

## Empire Runners June 25, 2009 Club Meeting

(pending approval at the *July 23, 2009* meeting)

President **Bob Finlay** ([bfinlay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bfinlay@sbcglobal.net)) called the June 25, 2009 meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

### Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Paul Berg** ([pmberg@sonic.net](mailto:pmberg@sonic.net)) read the May 28 meeting minutes which were approved as read.

### Treasurers's Report:

Treasurer **John Harmon** ([jj2harmon@yahoo.com](mailto:jj2harmon@yahoo.com)) reported that the current club balance is \$28,148.537, up \$3603 from the same time last year.

Kenwood Footrace expenses to date are \$7242, income is \$1938, plus approximately \$2000 from Active.com.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$1841, approx \$416 less than the same time last year.

Riverfront relay: Income \$440, Expenses \$467, Net Loss of \$27.

Summer Track series: Income \$793 after 2 meets vs. \$550 in 2008.

### President's Report:

President **Bob Finlay** reported that he will be starting a job out of town on July 20 that will keep him away during the week for at least the rest of the year. After consulting with the Board, he has decided that he will be able to conduct club business via email and phone, and will continue in his post until his term expires at the end of the year.

Bob also shared the student grant fund winners' essays, which were passed around the room.

### Race Reports:

#### 1. Recent Races / Runs

- a) Spring Has Sprung 5-30-09: No report
- b) Fitch Mountain Footrace 6-7-09: **Tori Meredith** reported approx 25 runners less than last year, despite conflict with Hit the Road, lots of ER volunteers
- c) Hit the Road Jack 6-7-09: 5 Empire runners
- d) Summer Track Series 6-10-09: 153 athletes, 63 new, 12 heats of 100m
- e) Tahoe Relay 6-13-09: open team 7<sup>th</sup> place overall, tough competition; senior team 25<sup>th</sup> overall, first in age group
- f) Riverfront Relay 6-20-09: 32 teams, lots of fun, plus breakfast
- g) Summer Track Series, Meet #2, 6-24-09: 149 athletes, 55 new
- h) Dipsea 6-14-09: several ER, article in newsletter

2. Upcoming Races / Runs
  - a) Kenwood Footrace 7-4-09 (see committee reports)
  - b) Summer Track Series 7-8-09 / 7-22-09 / 8-5-09.
  - c) New Members Run in Petaluma. 7-11-09. **Chris Mason** reported ER partnering with Athletic Soles. 8:30 am, downtown Petaluma. Coffee after.
  - d) Double Dipsea 6-27-09 **Stephen Starkweather** is looking for running companions.

### Committee Reports:

1. Kenwood Footrace. **Val Sell** reported that online and mail-in registration are both up compared to last year. She reminded members that there is no fee for online registration. Val is still in need of one more laptop for registration.
2. Cross Country Team Meeting. **John Harmon** reported that he is hosting a potluck BBQ on July 26 to discuss the upcoming season. John reminded members to update their PA membership.
3. Constant Contact, **Jerry Lyman** explained the email notification system trial he is conducting, and explained that only one of 1230 recipients have opted out of the mailing after 3 messages. He explained the pricing structure and asked how to proceed. **Tori Meredith** motioned that we spend \$252 for the full year.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **Gil Moreno**. Passed unanimously.
4. Website and membership program update, **Chris Mason** and **Steve Rauch** explained that after Kenwood footrace the website will be using a new hosting service for nonprofits. It will allow them to manage the database more effectively, and allow members to set preferences. President **Finlay** expressed the club's gratitude to Chris and Steve for many hours of work on improving the website.

### Unfinished Business.

Voting on the proposal for 2009 Cross Country team funding.

**John Harmon** proposed the motion:

*“ To continue the 2008 XC subsidy policy, namely:*

*Participants must run at least 3 races and pay for their first race. The Club will pay entry for as many as 5 more races per person.*

*If participants choose to not accept the subsidy, they may do so by:*

- 1 *Enter themselves and pay their own entry fee*
- 2 *Provide a check when they return their completed entry forms for all of the races*
3. *Submit money to team captain or directly to treasurer after each race*
4. *Wait until the end of the season to submit for the races they ran.*

2<sup>nd</sup> by **Jerry Lyman**. Passed unanimously by hand vote, without proxies.

**John Harmon** said he received 7 email responses to this issue: 6 positive, 1 negative.

**New Business:**

- 1 **John Harmon** reported that he has received letters acknowledging donations to Komen for the Cure and Kathys Camp.
- 2 **Gil Moreno** showed a book he received from Shutterfly displaying photos of ER races.
- 3 **Dale Petersen** informed members that **Tim Stewart** was injured in a climbing accident, resulting in a broken ankle and fibula fracture.

**Monkey Business:**

**John Harmon** informed members of the Tuesday night group of a Farewell Dinner for **Jenn Macy** on 6-30-09 after the workout.

Raffle: **Gil Moreno** won \$26, and \$26 went to the student grant fund  
Drawing: **Fred Garcia** would have won \$200 if he attended the meeting.

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Attendance:

Susan Kelleher, Paul Berg, Bill Browne, Sledge, Pappy, Tori Lynn, Larry Eugene, Gil Moreno, Chris Mason, Stephen Rauch, Stephen Starlweather, Super George, Iguana Don, Dawn Haight, John Harmon, Mini Mel, Bones Koch, Bob Finlay.