

## **Empire Runners October, 2009 Club Meeting**

Vice President Nate Koch called the October 22, 2009 meeting to order at 7:30 p. m.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary pro tem Dave DeSelle read the September 2009 meeting minutes which were approved as read.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer pro tem Jerry Lyman reported the current Checking balance was \$45,957.95, and that the total club funds of \$48,729.84 was up \$12,533 over last year.

### **President's Report:**

None

### **Race Reports:**

Recent Races / Runs:

- 1) XC- Garin Park on September 26th. It was hot.
- 2) Carousel Fund Run on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 200 runners and it was fun.
- 3) Harvest Fair 3k & 10k on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Wine country Marathon on October 11<sup>th</sup>. It was double the turnout from last year and Alex Wolf Root won the half. The club had an aid station thanks to John Royston's effort.
- 5) SSU XC 5k Fun Run on October 11<sup>th</sup> was won by Danny Aldridge.
- 6) XC Willow Hills was a good course and the master's men won their division.
- 7) The author of Run at Destruction had a reading at Copperfields on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Races / Runs

- 1) The Jingle Bell Run will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Rob and Shelly Main's house 5063 Eliggi Court.
- 2) XC- Shoreline on 10/24/09
- 3) XC – Tamalpa on 10/31/09 with a new course.
- 4) The Wine Country Half on 10/31/09
- 5) Run to Stop Hunger on 11/8/09
- 6) XC-Champs in Golden Gate Park on 11/22/09
- 7) Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Morning at Cobblestone Trailhead in Annadale State Park
- 8) The NBL high school cross country league finals on 11/6/09 at Spring Lake (Val Sell)
- 9) The SCL high school cross country league finals on 11/11/06 also at Spring Lake (Darryl Beardall)

### **Reports of Committees:**

#### Cross Country:

It was noted that the men's masters team was doing very well with Ty Strange 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the standings.

#### Website Update:

The website upgrade was still ongoing. With the changing of codes we will be able to add more to the website.

### **Unfinished Business:**

High School XC/Track program wish list. Val Sell stated that she had delegated the responsibility to Jerry Lyman and that the item will be brought up under new business.

Annabel Donation: Tori Meredith reported that nothing had transpired as of the date of the meeting.

### **New Business:**

Officer Nominations: Vice President Nate Koch reminded to all those in attendance that at the November meeting there would be nomination of officers and that elections would be in December.

Sponsorship Director: Vice President Nate Koch informed the members that as of January sponsorship director Bill Browne would be stepping down and the club is looking for someone to take over the position. He also thanked Bill for his hard work.

#### Annabel Half Marathon:

Mark Struzyk of Fleet Feet of Santa Rosa presented a proposal to the club to benefit Annadale State Park where the club would co-sponsor a half marathon on Superbowl Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>. The club would provide insurance, finish line, timing, and other items as needed. He noted that the group registrations for the fall training group at Fleet Feet would go directly to Annabel State Park in addition to the race registration proceeds.

Mark noted that the course would be on the West side of Annabel starting around Stonehedge.

Jerry Layman suggested that the proceeds run through the Sonoma Valley Foundation which is set up only to benefit Annadale.

After further discussion it was moved and seconded to co-sponsor the event. The motion passed.

#### Human Race Help:

Mike McGuire asked if the club would be interested in working the finish line at the Human Race next May as the Directors of the Human Race were looking for local proposals. Mike stated that the Directors wanted to use race timing chips. Val Sell informed Mike that currently the club does not have timing chips and that we would be

contracting out the timing at Kenwood Footrace to semi-local company which would be providing timing chips. Mr. McGuire stated that he would pass on the information.

High School Cross Country Donation:

Jerry Lyman made a proposal to the membership that because of the logistics in obtaining all of the information and needs of the local high school coaches, that an easier way would be to sponsor entry fees up to \$5000.00 for a local high school cross country meet (The Viking Opener). Nate Koch noted that the entry fee for the Viking Opener is basically his budget for cross country for the whole year and something like this would really help the smaller schools. It was moved and seconded that we put this item on the agenda for next month for a vote. The motion passed.

Hall of Fame / Kathy Van Riper Inspiration Award nominations:

Ralph Harns reminded the membership that the November meeting was the deadline for the Hall of Fame nominations. Val Sell noted that any nominations for the Kathy Van Riper Inspiration Award should go to either her or Kathy Van Riper.

Raffle: Shirley Fee won \$33

Drawing: Steven Rich would have won \$200 if he had attended the meeting.

Vice President Nate Koch concluded the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave DeSelle, Secretary pro tem.

Attendance:

Stephen Rauch, Chris Mason, David Goodwin, Super G, Robert Thille, Katie Thille, Kelly Silverstein, Marc Struzyk, Shirley Fee, Thremo, BB, Mini Mel, Mini Mel's better half, \$1, Nate "bones" Koch, Mitch Kothe, Kenny & Kathy Brown, Iguana Don, Val Sell, S.L. Edge, Wolfman, Bob Shor, Darryl Beardall, Mike McGuire, Doc, Ralph Harns, Dave Secchitano and Hutch.