

Empire Runners September 2009 Club Meeting

(pending approval at the *October 22, 2009* meeting)

Vice President Nate Koch (nathankoch@gmail.com) called the September 24, 2009 meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Paul Berg (pmberg@sonic.net) read the August 2009 meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Harmon (jj2harmon@yahoo.com) reported that the current club balance is \$50,592.58, up \$14,696 from the same time last year. There is still an anticipated expense of approximately \$7500 for Kenwood t-shirts.

\$400 was donated to CNHS/PHS for Annadel Loop.

The Student Grant Fund balance is \$482, approx \$120 more than the same time last year.

Race results: Empire Open netted \$1625, vs. \$190 for 2008

Annadel Loop lost \$790, vs. -\$759 for 2008

XC team expenses to date are \$995

C. Race Reports:

1. Recent Races / Runs

- a. XC - Phil Widener Empire Open 8-29-09 Hot, good turnout, newsletter article
- b. SR Marathon 8-30-09 "lousy course", well-organized event
- c. Annadel Loop 9-6-09 Cathy DuBay won. Lost \$ again
- d. XC - Golden Gate 9-12-09 41 ER registered, 36 ran
- e. Viking Opener 9-19-09 alumni race, Montgomery won again. Val Sell reported that in the HS race, Erik Olson of Novato set a new course record of 9:40. Val also extended special thanks to Bob Shor for officiating

2. Upcoming Races / Runs

- a. XC - Garin Park 9-26-09 33 ER signed up
- b. Carousel Fund Run 9-27-09 Chris Mason reported starts at 8:30, 5k and 10k, benefit for kids with terminal illness
- c. Harvest Fair 3k & 10k 10/04/09
- d. Wine Country Marathon - 10/11/09
 1. Aid Station Request- no volunteers
 2. Registration help, course monitors, finish line
 3. Discount to anyone who visits Fleet Feet before 10/1/09, \$10 off
- e. SSU XC 5k Fun Run 10/11/09 \$10 or \$5 with can or box of food for SR homeless shelter
- f. Run at Destruction author reading October 15 @ Copperfields, Paul Berg reported on the book. Info on website.
- g. XC Willow Hills 10/10/09 new course Folsom HS
- h. Larry Meredith reported Ukiah HS 5k 10/17/09 alumni race

D. Reports of Committees:

1. Cross Country Czar John Harmon needs team commitments for Tamalpa by 10/11.
2. Website update Chris Mason reported "all's well"

3. Unfinished Business.

A. How can we help HS XC/Track programs? Wishlists have not been sent to coaches yet, J Harmon will report next month

B. Annadel – several members expressed concerns about the announced closure of the park, made more unclear by a meeting in Sausalito on Tuesday 9/22, reported in the PD:

Tori Meredith: It may be possible to donate directly to Trione fund established years ago to help fund the park

Jerry Lyman: Does it matter what we do in the face of the enormous state deficit? Can we guarantee that our donations would benefit Annadel?

Tori: What would it take dollar-wise to save Annadel ?

LT: Wait to see exactly where the \$\$ goes.

Dale Peterson: Write a letter! Buy a park pass! Do something!

John Harmon: make a list of things we can do.

A list committee was formed: Dale and Tori.

4. New Business.

A. Tori Meredith reported that T&B Sports does silk-screening, maybe we should try them. Val Sell said that they are still more expensive than the company that prints Kenwood shirts.

B. Jerry Lyman opened a discussion regarding the policy of the website listing any and all Nor Cal races, regardless of the promoter or sponsor. He proposes that the ER website should be the go-to site for all runners. Dale Peterson asked if we would be able to track the results.

Discussion of whether this would promote other races in lieu of our own, and if this is a financial drain. JL replied that it does fit in the mission of serving ALL runners, and would most likely have a positive or neutral effect on our attendance. JL will formalize a proposal.

Raffle: Iguana Don won \$15, and \$15 went to the student grant fund

Drawing: Adda Stickle would have won \$200 if she attended the meeting.

Vice President Nate Koch (nathankoch@gmail.com) concluded the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Attendance:

Pappee, Susan Kelleher, Danger Downing, Guy Fawkes, Sledge, Dave Seccitano, Wolfman, Stephen Rauch, Chris Mason, VP Bones Koch, NoTORIous, Coach, Iguana, Super G, Dale Trobridge, Kenny Brown, Kathy Brown, John Harmon, Val Sell, Bob Shor, LT, Linda Phaby, Paul Berg

