

# Empire Runners October 27, 2011 Club Meeting

(pending approval at the November 17, 2011 meeting)

President Alex Wolf-Root (president@empirerunners.org) called the October 2011 meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Paul Berg (secretary@empirerunners.org) read the September meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Tanya Narath (treasurer@empirerunners.org) reported that the current club balance is \$44,616, up \$10,303 from the same time last year.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$2711, approx \$2135 more than the same time last year.

HS donations YTD \$5910, estimate additional \$3615 for this year.

## **President's Report:**

President Alex Wolf-Root reported that nominations are due next month for 4 new board members to replace the 4 current officers.

2. The club is in need of a sponsorship director to take over for Shirley Fee.

3. At the PanAm Games in Guadalajara, Kim Conley got 7<sup>th</sup> place overall after competing near the front for most of the race. Tomorrow Sarah Bei Hall will be competing in the steeplechase, 3pm local time @ Letsrun.com.

## **Race Reports:**

### ***Recent races/Runs:***

1. Harvest Fair 10/2/11 Lots of ER winners: Riley Bowen, Vojta Ripa, Cathy DuBay, John Litzenburg
2. Healdsburg Half/Full 10/16/11 Won by Pres Alex Wolf-Root!
3. CCAA XC Champs (SSU) 10/22/11 Alia Gray (Maria Carrillo 2007) leads Chico to the win, Sonoma State Seawolves 11th
4. Cloverdale Harvest Marathon 10/23/11 Inaugural event, 100 runners in half marathon
5. Boggs 50k 10/22/11. Shirley Fee ran well
6. Portland marathon 10/08/11. Tanya Narath, Will and Jen Ortlinghaus competed (and completed!)

### ***Upcoming Races/Runs:***

1. Wine Country Half 10/29/11 Sergio Reyes will be the pre-race speaker at the expo @ Hyatt in Santa Rosa.

2. Run 4 Wishes 11/5/11
3. Almond Half @ Chico 11/06/11
4. Thanksgiving Wild Turkey Ramble 11/24/11 8:30 am Cobblestone Drive
5. Casa Grande Turkey Leg Relays 11/24/11 Casa Grande HS 2 person relay x 2.1 mile
6. McGuire's Breakfast Run 11/27/11 8am 2 mile, longer 8:30-ish. Potluck after.
7. Girls-on-the-Run 5k 12/03/11 Shelli Main brought flyers. REI will be providing overall winner prizes. Flat 5k, price reduced until Nov 13. Shelli still needs some volunteer female running buddies and parking help.
8. Jingle Bell Run 12/20/11 6pm, Main's house. Short run, bring musical instruments. Pot luck, no chips please.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. *Newsletter*: Dale Peterson reported that the committee (Dale, Chris Mason, Nate Koch) has met to review the various ideas that have been suggested. The next step will be to create an online survey to solicit member's views before proceeding. Dale stressed that there is not a huge rush to change the newsletter, so they would rather explore a few ideas before deciding on how best to serve the membership.

### **New Business:**

1. El Molino HS sprint/hurdle/jump **coach wanted** (contact Heather Rosales)
2. ***Bus for 2011 Christmas Relays***: by Gil Moreno and Larry Meredith

We would like to propose that the Empire Runners Club supplement ½ the cost of \$800 for the chartering of a 49-passenger bus to transport club members to the Christmas relays in (San Francisco) on Sunday December 18th. We plan on having a minimum of 10 teams of 4 runners each. Bus will cost \$800. Cost per team (4 runners) is \$72. Option to purchase a long sleeve shirt adds \$6. The cost per runner will be \$28 + \$6 if a shirt is added.

The bus has been reserved. We plan on leaving Montgomery HS @ 0700. We have the bus until 3 PM.

Motion proposed by Alex Wolf-Root, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Berg

Approved 7-0.

### **3. *Annual membership dues/benefits***

Membership Fee and Race Entry Fee Policy Change

Proposal submitted for consideration to the Board of Directors of Empire Runners Club By Val Sell

Proposed Effective immediately upon passage by the Board:

1. That the club increases annual club membership dues for the period beginning Jan 1, 2012 to the

following:

- Student: \$20 (\$10 increase)
- Adult Individual: \$30 (\$10 increase)
- Family: \$40 (\$15 increase)
- Hall of Famers: remain free

2. That entry fees for 2012 club races (except the Kenwood Footrace and the Empire Open) change to the following:

- Club members who pre-register online by published registration deadlines (normally 2 days before each event): Free entry
- Club members who register race day: \$10
- Non-members who register online or race day: \$10

3. Lapsed memberships renewed on the day of a race do not qualify for free entry in that race. Free entry applies only to those whose membership is in good standing who pre-register online by the deadline before race.

4. That club members are required to pre-register online for a club race in order to have their results for that race considered for Grand Prix standings.

5. That only new members qualify for free club t-shirts when they join the club. New family memberships may receive up to 6 shirts, depending on the number of family members registered.

Renewing memberships or new family members added to an existing membership do not qualify to receive free club t-shirts.

6. That this resolution is to be reviewed by the Board at the end of 2012 to assess its effects on club finances and club race participation.

### **Amendments to proposal:**

Proposed by Jerry Lyman

1. All club race events, including the Empire Open and the Track Series, but excluding Kenwood, are to be free to members who register online.
2. Race day fees for non-members will be \$15, except for track series (see below) and Empire Open (\$20, same for members).
3. Membership fees for students will stay the same: \$10
4. Track series race day entry will remain \$2 for 12 and under but increase to \$5 for 13 and older.
5. *In order to be assured of inclusion in Grand Prix competition, members should register online for each event. Those who register on the day of a race risk being denied Grand Prix points for that event. Club members who register on race day should make sure they indicate on the registration form that they are club members. Club members who register on race day MUST*

also notify the race director by email, in person or by telephone within 24 hours of the start of the event that they wish to be included in the Grand Prix competition for that event.

Motion proposed by Val Sell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Wolf-Root. Approved 7-0.

### **Monkey Business**

*Drawing:* Zuley Munoz would have won \$200 if he attended the meeting

President Alex Wolf-Root concluded the meeting at 9:15 pm.

#### *Attendance:*

Mike McGuire, Don Sampson, Patricia Lounibos, Billy Hawes, Doc Isabeau, LT, Super-G, Stephen Starkweather, Bob Shor, John Staroba, Dave Goodwin, Will & Jen Ortlinghaus, Mini-Mel, Mr Mel, Jerry Lyman, Tanya Narath, Larry Meredith, Tori Meredith, SL Edge, Alex Wolf-Root, Gil Moreno, Val Sell, Paul Berg.