

Empire Runners March 2008 Club Meeting

(Approved as read at the April 24th, 2008 Meeting)

President Bob Finlay called the March 27th, 2008 Empire Runners meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary Dave DeSelle reviewed the Treasurer's Report in lieu of the absence of Treasurer John Harmon. DeSelle stated that the checking balance was \$28511.13 and the student Grant Fund was at \$1906.00. He added the figures for the Ilsanjo Classic were good with Total Receipts of \$1669.00 and Expenses of \$765.17 which included the \$500 donation to Healdsburg High for their assistance which left Net Income of \$1056.83.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Dave DeSelle read the minutes from the February 2008 meeting. They were approved as read.

Race Reports:

Dave DeSelle reported on the Ilsanjo Classic. It was the largest turnout (218) since he started directing the race in 1994. The Newt Scoot had 17 kids. The 4-mile Neoclassic had 58 run and the 10-mile Classic had a total 143. The 10-mile race was won by Bob Shebest for the men and by Mel Lorvin for the Women (in course record time of 1:05:53). He thanked all the sponsors and all those who helped on race day. DeSelle added that at this time he was retiring as race of the Ilsanjo Classic, but would be more than willing to help the next race director.

President Finlay thanked DeSelle for his effort these past 14 years and asked if anyone was willing at this time to take over as race director. Mark James, the current cross country coach at Sonoma State, stated that he would be willing to take over as race director.

It was reported that the Point Reyes trail run had approximately 70 people attending between Empire Runners and the Fleet Feet training group. They ran varying distances up to 18 miles.

President Finlay reminded that the Loop de Loop was coming up on April 6th.

Ian Inman stated that “yawl come” the Petaluma Foot Race on April 13th, but advised that you pre register as soon as possible to insure a spot.

It was noted that 24 club members were going to the Boston Marathon.

Dale Petersen stated “be there” for the Jackrabbit Derby on May 4th.

Bob Finlay reminded the members of the Spring Has Sprung race at Hidden Valley on May 17th.

Committee Reports:

Val Sell reported that there would be a meeting on Friday evening to review the status of the Kenwood Footrace. She added that more volunteers were still needed. Val gave out the dates for the Summer Tack Series which is being held at Montgomery High School (June 11th, June 24th, July 9th, July 22nd and August 6th). On the Vineman aid station Val noted that she would be sending out an email for volunteers and that the Volunteer dinner would be held on August 4th.

Ralph Harms presented a proposal for the Empire runners Hall of Fame to the members. A motion was made by Bob Finley and seconded by Jerry Lyman to accept his committee’s proposal, which included inducting as our first three inductees; Daryl Beard all, Mort Gray and Carl Jackson. The motion passed. These three members will be formally acknowledged and inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual club banquet in 2009 as well as up to three additional inductees based on applications received this year.

Bob Finlay reminded the members of the Brush Creek Clean up On April 12th at 9:30am.

Unfinished Business:

Jerry Lyman reported that he could only get a \$200 price break on a slightly different drinking fountain for the donation to Annadale State Park. Jerry stated that even with this savings that we were still over our approved budget of \$2,000 and he has not yet pursued the issue with the Park to see what our options for donating to the project are. Bob Finley stated that he would follow up and see what he could find out.

New Business:

Dave DeSelle reported that he has received a request for a Championship sponsorship from "Events with Sole" (Brad Illing)/ Wine Country Marathon where the donation was entirely in race entries. He suggested that this would set precedence that he did not feel comfortable accepting. The membership agreed.

Bob Finlay stated that Alec Isabeau would be holding a clinic on April 9th from 7 to 8pm at Fleet Feet.

Cameron Tully Smith asked the membership if Empire Runners could help out on a race at Armstrong Woods to help save the park from being closed by the state with the latest race date being June 14th. With the short time frame the membership felt that attempting to assist in this race was not feasible. The club does, however, support the efforts of those wanting to save the park and offered top help with publicity by using our website and newsletter.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: Ian Inman \$25.00

Drawing: Jody Lashinski was not present and missed the \$200. Next month's is for \$200.

Bob Finlay adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Attendance:

Mini Mel Lorvin; Bob Shor; Super G Urdzik; Dave DeSelle; 409 Preston; Darryl Beardall; Ralph Harms; Susan Kelleher; Thermo Hermstad; Shirley Fee; Chris Mason; Alex Wolf-Root; Cameron Tully-Smith; Dale "Sledge" Petersen; Lordette Valdemorf Sell; Steve Cleal; Bob Finley; Mark James; Steve Spalthoff; Ian Inman; Larry & Tori Meredith ; Jerry "Pappy" Lyman