

Empire Runners December 17, 2009 Club Meeting

(pending approval at the January 2010 meeting)

Vice President Nate Koch called the December, 2009 meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Paul Berg read the November 2009 meeting minutes which were approved as read.

Treasurers's Report:

Treasurer John Harmon reported that the current club balance is \$41,840.28, up \$10,382 from the same time last year.

The major expense in the past month was \$7200 for Kenwood t-shirts.

McGuire's Breakfast Run had a \$125 profit vs. 109 last year.

XC team expense for 2009 is \$2880 vs. \$2825 for 2008.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$1021.

Race Reports:

1. Recent races/Runs:

1. XC - Champs - 11/22/09 45 Empire Runners, Masters Men placed, Senior Women 3rd, Open Men beat Coast Guard team
2. Wild Turkey Ramble - 11/26/09 turkeys were sighted
3. McGuire's Breakfast Run - 11/29/09 Mike McGuire reported 30 participants in each race. John Anderson did timing. Usual prizes, plus 3 gift certificates from Tag's deli. (proposal to donate profits to HV school below, new business)
4. CIM - 12/6/09 several Empire runners. Shirley Fee reported that the relay race was very disorganized and not enough outhouses at aid stations.

2. Upcoming Races/Runs:

1. Last 10k & Final 2mi - 12/19/09 Large number of pre-registered, big turnout expected. John Anderson needs registration help starting at 8am. Bob Shor reported that there will be staggered start times: 10k at 9:00am, 2 mi at 9:05am.
2. Jingle Bell Run (12/22/09) - Rob and Shelli Main's House (5063 Eliggi Court, Santa Rosa) meet 6pm, run 6:30pm. Potluck after.
3. Resolution Run - 1/1/10 Gil needs volunteers for membership booth. Val needs 6-8 people for registration help.
4. Club Party - 2/6/10 Val Sell reported that Tagliaferi's Deli will be doing pasta this year, anticipating the half-marathon the following morning. Val will need help decorating the hall at 5pm that day.
5. Grand Prix donations/gift certificates. Bob Rogers discussed changes in race results reporting to facilitate Grand Prix results. He proposed that there should be a checkbox on race entry forms and/or race tags to easily determine if someone is a member. Steve Rausch is working on the database to make sorting results easier.

Grand Prix awards for 2009 winners: Bob Rogers proposed that age group awards in the amount of \$ 25-20-15 gift certificates to FleetFeet. If an individual wants to sponsor an age group, they may reimburse the club for the \$60, but all age groups will receive gift certificates. The 6 overall awards will be provided by

FleetFeet, the GrandPrix sponsor. 2nd by Dale Trobridge APPROVED

6. Annadel Half - 2/7/10. Val Sell reported that she is getting good response for sponsorships, and approximately 60 people have registered online. Registration is online only. \$65 until January 24, \$85 until February 1, which is the registration cutoff. No race day registration. Limited to 300 runners, the club hopes to raise \$25k for Annadel Park. There will also be a 5-mile guided hike with a suggested donation lead by an REI leader. A one-day parking pass will be included in the race packet, which will be paid from race proceeds.

Committee Reports:

1. Hall of Fame Committee Nominations. Ralph Harms proposed that 2009 awards should be given to Jim Ray, Bob Holland and Al Tagliaferi.
APPROVED

Unfinished Business:

Definition of "youth": Jerry Lyman reported that Gil Moreno has changed the definition of under 21 to "student" instead of "youth", clarifying the perceived discrepancy.

New Business:

1. Donate proceeds of 2010 McGuire's Breakfast Run. Jerry Lyman proposed:

"Donate the profits of 2010 (\$125 in 2009) of McGuire's Breakfast Run to Hidden Valley School Parents' Club or other school organization in appreciation for using their facilities." 2nd by Dale Trobridge. APPROVED.

2. Officer Elections. The slate of officers nominated for 2010 was approved by voice vote. President: Nate Koch. Vice-President: Dale Petereson. Treasurer: John Harmon. Secretary: Paul Berg

3. Club Colors – Mini-Mel reported for Gil Moreno that there is a disturbing trend in the athletic apparel industry away from the availability of the Empire Runner navy, royal or cobalt blue. This problem became apparent in the attempt to re-order womens's running bras. A committee was formed to ponder the issue.

4. Training Run Oversight. Larry Meredith agreed to continue oversight of the various training group schedules. With the addition of the Petaluma training group and the anticipated Heart&Sole group lead by Kenny Brown, the website has been updated to include all the group information.

Raffle: Cancelled due to technical difficulties

Drawing: Wayne Clark would have won \$200 if he attended the meeting.

Vice President Nate Koch concluded the meeting at 7:35pm pm.

Attendance:

Super G, Bob Shor, Shirley Fee, Thermo, Jen Ortlinghaus, Will Ortlinghaus, Paul Berg, Mini-Mel and Mr. Mini-Mel, Geisha, Larry Meredith, Tori Meredith, Bones Koch, Pappy, Val, Dave Goodwin, Brian Goodwin, Dale Trobridge, Ralph

Harms, Don Sampson, John Harmon, Mike McGuire, Frank Stranel, Chris Mason, Wolfman, Bob Rogers.