

Empire Runners September 2007 Club Meeting [pending approval at October Club Meeting]
On behalf of President **Val Sell**, Vice President **Bob Finlay** called the September 2007 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:35pm on September 27th, 2007.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

On behalf of Treasurer **John Harmon**, **Jerry Lyman** reported on the club's finances. Starting balance \$28,646.60. Ending balance 27,294.67.

Recent Events:

Santa Cruz: **Ty Strange**, **Melanie Lovrin**, and the Super Seniors went to the race.

Mustang Race: **Gil Moreno** reported that he won his age group.

Misty Redwoods: **Dale Trowbridge** reported that it was hard, hilly and beautiful.

Golden Gate: A big group went to the race.

Annadel Loop: **Melanie Lovrin** won the whole thing.

Empire Open: **Jerry Lyman** reported that attendance was down compared to last year, a trend also seen at other cross country races.

Viking Opener: Everything went smoothly.

Upcoming Events:

See the "Empire Runners Club 2007 Race Schedule."

Garin Park: September 29th.

Forestville 4M: September 30th.

Presidio: October 6th.

Prince Greenway Memorial: November 11th.

Old Business:

A committee consisting of **Larry Meredith**, **Bob Finlay**, **Dale Trowbridge**, **Jerry Lyman** and **Kenny Brown** proposed that the club donate \$1,000 to the Kenwood community by giving \$500 to the Kenwood Firefighter's Association and \$500 to the elementary school's Outdoor Education Fund. The motion passed.

New Business:

Gil Moreno proposed buying 36 high-quality caps with the Empire Runners logo embroidered in the front. There would be three different colors, and the total price would be \$381. We would sell the caps for \$12 each, with any profits above \$381 donated to the Student Grant Fund. The motion passed.

Officer nominations for 2008 were held:

President: **Bob Finlay, Val Sell.**

Vice President: **Dave DeSelle.**

Treasurer: **John Harmon.**

Secretary: **Nate Koch, Lars Andersen** (Lars will do another turn as Secretary if Val will do another turn as President).

A very interesting and relevant discussion ensued about how to edit the Fleet Feet Grand Prix results for the newsletters.

Mark James is the new Sonoma State Women's Cross Country coach. He came to the meeting to build a relationship with the club. He offered to match any Student Grant Fund donations to Sonoma State runners. **Bob Finlay** would talk to Mark after the meeting. Mark also mentioned his desire to put on a race on the Sonoma State campus.

Anette Niewald noted that we don't have a welcome letter that we can send out to new members, and offered to draft one.

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Dave Secchitano** (\$17).

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

Newsletter:

The October 2007 newsletter was folded, stapled and stamped.

Attendance:

Lars Andersen, Mel, Susan Kelleher, Jerry Lyman, Bob Shor, Dale Trowbridge, George Super G U, Dave DeSelle, Gil Moreno, Nate Koch, Anna Derho, Bob Finlay, Dave Secchitano, Sledge, 409, Anette Niewald, Thermo, Shirley Lee, Mark James.

Respectfully submitted,

Lars Andersen