

Visalia Runners  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes

Members in Attendance: Jenn C, Steve Garcia, Michael Young, Renee Taylor, Michael Castro, Michael Bauman, Nate Ortiz.

Michael Young called meeting to order at 6:35pm

Welcome and Introductions: Renee Taylor welcomed guest: Robert Bufanda a junior at Mt. Whitney track. He is asking the club if they would be gracious enough to donate to him as a personal scholarship to compete in track & field games in Australia this summer (July 8-18<sup>th</sup>). He runs hurdles and sprints. He is the first athlete that has been invited from Mt. Whitney, a few in the past ran from El Diamonte. He would wear a "team USA" shirt and compete with other students from our country. He is in need of \$2000 for travel expenses and registration. He has a gofundme account; money is due in May. More info is through down under sports.

Approval of agenda and minutes: Michael B motions, Michael C seconds, all in favor.

Treasurers report: Jim Barnes was absent

Old Business: Michael Castro spoke on the Rocky Hill triathlon. Everyone had fun at the aid station. Would hope to see more participation next year.

6:42pm Comments on EOTT: still in need of a committee to handle the financials of a budget. The city sent in a late bill for use of police officers, which was \$4000 more than we budgeted for. The total expenses for the race is around \$40,000, we are seeking a paid race director to manage all of the expenses since the race is growing and requires more hours. If we raise the price of our race to a price that is comparable to other local races we will be able to cover the cost of a race director and any other bills. Registration will open in May.

New Business:

6:46pm Harvest 5k: We are hopeful the new race director will be able to take the lead on this race as well. This race has about 350 participants and is easy to manage. It is held the first Saturday in October and benefits Kaweah Delta cancer.

6:48pm Endorsement of Craig Wheaton: He was a past Visalia Runners President and a member of our club for 25years. Motion to send a letter of endorsement to Craig Wheaton from the Visalia Runners was made by Renee T, Michael B second, all in favor.

6:50pm Family Night: Budget to spend \$400-500 on Roller Towne family night has been approved. The club took a vote for a date that would work in April. The date is set for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Food and skate rentals would be provided for all members of the club and volunteers to the EOTT.

6:52pm Coupon Codes: Codes are being entered on the Visalia Runners webpage as soon as we get them. A few codes such as Soul2Sole, running warehouse, total nutrition, race discounts. We are still waiting on Surf city to get back to us. EOTT compression socks are sold at cost along with customizable shirts are on the website.

6:55pm Vi-tri: race is May 19<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed at the aid station. Race is at El Diamonte school.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Next meeting is Monday, May 7, 2018.