



September 2008 Club Meeting

[Pending approval at the October 23, 2008 club meeting]

President Bob Finlay (bfinlay@sbcglobal.net) called the September 25, 2008 meeting of the Empire Runners to order at 7:34pm.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary **Nate Koch** (nathankoch@gmail.com) read the August meeting minutes which were approved with a change in the Student Grant Fund balance from \$650 to \$252 and an addition to clarify Mojo's proposal at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Harmon (jj2harmon@yahoo.com) reported that last month we ended with \$38,156.83 and is now at \$35,896.16. The Student Grant Fund balance is \$362 and there have been \$6,050 donated to high schools to date. The Empire Open netted \$168 and the Annadel Loop lost \$766. There have been \$1050 in costs for the current cross country season to date.

President's Report

President Bob Finlay reported that there is now a link on the website to the American Cancer Society's Charity Runner program.

Recent Events:

Mustang 5k – 9/1/08 – there was a changed course this year because of some issues with fire danger.

Golden Gate Cross Country – 9/6/08 – 40 pre-registered Empire Runners with a total of 45. The weather was much warmer than usual.

Annadel Loop – 9/7/08 – 50 entrants, Mini-Mel Lovrin took first place again. There were not as many participants as last year and the shirts cost more.

Viking Opener – 9/13/08 – **Val Sell** reported there were just under 1000 kids from 40 different schools.

Santa Cruz XC – 9/20/08 – Ty, Hutch, and Mel all ran. It was a small but very elite field.

Ukiah Triathlon – Stephen Starkweather, Shelli and Rob Main competed.

Upcoming Events:

Redwood Fun Run – 11/2/08 –

(<http://www.allsportcentral.com/EventInfo.cfm?EventID=18462>) This will be a 5K or 12K course,

beginning and ending on the west side of Juilliard Park. The run will continue onto the Prince Memorial Greenway, following along Santa Rosa Creek. The course is mixed surface beginning on cement to a turnaround point, then on to a gravel path. Racing bib, water, snacks, and a T-shirt are included with the registration fee. Awards will be given to the top finishers in several categories. This year, half of the registration fees will be donated to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. The event will also benefit the Redwood Foundation Student Scholarship Program.

Garrin Park XC – 9/27/08 - 25 already registered, 10 registering the day of the race.

Presidio Challenge – 10/4/08 – 17 signed up, a very hilly course. Bob Finlay mentioned that this is a great opportunity to go to the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival in Golden Gate Park afterwards.

Shoreline Cross Country – 10/25/08 – This is not a team race

Wine Country Marathon and ½ Marathon – 10/26/08 - A club sponsor. Still need volunteers for aid station. Talk to Mojo.

Harvest Fair Run – 10/5/08

Tamalpa Challenge – 11/1/08

PA Championships – 11/23/08

Committee Reports

CPR Training – Mel Lovrin and Nate Koch reported the date is November 8th, at 9am at Rincon Valley Christian School (4585 Badger Road, Santa Rosa). The cost is \$30. Contact Mel (annadelmel77@yahoo.com) if you want to sign up.

Hall of Fame – Ralph Harms reported that they are working on the plaques. They are able to get a discount if they order 12 so the committee would like to purchase three plaques for the class of 2007, three for 2008, and three for upcoming classes. Jerry Lyman motioned to allocate \$600 for the purchase of the plaques. Hutch seconded. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

CC Club Sponsorship – Bob Finlay summed up the history and viewpoints of the current issue. He then opened it up to discussion. After some time, Kenny Brown motioned to rescind the motion passed last month and reinstitute the procedure of the runner paying for 1 race and the club paying for up to 5. The motion was seconded and then Jerry Lyman asked to amend the motion to include a discreet avenue for runners to reimburse the club for subsidized races on a volunteer basis. The amendment was accepted by Kenny and the motion was voted on and passed.

New Business:

None

Raffle/Drawing:

Raffle: **Don Sampson** won (\$30)

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

President **Bob Finlay** concluded the meeting at 9:07pm.

Attendance:

“Bones” Koch, John Harmon, Bill Browne, Kathy Brown, Kenny Brown, Mini-Mel, Stephen Starkweather, Bob Shor, Val Sell, Paul Berg, Don Sampson, Danger! Downing, Dangerous Doc Isabeau, Dale Trowbridge, Rob Main, Shellie Main, Mojo, Chris Mason, Mike Wintem, Bob Finlay, Tori Lynn Meredith, Larry Eugene Meredith, Megan Johnson, Steve Cleal Scuba, S.L. Edge, Super G*, Pap, Dawn Haight, Alec Haight, Ian Inman, Dave DeSelle (late), Ralph Harms