



The Empire Runners
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June 2008 Club Meeting

[Pending approval at the July 24, 2008 club meeting]

President Bob Finlay (bfinlay@sbcglobal.net) called the June 26, 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:34pm.

Vice President Dave DeSelle was not in attendance and **Dale Peterson** was **Treasurer John Harmon's** proxy (input evil laugh).

Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Nate Koch** (nathankoch@gmail.com) read the May minutes which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Secretary Nate Koch read **John Harmon's** Treasurer's report. The month started with \$30,501.03 total which put the General Fund at \$27,074.03 and \$3,427.00 in the Student Grant Fund. The General Fund on this date is at \$21,036.07 and the Student Grant Fund is at \$3,509.00 with a grand total of \$24,545.07.

John's report indicated that the drop in balance was due to the Kenwood Footrace expenses and Student Grant Fund checks. Those checks will put the Student Grant Fund at deficit of \$191. John is unsure of the reason for the deficit and will look into it further.

The Summer Track series is bringing in about \$275 a night. **Doc and Mojo** continue their shameless pattern of profitability by netting a whopping 50 cents at the inaugural Riverfront Relay.

John also reported that **Paul Berg** is playing treasurer for the Kenwood footrace and if anyone needs a check, contact **Jerry Lyman**.

President's Report

President Bob Finlay reported that he had contacted the Tamalpa Runners president about the race conflicting with the Kenwood Footrace. They will still hold the race this year and removed the reference to the Kenwood Footrace from their website. They have been very cooperative and we are waiting to see what effect this has on our race this year.

Recent Events:

Tahoe Relay – Dale Peterson reported that the Men's Open team cut off 9 minutes off of their PR and placed 4th overall. The Senior Team placed first in their division. It was suggested that a women's team be formed for next year.

Riverfront Relay – It was a great race. **Bob Finlay** meekly asked, "Where the hell was the river?"

Summer Track Series – Val Sell reported that there has been great attendance. The first meet had 92 runners and the second yielded 100. 44 of those ran in both meets.

Hit the Road Jack – Results were finally published online but may not be accurate.

Fitch Mountain – Tori Meredith reported that there were 57 more runners than last year and it went smoothly. It was also noted that it made 400 dollars for the club.

It was reported that **Kenny Brown** ran the Comrades Marathon in South Africa. He finished the race in 8:46

Don Stewart finished 2nd at the Double Dipsea and several other members ran the Dipsea and finished well.

Upcoming Events:

Summer Track Series – 7/9/08

Kenwood Footrace – 6/4/08

Salmon Creek – 8/3/08

Committee Reports

Kenwood Footrace – Race Director Val Sell reported that at the closure of the online registration there were 522 runners registered which is 20 less than last year. In store registration starts Friday, June 27th. She bought 200 kids shirts which can be reused next year. The Tech shirts are "gorgeous" there is still a need for people to help with traffic and parking. The bibs did not come with a second tear off and so that will present a problem for the breakfast. Several ideas were given to remedy the situation.

Bob Finlay reported that he still needs 15 volunteers (several can still run the race).

Student Grant Fund – Bob Finlay reported that notifications have been sent out to the recipients.

Unfinished Business:

Annadel State Park Donation – Bob Finlay made several attempts to contact Annadel but has made no progress.

New Business:

Bob Finlay read a letter from the El Molino All Weather Track Committee. In the letter it was reported that \$7000 is still needed to complete the All Weather Track. **Nate Koch** suggested that an E-group announcement be sent out and a request be made on the website. **Pappy** motioned to donate \$1000 to the project. Discussion followed with several suggested a higher amount and **Val Sell** suggested waiting until after the Kenwood Footrace to see how much profit was made. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Super George** won (\$23)

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

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 8:32pm.

Attendance:

"Bones" Koch, Andrea Guzman, Mini-Mel, Alyce Parks, Darryll Beardall, Bob Shor, Dale Trowbridge, Carl Jackson, Super George, Iguna Don, Pappy, Bob Finlay, Chris Mason, Sledge Hammer, Victoria L. Meredith, Larry Meredith, Val Demort Sell, LT, Bob Rogers, Susan Kelleher, Bill Browne