

Empire Runners January 2008 Club Meeting

[pending approval at the February 28, 2008, club meeting]

President **Bob Finlay** called the January 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 6:35pm on January 24th, 2008.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Nate Koch** read the minutes from the December 2007 meeting and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

President **Bob Finlay** filled in for Treasurer **John Harmon** and gave the starting balance as \$21,551.21 and the ending balance as \$26,290.09. Student grant fund reserves are \$965.00.

President's Report:

President **Bob Finlay** reported that the officers met on Monday, January 21st and had discussed how to fine tune the current procedures and activities of the club. **Bob** also said that they were looking at starting a club Hall of Fame and improving the website, but that these would be reported on under New Business.

Recent Events:

Resolution Run – had more than 200 participants, the largest ever

Palisades Run – The run, started by **Doc**, was a great event and would possible become an annual event.

Boston Training Group – If anyone would like to train with the group contact **Larry Meredith** for a schedule. The schedule will be slightly different that the club training schedule.

Lars Anderson ran a ½ Marathon in Denmark on December 31st. He invites others to run it next year. When asked how he did he declared "I finished".

Upcoming Events:

All-comers track meet – Heart & Sole is putting on a track meet on February 2nd, at Cardinal Newman High School. See the club website or newsletter for more information.

Valley Ford Relays – February 17th, 2008 9am. Each leg is 2.75 miles.

Ilsanjo Classic – March 16, 2008. Healdsburg High School is supplying the volunteers. **Digger** asked for further volunteers. daviddeselle@sbcglobal.net

Sonoma Valley Footrace – June 21st, 2008. The 5k will be run as last year and a 10k course will be added. See **Dave Secchitano** for more information. copyike@comcast.net

Doc announced that the Creek Cleanup is scheduled for April 17th, 2008.

Doc also announced that he will be giving a clinic on mobility exercises at Fleet Feet in March.

Committee Reports:

The club banquet is February 2nd at 5pm. **Val Sell** has everything under control. You needed to RSVP and pay at the door.

A Hall of Fame is in the works being headed up by **Ralph Harms**. This is an old idea that is being resurrected. Requirements for the Hall of Fame are still being worked out. The purpose is to honor those club members who have had an impact on the club and the running community at large, preferably not posthumously. The Hall of Fame would reside on the website. A report and proposal will be given at another meeting. The committee hopes to have the program set up and induct the initial class at the club party in 2009.

Chris Mason is making revisions to the current website. The aim is to include the current content, add more content, and to make it more easily accessible. It should be up in a few weeks.

Unfinished Business:

Bob Finlay is still working on the Raffle change. Several ideas were discussed. A proposal will be made at a later meeting.

New Business:

Bob Shor stated that the Santa Rosa Express youth running club needs a Club Manager and a new Head Coach. Contact him if you are interested at (707) 539-6787 or ashorsr@aol.com

Bob Finlay announced that the club is looking for people to fill several positions. Most importantly is the Membership Director position as **Anette Niewald** is stepping down. The other positions are the Cross Country team coordinator, several cross country team captains, and a club historian. Contact **Bob Finlay** if you are interested in any of the above positions.

Ian Inman reported that Carl Triola is back at home after a heart stoppage. He is expected to make a full recovery.

Darryl Beardall reported that he is still recovering from injuries incurred in December. He still made it too the January Meeting.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Bob Finlay** (\$23).

Drawing: **Nate Verbiscar-Brown** (\$200, not present). Next month's drawing is for **\$200**.

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

Bob Finlay adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

Attendance:

Nate Koch, Geisha, Mel, Lars Anderson, Don Sampson, Dave DeSelle, Bob Shor, Super G, Dale Trowbridge, LT, Dave Secchitano, Larry Meredith, Tori Meredith, Sledge, Pots Nordvold, Bob Finlay, Anna Derho, Gil Moreno, Chris Mason, Ian Inman, Darryl Beardall, Doc, Dan Preston