

## **Empire Runners Club June 24, 2010 Meeting**

*(Pending approval at the July 22, 2010 meeting)*

**President Nate Koch** (president@empirerunners.org) called the June 24, 2010 meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Paul Berg (secretary@empirerunners.org) read the May 2010 meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer John Harmon (treasurer@empirerunners.org) was absent. Secretary Paul Berg reported that the current club balance is \$34,582.45, up \$6433.93 from the same time last year. The Student Grant Fund balance is 2565\$, approx \$724 more than the same time last year. High School Donation to date \$1885, projected total for 2010 is \$5705.

Race financials:

Riverfront Relay netted \$219 vs. \$42 loss last year.

Kenwood Footrace to-date: Income \$7965, Expenses \$9681.

### **President's Report:**

President Nate Koch reported that the Board of Directors met on June 2 with attorney Linda Rosen to discuss bylaws revisions. More new questions were earthed, and the group decided to wait until after Kenwood footrace to meet again.

### **Race Reports:**

#### ***Recent races/Runs:***

1. Hit the Road Jack - 6/6
2. Tahoe Relay - 6/12 3 Empire teams competed
3. Fitch Mountain - 6/13 Tori Meredith reported 3 fewer participants than last year. Val Sell ran the timing so Larry M could participate at Tahoe.
4. All Comers Track Meet - Tuesday, 6/15 Good turnout, well run.
5. Riverfront Relay - 6/19 Jerry Lyman reported 92 runners. Great breakfast.

#### ***Upcoming Races/Runs:***

1. All Comers Track Meet #2- Tuesday, 6/29 Piner HS 6:30pm
2. Kenwood Footrace - 7/4 Val Sell reported that she still needs traffic volunteers for race day.
3. All Comers Track Meet#3 - Tuesday, 7/13 Piner HS 6:30pm
4. Napa-Sonoma Half Marathon - 7/18
5. Santa Rosa marathon – 9/29 Orhan Sarabi reported that there will also be a 5k walk/run with all proceeds donated to the campaign to save Ridgeway and Finley pools from closures due to budget cuts. Val Sell inquired how much money would actually go to the pools, and Orhan said that is would be approx \$20-25 of the \$30 entry. Jerry Lyman brought up several issues regarding scheduling of the race on the same weekend as ER Phil Widener XC opener on Saturday Aug 28, especially with the addition of the 5k. Orhan agreed to look at the schedule more closely next year, but that he was asked by SR city to hold the 5k race on that specific date.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Website update: Chris Mason reported that the new website is fully operational, and encouraged members to take advantage of the “forums” section.
2. Newsletter update: Jerry Lyman reported that as of August, the roles of newsletter editors would be merged in an effort to improve quality and design. The newsletter would now appear as a web-based format, which will allow for greater flexibility in length of articles and more photos.

**Unfinished Business:**

Val Sell reported that the new Kenwood Footrace banner, which the club paid half the printing price, is dramatically hanging over Kenwood.

**New Business:**

1. Constant Contact Renewal - Jerry Lyman reported that our Constant Contact annual contract is about to expire, and asked for authorization to renew for another year. Jerry explained the successful utilization of the service so far. Proposal: “to renew the annual contract for Constant Contact. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Meredith. Passed Unanimously.
2. Parking at Howarth Park. Larry Meredith discussed the possibility of SR city charging for parking at Howarth Park to raise funds. It was erroneously rumored to begin July 1, but Larry said he would look into changing the start of the Thursday night runs to another location, possibly Oak Knolls parking area.

**Monkey Business**

President Koch introduced new member Craig Wasserkrug. Welcome Craig!

Raffle: Don Sampson won \$22, and \$23 went to the student grant fund

Drawing: Alyce Parks would have won \$200 if she attended the meeting....

President Nate Koch concluded the meeting at 8:30 pm.

**Attendance:**

Paul Berg, “Bones” Koch, Chris Mason, Craig Wasserkrug, Brad Zanetti, Hammah Time, Tori Meredith, Coach Hipster, Roach Papster, Bojo Rogers, Don Sampson, Brian Goodwin, Dave Goodwin, Bob Shor, Super George, Dale Trowbridge, Val-K-No.