

Empire Runners Meeting Minutes 10-25-18

Location: Montgomery Village Round Table Pizza, Santa Rosa, California

Call to Order: 7:33 PM

Board Members Present: Luis Rosales, Chris Gardina, Kate Papadopoulos, Tanya Narath, Catherine Dubay, Dan Karbousky, Andrea Guzman

Approval of Minutes for September 27th meeting: **Approved**

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Luis- A thank you card to ERC from scholarship recipient was received. Starting Next month, club meetings start at 6:30. Due to Thanksgiving Holiday, November's meeting falls on Nov 15

Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$93,168, Student Scholarship: \$2,186.

Committee Reports:

Cross Country- John Harmon- Need commitments from final 2 races, San Bruno and PA. Overall XC participation down this year. In the high 30s vs 70s in prior year. Multiple factors are involved. Expenses have been low (about ½ of budget) due to low participation. John calls for a need for a succession plan and recruitment assistance moving forward.

Training Calendar-Larry Meredith-Reminder- starting November, Tuesday runs start at the Meredith house and Thursday Howarth Park runs start at 4:30.

Permits & Insurance- Bert Braden- Peter Kirk thanked Bert for taking over role from Mike McGuire. Permit in Place for McGuire's Run.

Hall of Fame/Spirit of the Club Awards- Tori Meredith will assist in getting together committees. Topic of discussion includes how to tailor awards to nominated ERC runners no longer with us.

New Business:

Proposal #1: Dan Karbousky: Use of Club Equipment for the Forestville Fun Run: **approved 7-0**

Proposal #2: Jerry Lyman: mail ERC race schedule postcards to members. Cost \$250. Thank you to Melanie for postcard design: **approved 7-0**

Other Announcements/discussion:

Trail Work- Paul Berg asked by Christie Hirsch about ERC trail work availability? The consensus was to organize ERC specific trail work days twice yearly.

Memorial options- Tanya Narath- ongoing discussion about ERC runner memorial options including train sponsoring (no signs), Picnic table sponsorship (time limited, plaque rules) location available at Jack Rabbit, and Mosaics. No further benches available as memorials. Board discussed considering creating criteria by which a fixed donation amount could be donated to family member for memorial option of choice. Chris Gardina to work on draft.

Race topics: Jerry Lyman- ERC needs new race director for Annadel Loop. ERC Needs Volunteers for Loop de Loop (Nov 4).

Jingle bell Fun Run and dinner- Andrea Guzman/Arturo Guzman hosting @ Yulupa Co-Housing, Dec 11th.

Race Reports

Past: 10/6 Founder's Day Fun Run 5k and 2 mile walk, 10/7 Downtown Mile race, 10/13 14th Annual Gualala 10k & 5k race, 10/14 Healdsburg Half Marathon 10k & 5k, 10/21 Cloverdale Vineyard Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K & 5K

Upcoming: 10/27 Healdsburg Wine Country Half Marathon, 11/4 Loop de Loop 14 mile run, 11/25 McGuire Breakfast 3k & 10K

Adjournment: 8:52