

# Empire Runners December 2008 Club Meeting

[pending approval at the January 22, 2009 club meeting]

**President Bob Finlay** ([bfinlay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bfinlay@sbcglobal.net)) called the December 18, 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 6:41pm.

## Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Nate Koch** ([nathankoch@gmail.com](mailto:nathankoch@gmail.com)) read the November meeting minutes which were approved as read.

## Treasurer's Report:

**Treasurer John Harmon** ([jj2harmon@yahoo.com](mailto:jj2harmon@yahoo.com)) reported that last month we ended with \$34,694.20 and is now at \$31,457.83. The Student Grant Fund balance is \$763 and there have been \$6,050 donated to high schools to date with a projected 6300 total for 2008. There have been about \$2800 in costs for the current cross country season to date. Overall, we are up about \$7000 from last year. There was a question as to whether this gain was sustainable or a one-time event. John will present a two year retrospective cash flow analysis.

## President's Report:

**President Bob Finlay** reported that modifications are continuing to be made on the Sponsorship program.

He also reported that Chris Mason has made steps to make our membership information more secure.

## Recent Events:

**PA Championships – 11/23** – John Harmon reported that there was good participation. The Super Senior Men took first place, Hutch was second in his age group overall, and there's a wrap-up article in the newsletter. Thanks to all of our team captains. Details in the newsletter.

**Wild Turkey Ramble – 11/27** – it was fun and wild.

**McGuire's Breakfast Run – 11/30** - read the article in the paper.

**CIM – 12/6** – Mel ran a 2:57

**USATF XC Nationals** – 4 ran in the very chilly Men's Open race, read the articles in the paper.

**Jingle Bell Run** - new venue, lots of fun

## Upcoming Events:

**Last 10k and Final 2 mile – 12/20**

**Christmas Day Fun Run – 9am Howarth Park**

**Resolution Run – 1/1/09** – Val needs some volunteers

## Committee Reports

**Hall of Fame** - Class of 2009 has been selected. **Pappy** announced that **Dan Preston, Brendan Hutchinson, and Pam Horton** were nominated, **Gil Moreno** seconded and the nominations passed.

**2008 Awards Banquet – Val Sell** reported that **Tag** is catering. It will be Super Bowl weekend, and Val is trying to change some things to make it cheaper. **Val** needs items for raffles. The 2008 and 2009 Hall of Fame classes will officially be inducted at the Banquet.

## Unfinished Business:

### Elections of Club Officers:

President: **Bob Finlay**

Vice President: **Nate Koch**

Treasurer: **John Harmon**

Secretary: **Paul Berg.**

All running unopposed, **Bob** proposed to elect all at once, John Harmon seconded and the motion passed,

### Membership software:

**The committee** is looking at 3 different options. They will have more information after Christmas.

**AED: Nate Koch** reviewed the information from last month & made a motion to allocate \$1800 for the purchase of the AED. Motion passed unanimously.

**Annadel Drinking Fountain: John Harmon** motioned to release the \$2000 for the drinking fountain after **Bob Finlay and John Harmon** meet with the organization can work out the details. Pappy seconded and the motion carried.

**Post Cards - Pappy** motioned to allocate \$800 for the printing and mailing of the club race postcards. The motion passed.

## New Business:

**Fleet Feet Grand Prix: Bob Rogers** will be the new Grand Prix Prime Minister (or whatever you want to call it).

**Bob Finlay** motioned to allocate \$1080 to standardize the age group awards structure for the Grand Prix. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Bob Shor** is looking for a head coach for the Santa Rosa Express.

**Val Sell** is looking for someone to help with sponsorships, getting contacts, and coming up with ideas for saving money and getting community involvement for the Kenwood Footrace.

## Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Nate Koch** won \$40, donated it back to the pot.

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

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 8:11.

## Attendance:

"Bones" Koch, John Harmon, Katie Thille, Robert Thille, Shirley Fee, Gil Moreno, Bob Shor, Pots Nordvold, Super G, Dale Trowbridge, Stephen Rauch, Carl Jackson, Alex Wolf-Root, Chris Mason, Bob Finlay, SLEDGE, Larry Meredith (THE Larry Meredith of Indiana!), Alex Matthew Isabeau (one of many), Dave Secchitano, Susan Kelleher, Don Stewart, Paul Berg, Mini-Mel, Val Sell, Pappy, Tammy Drew