

Empire Runners Club Meeting

Thursday, February 27th, 2020

Location: Round Table Pizza, Montgomery Village, Santa Rosa

Call to order 6:40 pm by Catherine Dubay

January Meeting Minutes approved via email

Six ERC Board Members Present: Andrea Guzman, Dan Karbousky, Catherine DuBay, Chris Gardina, Margie Al-Ghanim, Karen Frindell Teuscher

President's Report:

- Remembering Pat Ryan
- New logo could be ready to vote on next month

Treasurer's Report:

- Club balance: \$78,476.15
- Student Grant Fund: \$3803.72
- Treasurers will create an expense form

Committee Reports:

- Training Calendar (Larry)
 - o Thursdays go back to 5:30pm starting March 5th
- Social Media (Andrea)
 - o Free 5k Fun Run events have all been added as events
- Grand Prix Post Cards
 - o Will be printed next week and mailed out by end of next week
- HOF/Spirit of the Club (Tori)
 - o Awards given out to Larry (HOF) and Tanya (SOTC)
 - o Now is the time to start thinking about nominations
 - o The criteria have been revised (see website)
 - o Nominations need to be submitted by October.

Proposals:

- 1) Reduce number of club races or impact on parks for permitting purposes (Bert Braden)**
 - a. *Written Proposal:* Reduce the number of races the club puts on and/or the impact on the parks for permitting reasons. Given the high number of races the club puts on and the races that require both a city and county permit, Bert feels that the permitting process has become an arduous task. The county does not make it easy.
 - b. **Proposal to be further discussed with all race directors and Bert.**
- 2) Proposal #2: Have the club provide pizza and refreshments at club meetings in an attempt to increase attendance (Catherine Dubay)**
 - a. As a way to attract members to attend meetings and a way to thank those who attend, the suggestion is to provide pizza (1 extra large per table) and refreshments

(up to 6 pitchers or an agreed upon amount) to those in attendance. Those that want specialty items such as salads, gluten free, etc. can order on their own.

b. Monthly cost to club: \$240.00

APPROVED BY THE ERC BOARD 6-0.

Race Reports:

Past:

- Valley Ford
 - o 15 teams
 - o 2nd fastest women's time ever was run that day
- Feb 23 Free 5k in the Park
 - o 48 participants (up from 43)

Upcoming:

- 2/29 – Salmon Falls 50K
- 2/29 - Olympic Marathon Trials for USA (Atlanta)
- 3/1 Iljisanjo Classic
 - o Prizes – travel coffee mugs w/ ER logo laser cut and retro ribbons
 - o Newt Scoot ribbons
 - o Gift Certificates to overall winners
- 3/1 Napa Valley Marathon
- 3/15 St. Patrick's Day 5k
- 3/21 Whale Run (Fort Bragg)
- 3/22 Napa Valley Women's Half Marathon
- 3/28 Free 5k Run in the Park

Actions:

- Training Calendar to have monthly club meetings added (Larry)
- December 12th meeting minutes need to be reviewed
- Members are asking for the free shirts – we need to make sure we have some at the races
- Proposal 1 to be further discussed with all race directors and Bert
- Look into getting a food truck to show up from 8:30-9:30 am at the free 5k run in the park (Chris)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm