

## **Empire Runners June 23, 2011 Club Meeting**

*(pending approval at the July 28, 2011 meeting)*

President Alex Wolf-Root([president@empirerunners.org](mailto:president@empirerunners.org)) called the May 26,2011 meeting to order at 7:37pm

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

Brad Zanetti, in place of secretary Paul Berg, read the previous Month's meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

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

Treasurer Tanya Narath([treasurer@empirerunners.org](mailto:treasurer@empirerunners.org)) reported that The current club balance is \$39,379, up \$7,362 from the same time last year.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$3552, up \$987 from the same time last year.

HS donations are the same as last month YTD \$1570, projected balance of \$7,995.

#### ***Race Financials:***

*Elite Mile:* There were no race entry fees. There were \$2,000 in sponsorships, \$3,000 in expenses(prize money) with a net income of (\$-1,000) which was contributed by the Empire Runners Club per plan.

*Summer Track Series #1:* There were \$471 in entry fees. There were no expenses noted as of yet. This left a net income of \$471.

*Riverfront Relays:* There were \$585 in entry fees up \$35 from last year. There were \$673 in expenses also up from last year(\$138). This left A net income of(-\$88) down from last year when it managed a \$15 profit.

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

President **Alex Wolf-Root** reported that USATF National Championships started today and will run thru the weekend to determine the national team for track and field. Local talent to perform at the USATF nationals include: Sara Bei(steeplechase), Jacqui Wentz(steeplechase), Kim Conley(5K) and Jake Arnold(decathlon). Can be viewed on the internet via the USATF website, viewed on demand for free @runnerspace.com and replays on standard TV.

## **Race Reports:**

### **A. Recent Events**

1. Marin Memorial 10K- Carlos Castelo 36.29, Julia Stamps 36.34, Greg Jennings 36.37(5<sup>th</sup> age grp)
2. Tahoe Relay 6/11- beautiful day, 3 teams: Mens 50+ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Womens 40+ 3<sup>rd</sup>, Open Mixed 13<sup>th</sup>. Fun was had by all. Also Darryl ran the first leg and was last seen hightailing it(in his yellow bug) to Mt Tam
3. Dipsea 6/12- nice day, 60yo woman won, lot of ER involvement. Julie Nacouzi first highschool girl, Don Stewart 8<sup>th</sup> overall, both received black shirts, Paul Berg qualified out of the second group and will join the invitational next year(...just fill out the forms Paul) Darryl ran for the millionth time...the day after the Tahoe Relays. Unbelievable.
4. Fitch Mtn. 6/12- went on ok. Nice day. Same numbers as usual. Some problems noted with running the event. No money from Kiwanis yet. Luis Luna easily took the 10K. Due to another event The 3K course was changed(shortened), everybody had PRs and were very happy.
5. Summer Track Series #1 6/14- weather was nice(if a bit hot), attendance seemed about usual. Some problems with times in some events(200m). will need to figure out as it can effect STS awards sponsored by H&S. Reese Byers won all 3 distance events effortlessly, Julia Stamps won mile, 3K for women(both 80+% scores).
6. Riverfront River Rat Rambling Relay Rendezvous and bReakfast- 6/19- weather was pristine if a bit warm, especially the second legs. Went off without a problem, breakfast was great. Overall winner was from Sonoma(John Litzenberg and Nick Spector). 42 teams total. And the results are already up...take that.
7. Golden West Track Meet, Sacto, the Johnson Twins from Piner HS were proudly sporting their Empire Runners Gear.

### **B. Upcoming Events-**

1. Summer Track Series #2- 6/28/11- distance event is the 2 mile.
2. Kenwood Footrace- 7/4/11 750 entries so far, still need some volunteer support.
3. World Masters Track- 7/6 thru 7/17, Sacto(pausatf). Andy Howard is planning to run.

## **Reports of Committees:**

**1.** Bylaws committee discussed and explained the why and wherefors about the new Bylaws. In last months Empire Runner there is a synopsis of the proposed changes. It is recommended that everybody read this before next months meeting. We will be voting for the new Board of Directors at that meeting, on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Come prepared to vote.

The new bylaws are necessary to be in line with the RRCA(Road Runners Club of America) which we are a member of and to meet the standards of the IRS and Franchise Tax Board regarding our non-profit status.

Major changes include:

1-authority, responsibility and liability of actions by the club rest with the Board of Directors(BOD). Except for electing the BOD and amending the bylaws, the general club membership will no longer vote on club issues.

2-The BOD expands from 4 to 7 members. Terms are for 2 years, staggered each year so the board will have 3 or 4 new members. There are no term limits.

3-The BOD may call meetings and conduct club business at any time. They may continue monthly meetings much like our current meetings At which members are welcome to attend and submit content. Only the vote of the BOD will be binding.

## **Unfinished Business:**

**1.** The new Membership Director has been crowned. Much thanks to Regan Masi for taking on this important job. And thanks to Gil our outgoing director for his tireless service.

## **New Business:**

**1.** Welcome to new ER member, Katie Bolce. Katie was interested in heading another Annadel Run/Fundraiser maybe in the fall with a 5K/10K design to get more people involved. She is very affected by the probable closure of Annadel and wanted to give 'something back'. There was much discussion about how the money raised by the previous fundraisers was to be used and how this money

probably couldn't stop the closure. It was mentioned that we should be bombarding our politicians with email to show them how much the park is used/needed as the park doesn't generate much revenue. Also again it was mentioned to buy state park passes to show revenue interest and do our part for our usage. A number of people discussed what it takes to put together a fundraiser. Katie would get more information to guide her.

**2.** Possible Board Members Nominations- nothing yet. Will be voting on 3 new member. Follow in the July issue of the Empire Runner.

**Monkey Business:**

Raffle: Winner and still champion, Luis Rosales \$26, \$27 to the student grant fund. Congratulations Luis.

Drawing: Charles Hoagland would have won \$200 if he was in Attendance. Sorry Charlie.

President Alex Wolf-Root concluded the meeting at ??8:45PM (didn't have my watch on)

*Attendance:*

Nate 'Bones' Koch, (Iguano)Don Sampson, Super George, LT, Tanya Narath, Genney Doyle, Katie Bolce, Bob 'Shooter' Shor, Regan Masi Alex Wolf-Root, Chris Mason, Jerry 'Pigfete" Lyman, Val Sell, Luis and Melanie Rosales, Dale 'Hammah Time' Peterson, Larry and Tori, Will and Jen Ortlinghaus, Patti Lounibos, Mini Mel Belluomini, acting Secretary Brad Zanetti.