

Empire Runners Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Montgomery Village Round Table Pizza, Santa Rosa, CA

Call to Order: 6:38 p.m.

Board Members Present: Paul Berg, Peter Kirk, Chris Gardina, Dan Karbousky, Kate Papadopoulos

Approval of Minutes: For October meeting, Approved

Officer's Reports-

- Treasurer's Report- On behalf of Tanya, Peter presented a balance of \$92, 273.

Committee Reports

- **Cross Country Team** – John Harmon- ERC Senior men excelling. First Place in XC league. Proposal to pay for National entry fees. See Proposal #2.
- **Membership**- ERC has 826 members. Looking for assistance staffing membership tent.

New Business (See proposal details further down)

- **Proposal #1: Tori Meredith:** ERC to donate \$2,000 to Fund the “iDO 26.2” program.
Approved 5-0
 - Growing Run/Walk program for Sonoma County youth.
 - Large numbers of schools and students participate
- **Proposal #2: John Harmon:** Fund XC members' entry fee to Nationals in Kentucky.
Approved 5-0
 - Should not exceed \$500. Estimated to be <\$200
 - XC costs currently under budget
- **Proposal #3: Paul Berg:** \$5,000 Contribution to Friends of Trione-Annadel State Park (FoTASP) **Approved 5-0**
 - Christy Hirsch, secretary of FoTASP, described this new nonprofit 501(c)(3) EIN 82-2686083. Organization, goals, activities still under development. Group has already been involved in fundraising and trail improvement for Trione-Annadel Park specifically. Donations may be given directly (outside of the Go-Fund-Me site and fees)
 - ERC approved donation of \$5,000 earmarked to go directly to Trail improvement activities and materials (Tools, trail building materials, trail signage, etc.)

Race Reports

Past: Gutbuster 3k, 10k & 12k Trail Run (11/5)

Upcoming: McGuire Breakfast Run 3k & 10K(11/26) is on!, Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run in Petaluma (12/2), Last 10K & final 2 mile(12/16), Girls on the Run Fall 5k(12/2) Jingle Bell run (12/14), Last 10k & final 2-mile (12/16).

Other announcements and issues for discussion

- ERC Jingle Bell Fun Run, Dec Club Meeting and Potluck, Board of Director's vote: Thursday Dec 14. Time and details posted on website
- Bill Brown- collecting running gear, memorable race shirts, etc. for fire affected ERC Runners
- Kenwood Course and Recent Fires- Val has reached out to course landowners to assess damages and how ERC can help. Kenwood downtown/square is undamaged.
- Ongoing discussion about how to assist Kenwood Community and ERC Members with hardship after the fires.

Adjournment 7:45 pm