

[pending approval at the December 20, 2007, club meeting]

Empire Runners November 2007 Club Meeting

President **Val Sell** called the November 2007 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 6:35pm on November 15th, 2007.

Happy Birthday Bob Finlay:

We sang Happy Birthday for **Bob Finlay**. Bob expressed his thanks by saying it only meant something if we also got him a cake!

Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Lars Andersen** read the minutes from the October 2007 club meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer **John Harmon** reported on the club's finances. Starting balance \$24,185.74. Ending balance \$25,713.67.

Recent Events:

Silicon Valley Marathon: **Bob Finlay** reported that he ran a 3:27 to qualify for Boston, and that **Don Stewart** ran a 3:05 despite racing XC the day before.

XC: **Dale Peterson** reported that club members have run well during the XC season and that they have had a lot of fun. The overall drop in XC attendance does not appear to have affected our club.

Run to Stop Hunger: **Val Sell** reported that they had over 300 entrants and 274 finishers. It was very successful.

Clarksburg 30k: **Darryl Beardall** ran it.

High School Races: **Nate Koch** reported that there have been several very exciting high school races lately, and that the Petaluma team did very well. Nate was also complimented on how well his own Santa Rosa Christian team did, with the boys and girls teams both winning their conference finals.

Upcoming Events:

See the "Empire Runners Club 2007 Race Schedule."

PA XC Championships: November 18th.

Turkey Trott: November 22nd, 8:30am, Cobblestone trailhead on Channel Dr.

California International Marathon: December 2nd.

Last 10k: December 15th.

Jingle Bell Run: December 18th.

Old Business:

Val Sell reported that she will be the Kenwood race director next year, pending an insanity hearing. The first planning meeting will be at the end of November at Val's house, where committees will be formed. **Pete Guerini** will be working the Olympic Trials on 04 July 2008, so **John Staroba** will do the timing.

Gil Moreno brought our embroidered caps, and sold several.

New Business:

Bob Finlay suggested that we change the format of the monthly random drawing to better entice members to show up and to reward the members who actually do show up. Please send suggestions to Bob via e-mail (bfinlay@sbcglobal.net), and he will make a proposal at a future club meeting.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Lars Andersen** (\$17).

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

Newsletter:

The December 2007 newsletter was folded, stapled and stamped.

Attendance:

Lars Andersen, Mel, John Harmon, Dale Trowbridge, Nate Koch, Bob Shor, Super G, Dave DeSelle, Don Sampson, Susan Kelleher, 409, Don Stewart, Larry Meredith, Tori Meredith, S.L. Edge, Bob Finlay, Anna Derho, Gil Moreno, Val Sell, Jesse Lucia, McKenna Sell, Dave Sell, Geisha, Dave Secchitano, Mojo, Pappy.

Respectfully submitted,

Lars Andersen