

# Empire Runners February 2009 Club Meeting

(pending approval at the March 26, 2009 meeting)

President **Bob Finlay** ([bfinlay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bfinlay@sbcglobal.net)) called the February 2009 meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

## Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Paul Berg** ([pmberg@sonic.net](mailto:pmberg@sonic.net)) read the January 2009 meeting minutes which were approved as read.

## Treasurers' Report:

Treasurer **John Harmon** ([jj2harmon@yahoo.com](mailto:jj2harmon@yahoo.com)) reported that the current club balance is \$31, 238.82, up \$3200 from the same time last year. The major expense in the past month was the Annual Banquet, which cost \$1788, about \$500 more than last year. It was noted that this included the plaques for the Hall of Fame and the Kathy Van Riper awards, the cost of the hall increased, and beer and wine were purchased this year, where in previous years was donated.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$1120, approx \$520 less than the same time last year.

\$250 was donated to SRHS for their help on the Valley Ford Relay, which netted \$1012.

## President's Report:

President **Bob Finlay** reported that we are seeking a Sponsorship director or perhaps a Sponsorship committee to continue the effort undertaken by **Dave DeSelle** over the past few years. An egroup message was sent last week explaining the position.

## Race Reports:

1. Recent races/Runs:
  - a. Tamalpa Couples Relay 2-08-09, Photos on the website
  - b. Valley Ford Relays 2-15-09. **Bob Shor** reported that the weather gods cooperated, it was the best attended VF event ever. Kudos to **Doug Courtemarche** and his SRHS team for a well-organized event, complete with prizes for all. Age group records were set by Shirlee Fee, Mini-Mel, and the masters co-ed team of **Val Sell, Kenny Brown, Ty Strange, and Mel Lovrin**. Article by **Larry Meredith** in the newsletter.
2. Upcoming Races/Runs:
  - a. Napa marathon 3-01-09. **Darryl Beardall** will be running for the 28<sup>th</sup> time, **Paul Berg** for the first time.

- b. Pt. Reyes Trail run 3-08-09
- c. Ilsanjo Classic 3-15-09. **Mark James** will be assisted by Sonoma State athletes, but can still use some race-day help. Since this is the 37<sup>th</sup> annual running, there will be an award for the 37<sup>th</sup> finisher. To ease the race day registration, there will pre-registration at Fleet Feet on Saturday, 3/14. An egroup message will be sent. Mark reminded the attendees of the 1 mile newt scoot that will take place at 8:45 am to the adult race. Loop-de-Loop 4-5-09.
- d. Petaluma Footrace 4-19-09. **Chris Mason** reported that there is NO race day registration for this event, and it always sells out before race day, so pre-register online.

### Committee Reports:

- 1. Awards Banquet 1-31-09. **Bob Finlay** congratulated **Val Sell** on a well-run event, and her moving tribute to Kathy Van Riper
- 2. Vineman Aid Station: a volunteer coordinator is still needed for this event, which is in August
- 3. Student Grant Fund: **Bob Finlay** reported that he has mailed applications to 39 coaches, Ads and counselors in Sonoma County for this years scholarships for graduating HS seniors who will continue running in college. The application can also be downloaded from the website.
- 4. Creek Cleanup 4-25-09.
- 5. Membership software update. The committee will be meeting next week to come to a decision soon. **Bob Finlay** reported that **Jerry Lyman** and the committee have spent many hours researching the various products.

Unfinished Business: none to report

### New Business

- 1. Beginning March 1, Thursday training runs will change to 5:30pm, and March monthly meeting will move to 7:30pm with the time change.
- 2. Lake Sonoma 50 is requesting Empire Runners to man an aid station on March 28. It requires 4 people for 6-7 hours.

Raffle: ~~Nate Koch~~ **Dale Trobridge** won \$31, and \$31 went to the student grant fund

Drawing: **Megan Johnson** would have won \$200 if she attender the meeting....

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Attendance:

Mark James, miniMel, Nate Koch, Darryl Beardall, Don Sampson, Super George, Dale Trobridge, Dave DeSelle, Thermo, Shirley Fee, Stephen Starkweather, Pappy, Lorenzo Meredith, Victoria Lynn Meredith, Bob Shor, Chris Mason, Hutch, Bob Finlay, Paul Berg.