

Empire Runners Club

Uncorrected Minutes of the June 28, 2007, monthly club meeting

The monthly meeting of the Empire Runners was called to order by President Val Sell at 7:35 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007. Dale Petersen read the minutes from last month as Secretary Lars was absent. "The minutes from the May 24th 2007 meeting were read and approved with the following correction:

Bob Finlay pointed out that all four of the Runner-up grants of \$300 were awarded to females rather than two males and two females as stated in the minutes. Finlay explained that there were only two male applicants this year and they were both selected to receive \$500 grants".

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Financial Report:

John Harmon gave the financial report. He stated that the beginning balance for June in our checking was \$14,972.45 and with receipts of \$2586.00 and expensed of \$105.23 our ending balance was \$17,750.04. He added that we currently had an additional \$3252.00 in the Student Grant Fund. Bob Finley stated that it would be down to \$52.00 next month with disbursement of \$3200.00 to worthy students.

Race Reports:

Val Sell reported that she, Dale Peterson and others flew back to run Grandma's Marathon with all of them basically crashing and burning (here came the medical tent) due to the unexpected heat and humidity, but still had enough to go bowling afterwards.

Dave DeSelle mentioned the group email that thanked the membership from Brian Purcell concerning his 100k run/walk at the Relay for Life in which he raised \$11,000.00 and was the top fund raiser.

Dave DeSelle added that there was an article in the Press Democrat about Kelly Ridgeway who at 49 completed in the Western States 100 and finished in less than 24 hours and got the "silver belt buckle".

Bob Finley reported that he Jon Hermstad had run Hit the Road Jack and both placed in their age group.

Regarding the Summer Solstice Run it was noted that were 19 teams with Jeff Gardina running the fastest leg in 16:09 which Bob Shor stating that he thought it was the second fastest of all time.

Upcoming Races:

With Eric Bohn unable to attend due to an injured shoulder, President Val reminded the members about the Salmon Creek run and if you pre-registered for the \$5 you would receive a gift of chocolate pop rocks.

Also mentioned was the Sonoma Valley 5k on July 14th which was on the club's website.

Old Business:

The 4th of July Kenwood race was discussed with Bob Finley noting that with his taking on the traffic control he would not be unhappy if a few more volunteered to help. Even though he felt that he had a reasonable handle on the situation.

Regarding the Club's presence at the Wednesday Night Market John Harmon stated that he had put the project on hold until later this summer.

Mr. Harmon also added that we should have our table and tent at Kenwood with ample applications available. Mr. Dale Petersen noted that the glass handout was going to be moved further from the finish chute in order to move the runners along.

New Business:

Tabled was a discussion regarding the summer tack series.

Drawing: \$23 was won by John Harmon. On the Random Drawing Lucia Varela would have won \$200 had she been present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09.

Attendance

S.L. Edge, Smudges Mom, Smudges friend, Anette Niewald, Shirley Fee, Thermo, Twyla Roberts, Susan Kelleher, Alyce Parks, Bob Shor, Dan Sampson, Digger DeSelle, Dan Preston, Pap, Val Sell, Bob Finlay, Dale Trowbridge, John Harmon

Dave DeSelle, TEMP. Secretary