

**Empire Runners October 2007 Club Meeting** [pending approval at the 11/15/07 club meeting]

President **Val Sell** called the October 2007 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:35pm on October 25th, 2007.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer **John Harmon** reported on the club's finances. Starting balance \$27,294.67. Ending balance \$24,185.74.

Recent Events:

Portland Marathon: **Eric Downing** joined **Melanie Lovrin, Larry Meredith** and **Bob Rogers** in the 3:12 club and qualified for Boston. The race is on!

Nike Half Marathon: **Cathy Dubay** ran a 1:26:35, good for 1st Masters and 7th Overall.

??? Marathon: **Don Stewart** finished.

Upcoming Events:

See the "Empire Runners Club 2007 Race Schedule."

October Creek Clean-up: Cancelled. We will do an annual April creek clean-up going forward.

China Camp: October 27th.

Redwood Run: November 3rd.

Run to Feed the Hungry: November 11th.

Jingle Bell Run: December 18th at Rob and Shelly Main's new house.

Old Business:

**Val Sell** reported that she delivered three nice thank you gift baskets to the Kenwood race course property owners, and spent some time talking to them about the club and what we have done for the Kenwood community over the years. They were all very appreciative, and are on board for next year. Val will look into the possibility of us or a Kenwood resident writing an article in the local paper about the club, the race, and our support for the community.

**Val Sell** reported that **Kenny Brown** is stepping down as Kenwood race director. Kenny and Kathy will continue to be involved in the race. Val is starting to organize next year's race. She is looking for a new race director.

**Gil Moreno** reported that caps have been received and are being embroidered. They should be ready in two weeks.

Officer nominations for 2008 were held. **Val Sell** and **Lars Andersen** withdrew their names.

President: **Bob Finlay**.

Vice President: **Dave DeSelle**.

Treasurer: **John Harmon**.  
Secretary: **Nate Koch**.

New Business:

**Val Sell** reported that the Resolution Run will be done without the support of Montgomery High. **Bob Shor** will look into the possibility of having Santa Rosa High help out.

**Ralph Harms** suggested establishing a way to recognize lifetime achievements (Hall of Fame, Ambassadors of Running). A set of criteria for eligibility would be established involving years of membership, coaching, racing, volunteerism, publications, All American status, etc. A process for nominations and selections would be put in place. Inductees could receive a lifetime membership, free race entries, public recognition, etc. Ralph will head a committee to investigate this further and make a proposal at a future club meeting. Committee members will be solicited via the e-group.

**Alec Isabeau** reported that the Sugarloaf Summer Solstice Relay will move to Riverfront Park in Windsor next year. It will be a morning race, followed by a breakfast.

**Gil Moreno** had looked into the possibility of buying Empire Runners decals, and showed a couple of prototypes. Oval decal are \$1.10 each (500) or \$0.69 (1000). Rectangular decal are \$0.99 each (500) or \$0.61 (1000). We could possibly have a design contest to come up with the layout. We could also consider changing the club logo. Gil will head a committee to investigate this further and make a proposal at a future club meeting. Committee members will be solicited via the e-group.

**Gil Moreno** proposed starting to use the voting feature for Yahoo e-groups for informal polls, and volunteered to maintain the e-group going forward. This includes keeping the e-group distribution list in sync with the membership roster.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **John Harmon** (\$22).

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

Newsletter:

The November 2007 newsletter was already folded, stapled and stamped.

Attendance:

Lars Andersen, John Harmon, Steve Cleal, Dave DeSelle, Mel, Bob Shor, Dale Trowbridge, Liz Sinna, George Urdzik, Don "I" Sampson, Gil Moreno, Anna Derho, Bob Finlay, Val Sell, Susan Kelleher, Tori, Coach, Sledge, Doc, Bill Browne, Thermo, 409, Ralph Harms.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Lars Andersen**