

# Empire Runners October 2008 Club Meeting

[Pending approval at the November 20, 2008 club meeting]

**President Bob Finlay** ([bfinlay@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bfinlay@sbcglobal.net)) called the October 23, 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:33pm.

## Special Report:

Susanna Bohn, the volunteer coordinator, for the Lake Sonoma 50, requested that the club man an aid station for this year's race on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Nate Koch** ([nathankoch@gmail.com](mailto:nathankoch@gmail.com)) read the September meeting minutes which were approved as read.

## Special Report #2:

Doc said that he wants to get in the minutes that El Presidente Finlay did an excellent job of leading the discussion on cross country at last month's meeting.

## Treasurer's Report:

**Treasurer John Harmon** ([jj2harmon@yahoo.com](mailto:jj2harmon@yahoo.com)) reported that last month we ended with \$35,894.72 and is now at \$35,997.91. The Student Grant Fund balance is \$477 and there have been \$6,050 donated to high schools to date. There have been \$1395 in costs for the current cross country season to date.

## President's Report

Bob Finlay read a letter from Doug Hastings thanking the club for the donation to the El Molino track.

Bob also reported that Gil Moreno sent an email concerning sending out membership dues notifications. Gil is looking into purchasing new software to make this easier in the future. LT suggested we look into a January to December membership system. Bob highlighted that Gil is not trying to single out anybody by sending out the emails, but this is simply the easiest, most efficient method for the time being.

## Recent Events:

**Garrin Park CC – 9/27/08** – Mel reported that it was warm and that there was a rattlesnake in the finish chute.

**Presidio Challenge – 10/4/08** – Lots of people

**Harvest Fair – 10/5/08** – Several members ran

**Tamalpa/Empire world record** – 12 years ago there was an attempt to beat the 4X1600m relay super senior record, they did and then they lost it. This year there was another attempt. When the race was finished, they thought that they were too slow, but after looking at the previous record again, they realized that they were the new current record holders. Read the newsletter for the full story.

## Upcoming Events:

**Shorline CC – 10/25/08** - Several men and Mel were going to go. They are meeting at Montgomery at 7am.

**Wine Country Marathon and ½ - 10/26/08**

**Tamalpa Challenge CC – 11/1/08** – 43 committed

**Run to Stop Hunger – 11/9/08** – Fleet Feet raises money for Redwood Empire Food Bank.

**PA Championships – 11/23/08** - At Golden Gate Park

**McGuire's Breakfast Run – 11/30/08**

## Committee Reports

**CPR Training – Mel Lovrin** reported that there is still room.

**There is a race director's meeting after the club meeting.**

**Annadel Donation** – Bob Finlay reported that he is still in contact with Annadel and that the Sonoma County Trails Association is interested in partnering with the club for the drinking fountain donation.

## Unfinished Business:

None

## New Business:

**First Nominations for club officers for 2009 –**

President – Doc nominated Bob Finlay for president

Vice President – Bob nominated Dave DeSelle for Vice President

Treasurer – Dale nominated John Harmon for treasurer

Secretary – Bob nominated Nate Koch for secretary

**Jingle Bell Run** – Bob Finlay reported that the Main's can't host the Jingle Bell Run this year and so a new venue is needed. Several suggested were made. If you have an idea, contact Bob Finlay.

## Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Dale Peterson** stole the \$20 from Nate Koch.

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

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 8:32pm.

## Attendance:

"Bones" Koch, John Harmon, **SLEDGE**, Ralph Harms, Pappy, Mike McGuire, Robert Merritt, Mini-Mel, LT, El Doc, Sarah Trejo, Bob Shor, Super G, Dave DeSelle, Susan Kelleher, Chris Mason, Bob Finlay