

Visalia Runners
March 5th
Member Meeting

Members in Attendance: Barb Johnson, Michael Castro, Daniel Young, Justin Harris, Renee Taylor, Richard Rodriguez, Alyssa Houtby, Michael Young, Jim Barnes, Steven Garcia, Michael Bauman, Joleen Quinley, Michelle Rodriguez, Jenn Couto, Tom Sowers

Michael Young called meeting to order at 6:34pm

Welcome/Introductions

Approval of January minutes: Barb motions, Justin second, all in favor

Approval of February minutes: Barb motions, Justin second, all in favor

Approval of Agenda: Justin motions approval with additions made to new business, Jim second, all in favor

Jim Barnes spoke on the Treasurers report at 6:38pm

He recapped on all of the expenses and earnings that have been made and paid for during the race. There are still checks from sponsorships that need to be deposited. The race grossed nearly \$21,000 profit but the high school scholarships still need to be paid with the board's approval for releasing funds to the schools.

Old Business:

6:45 End of the Trail- Michael Young opened the discussion stating positive feedback is still coming in to the club, however the start area needs to be set up earlier, there were 25 bib transfers, bib bandits, people running under others names, possibly charge for deferrals as we were too lenient this year. Next year the race will be even bigger, we want to increase in size from 750 participants to at least 1000. We will consider the idea of doing a vendor fair during packet pickup, maybe changing the race from a Saturday to a Sunday and increasing early bird registration from starting at \$50 to \$60 as it is more comparable to other races. He then opened the floor for other feedback. Cars were held from entering the Mooney Grove Park as racers were entering around 9am, the staff at the park were insuring safety of the runners and made a huge difference to the race. Cups need to be bigger at fuel stations, more cups, and different color cups to distinguish electrolytes from water. Having snacks available after the 10k turnaround for the half marathoners (i.e.: jelly beans, licorice). Another recommendation was to either do different series of bib numbers to distinguish the half marathoners from the 10ks/ walkers. It would be nice to have First Aid advice out on the course by having a speaker come explain to the club what their protocol would be and how to efficiently carry it out.

At 7:13 Tom made a motion to have the race director be a paid position to ensure the race is done properly. A financial sustainable committee will be formed to figure out the appropriate wages for this position. (this year Michael Young estimated he donated over 200 hours along with driving miles) If the race is going to increase up to 1000 participants it will require more work from the director. Tome made the motion, Richard second, all in favor.

7:15 A walking group was approved at the last meeting. We still need a coordinator to organize times, routes and days for the walking group.

7:17 Visual Ink is running our online store. It has a great layout and easy to read functions to assist runners with their purchases. There is still a lot of merchandise left over from End of the Trail that we will be adding to the online store.

New Business:

7:18, Breanne wasn't available to talk about Feat to the Beach but there has been much discussion in the group about forming an Ultra team, Girls team, Guys team, and a co-ed team. We want to be able to include more members from the group but need more commitment from the runners to make a deposit to the team captain prior to signing the whole team up.

7:20 Since the race did so well and there is a good cushion in the bank account the club would like to reward all of the families involved with End of the Trail to a Family Fun night. Roller Towne rentals and pizza shouldn't be more than \$400-600. Richard motioned to reward the families that sacrificed their time by having a fun family night. Justin second, all in favor.

7:25 Renee is still in need of old running shoes if any runners have some to donate. She asked the board for 8 cross country students to receive scholarships throughout Visalia high schools. They are holding scholarship night at the end of April (no set date) for those students to receive their scholarship. Jim motioned to award 5 high schools \$1000 each to their cross country program. Michael Bauman seconds, all in favor. Alyssa motioned to increase the individual scholarship awarded to 1 senior boy and 1 senior girl from \$300 to \$500 and a pair of running shoes. Michael Castro seconds, all in favor. Joleen motioned to give \$500 (in \$50 increments) to each team's school for soul2sole gift cards. Steven seconds, all in favor. At the next meeting we will take a vote to release the funds that were voted on. Jim motioned to award Mt. Whitney cross country \$100 for best costume contest on the course. Michael Bauman second, all in favor.

At 7:55 the meeting was adjourned

Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 9th.