

Empire Runners March 24, 2011 Club Meeting (pending approval at the April 28, 2011 meeting)

President Alex Wolf-Root (president@empirerunners.org) called the March 24, 2011 meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Paul Berg (secretary@empirerunners.org) read the February 2011 meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Tanya Narath (treasurer@empirerunners.org) reported:

Total Current assets \$57,578, including restricted proceeds from Annadel Half/Kathy's Race in the amount of \$ 22,183.

Excluding Annadel Half/Kathy's Race funds, current club balance is \$32,242, down \$ 76. from the same time last year.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$3153, approx \$1083 more than last year.

HS donations budget for 2011 is \$9525, of which we've spent \$1255 YTD.

Race reports:

Resolution Run: Net income \$1511 vs. \$768 for 2010

Valley Ford Relays: Net loss \$135 vs. \$10 for 2010

Ilsanjo Classic: Net income \$188 vs. \$157 loss for 2010

President's report:

President Alex Wolf-Root reported that a favorable turnout of volunteers and parents saved SR Express youth running program for another year. They are still looking for more volunteers to run with the kids.

Race Reports:

A. Recent Events

1. Ilsanjo Classic and Neo Classic - 3/13/11 Muddy. Poorly organized at registration and finish line. Several 10mi walkers who held up results.
2. Montgomery senior Julie Nacouzi ran at the World XC Championships in Spain, March 20.
3. Way Too Cool 50k. Several club members. Shirley Fee set an age group record.
4. Jen & Will Ortlinghaus ran the Shamrockin Half in Sacramento 3/13

B. Upcoming Events

1. April Fools 5k - 4/2/11
2. Loop de Loop - 4/3/11
3. Petaluma Footrace - 4/10/11
4. Annadel Half Marathon & Kathy's Race- 4/17/11 Registration still open.
5. Kenwood Footrace - 7/4/11 40th annual!
6. Carlsbad 5k 4/03/11
7. Boston marathon 4/18/11

Reports of Committees:

A. Bylaws. No report

New Business:

A. Timing: A committee lead by John Staroba and Chris Mason has been studying the various options available to upgrade our timing system to produce more timely and accurate results. With an accompanying handout of cost options, the proposal:

We propose to allocate up to \$7000 for a race timing system, capable of generating timely (on-site, usually within minutes of race conclusion) results for ER races (with the exception of Kenwood). Total system expenditure may be decreased depending on club availability of a power generator and / or the refurbishing of the club's existing Time Machine.

Proposed by Alex Wolf-Root, 2nd by Bob Shor.

John Staroba explained that this was the best system for our club, but that it still would require 4-6 trained volunteers to make sure someone was available to set up the program. There was a show of hands indicating that there were at least 5 present at the meeting who would be willing to be trained on the system.

John said that ½ hour of instruction would be sufficient to train volunteers for data entry. There ensued a lengthy discussion of databases and lookup entry of members, and how this could facilitate registration.

Questions were raised about the vulnerability of computers in wet weather, where it would be stored and if it would be capable of handling relay events, handicapped races or the summer track series.

Val Sell submitted a written statement read by Tori Meredith that addressed many of the same points.

After lengthy discussion, the vote count was:

Yes-9, No-7, Abstain-2

B. Heart and Sole Elite Mile amendment

Due to a lack of interest from elite women, there will be a men's race only this year, though the hope is to reinstate a competitive women's field in future years. Thus, for 2011, it is proposed that the motion which passed at the October 28th club meeting, specifically:

The Empire Runners Club will designate \$1000 each to the women's and men's races to be divided among the top three finishers in each race as decided by the Elite Mile race director. Additionally, the club will designate another \$2000 to be divided equally among all men who break 4:00 in the mile and all women who break 4:40 in the mile. If passed, the club will pay \$2000 with a potential maximum of \$4000.

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The Empire Runners Club will designate \$1000 to be divided among the top finishers as decided by the Elite Mile race director. Additionally, the club will designate another \$2000 to be divided equally among all men who break 4:00 in the mile. If passed, the club will pay \$1000 with a potential maximum of \$3000.

Proposed by Alex Wolf-Root, 2nd by Brad Zanetti. **Passed Unanimously.**

Monkey Business

Raffle: Larry Meredith won \$14, and \$14 went to the student grant fund

Drawing: Tessa Hill would have won \$200 if she attended the meeting.

President Alex Wolf-Root concluded the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Attendance:

Paul Berg, Jen & Will Ortlinghaus, Tanya Narath, Nicolay Rostov, Larry & B. Tori Meredith, Alex Wolf-Root, Chris Mason, Brad Zanetti, Super G, Dale Trobridge, Bob Shor, Gil Moreno, Don Sampson, Mini Mel, Mr. Mini Mel, John Staroba