

Empire Runners May 2008 Club Meeting

[Pending approval at the June 26, 2008 club meeting]

President Bob Finlay (bfinlay@sbcglobal.net) called the May 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:37pm on May 22nd, 2008.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Nate Koch** (nathankoch@gmail.com) read the April minutes which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer **John Harmon** (jj2harmon@yahoo.com) reported on the club's finances. Starting checking balance \$28,097.36 Ending balance \$27,863.92.

Student Grant Fund \$2,092 with a projected \$2400 by time of dispersal. A proposal was made to add \$1300 to the fund from the general budget which was approved by the board and select members of the club.

The Jack Rabbit Derby took in \$212 gross and netted \$-38 dollars.
\$1250 has been donated to high schools.

President's Report

There are two new newsletter editors. Web guru **Chris Mason** (usingthegift@gmail.com) is taking over for **Ian Inman** and Secretary **Nate Koch** is filling the fourth newsletter editor position.

Recent Events:

Boston Marathon – There's a great article in the newsletter.

Jack Rabbit Derby – **Dale Peterson** (sledge@saber.net) reported that there was a pretty normal turnout and was a very successful race.

Spring Has Sprung – **George Urdzik** reported that it was a brutal race (106°). There was a new course which was hard but beautiful.

Human Race – It was reported that quite a few ER members ran and several did quite well.

Just GO 5k – It was a hot day but was a good race.

Upcoming Events:

Memorial Day Races 5/26

Hit the Road Jack 6/1

Summer Track Series – Starts 6/11. Every other Race (6/24 & 7/22) will be on a Tuesday because of another group using the track on those Wednesdays. Will be held at Montgomery High School.

Kenwood Footrace – July 4th – **Val Sell** (rn4zhills@sbcglobal.net) reported that we are in good shape. The technical shirts have come in and she is working on a kid's shirt for the children who complete it. She is ordering more than enough so that they can be used over the next several years. Children 10 and under only pay \$5 to run. **Val**

is setting up two committees; one will be for in-store registration and the other for race day registration. It was noted that there is no extra fee to the applicants for registering online this year.

Sir Speedy donated the equivalent of \$900 dollars in color copies of the Kenwood Flyer.

Both the parade and the pancake breakfast are happening this year. There is a slight change in that the awards will be given out in the park and the porta-potties will be in a different location.

Fitch Mountain 6/8 – Larry Meredith (thirstyboy1@sbcgloabl.net) reported that **Tori Meredith** needs volunteers for registration, finish chute, and results.

River Relay 6/21 – Although little is known about this race, it will consist of 2 person teams and most likely breakfast. An article will go out on the E-Group and the website with further information.

Committee Reports

Student Grant Fund – President **Bob Finlay** reported that there were a record number of applicants this year (11). The last several years all applicants have been very good. This grant sends a good message to the community that the club is helping students go to school, especially in these hard economic times.

Bob Finlay made a formal motion to add \$1300 dollars to the grant fund from the general budget. **Digger** (daviddeselle@dbcglobal.net) seconded and the motion carried.

The applications are available for the members to read.

Unfinished Business:

Gil Moreno (runfire@earthlink.net) reported that he is moving from cotton clothing to clothing made of technical fabric. After contacting both Heart and Sole and Fleet Feet, Gil came up with several samples from Fleet Feet, some of which he showed at the meeting. Some of the existing inventory is going on sale which can be purchased from **Gil** or from the website. A motion was made to allocate \$3000 for Gil to use to stock the required clothing. The motion passed. A yearly budget was also recommended to streamline the process in the future.

New Business:

Annadel State Park Donation – There will be a report next month, maybe.

Bob Finlay reported that the Tamalpa Runners have scheduled a new race on the Fourth of July which is in direct conflict with the Kenwood Footrace. It is being advertised aggressively and are encouraging people to attend their race as opposed to Kenwood. The Tamalpa website states “If you don’t want to make the trek all the way up to Kenwood, this could be a perfect way to start off your Independence day activities!” **Jerry Lyman** (pigfete@aol.com) read a letter which will be sent to the Tamalpa Runners club. **John Harmon** suggested that the letter add that the reference to Kenwood be removed from their website immediately. He also suggested that our president call their president to sort this out. And that the letter needs to be signed by the officers. The officers met after the meeting to further discuss the issue.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Digger Dave** won again (\$18)

Drawing: **Deb Skinner** (\$200, not present). Next month's drawing is for **\$200**.

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 8:43pm.

Attendance:

"Bone" Koch, John Harmon, Susan Kelleher, Bob Shor, Paul Berg, Mini-Mel, Scuba Steve, Don Sampson, Dave DeSelle, Chris Mason, Pappy, Bob Finlay, Anna Derho, S.L. Edge, Val Sell, Coach, Super G, Dale T., Gil Moreno