. People wanting to donate awards should contact Anna Derho at derho@sbcglobal.net or 584-4680. 32 Empire Runners shirts are also needed (the older the better) by January 2nd. The shirts will be used to make a quilt. Contact **Val Sell** (rn4zhills@sbcglobal.net) if you have shirts.

Val Sell motioned to give free entry to the members' party to the Fleet Feet employees (10) for everything they do for the club. **Digger** seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Finlay said that a proposal will be made at the January meeting to change the drawing format in order to entice members to show up to meetings. Bob once again invited all members to email their suggestions to him prior to next months meeting.

New Business:

Chris Mason and **Ian Inman** were introduced. **Chris Mason** is the new Web Guru and **Ian Inman** will be taking **Larry Meredith's** place as Newsletter Editor. Ian can be contacted at Ian.Inman@gmail.com . He will need pictures from recent races for the February newsletter.

Larry Meredith invited Boston Marathon runners to participate in a half-marathon on February 3rd. It will either be the Davis Stampede or the Kaiser Half Marathon in San Francisco.

Gil Moreno made a proposal to use \$1500 to expand the clothing inventory and to include new sizes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bob Finlay thanked his constituents for voting for him and said that he will contact the officers and committee chairs personally in the next couple of weeks to discuss plans for the coming year and to make sure that committee chairmen plan to continue in their current role.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **John Harmon** (\$32).

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

Newsletter: The January 2007 newsletter was already ready to be mailed.

Val Sell concluded the meeting as her last presidential act.

Attendance:

Nate Koch, Mini-Mel, John Harmon, Dale Trowbridge, Bob Shor, Digger-Dave, Iguana-Don, Super G, Gil Moreno, Val Sell, Susan Kelleher, 409, Larry Meredith, Tori Meredith, S.L. Edge, Bob Finlay, Anna Derho, Dave Secchitano, Doc, Ian Inman, Chris Mason, Alex Wolf-Root, Bill Browne, Cleal