

Visalia Runners  
February 5<sup>th</sup> Member Meeting

Members in Attendance: Michael Young, Michael Castro, Breanne Phillips, Justin Harris, Steven Cabral, Alyssa Houtby, Jim Barnes, Richard Rodriguez

Michael Young called meeting to order at 7:20pm

Welcome/Introductions

Approval of Agenda: Richard motions, Breanne second, all in favor

Jim Barnes spoke on the Treasurers report at 7:35pm

The ending balance looks as though our club has a lot of funds available but big bills need to be paid prior to the End of the Trail race. Scholarship money and Facebook advertising still needs to be paid from the remaining balance. The club had made mention to the high school teams that whatever funds their club has brought in to the race through sponsors, the Visalia Runners would match those funds brought in and give back to their schools. For example if a school brought in a \$500 sponsor our club would give \$1000 back to their school for being the winning team. We are hopeful that this will motivate the kids to finding more sponsors for our race.

Old Business:

Jim also made mention that the PAL race board was thrilled with the outcome of their race. There were 133 runners and brought in \$6000. The board believed that by moving up the date and changing the location of the race brought out a good crowd and received positive feedback. Visalia Runners were the biggest sponsors of \$1000. The next race will be January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and want to add a costume theme for next years race.

Breanne Phillips spoke on behalf of the banquet committee. She stated that they received a lot of positive feedback and the event went very well. Jim Barnes, the clubs treasurer, received a check from her of all the paid guests that attended the event.

New Business:

Michael Young made mention if there is any interest in adding a walking group. He addressed concerns of a committee member to organize dates or times and how they might be affiliated with our group. The pros: it might motivate more people to become active and have a place to start exercising and potentially become a runner. The cons: the walking group might not feel a part of the group and might not volunteer as current members do.

Michael Young asked the members in attendance if they believe members who do not attend the annual banquet would be allowed to be compensated of the same value as the banquet ticket (ie: a shirt or other perks). The majority voted no stating it would be too complicated to keep track and the intention of the banquet is to bring members together socially.

End of the Trail updates:

- more planning needs to go into the good neighbor policy notifications and possibly having more adults participate.
- Michelob was approved by the city for 4oz tastings. Barrel house will open at 9am and will be at the end of the corral passing out their beer tickets.
- Tipper from Rawhides baseball will start off the race with BMW for the half marathon and Tesla will start the 10k race.
- three photographers will be along the race course offering free images to runners.

A student and cross country runner from Redwood high school spoke about his club Paws from Cause. He mentioned they have 80 members and 20 of those are active members that help educate students at their school about the strains on the SPCA, the realities of animal rescues, service animals and the behind the scenes at the zoo. His group wants to start up a 5k fun run with animal participation and ask our club to help give advice on how to orchestrate an event as a fundraiser to his group. There is no set date at this time as they want to make sure they cover all the legalities of an event.

At 7:59 the meeting was adjourned

Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.