

Visalia Runners  
August 6th meeting minutes

Members in Attendance: Michael Young, Joleen Quinley, Michelle Rodriguez, Steven Garcia, Richard Rodriguez, Leticia Randolph, Jenn Couto, Victor Raya, Michael Castro, Daniel Young, Barbara Johnson, Jim Barnes, Renee Taylor, Tom Sowers.

Michael Young called meeting to order at 6:42pm

Welcome and Introductions: Thanks for coming, hope everyone is enjoying the Cabin. Motion to add the Feat to the Beach to New Business on the Agenda, all in favor. Motion to add Billy Mills to upcoming events, all in favor.

Approval of agenda: Michael Young made the motion to approve the agenda as written, Richard seconds, all in favor.

Approval of minutes: Richard Rodriguez made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Barbara seconds, all in favor.

Treasurers report: Jim has completed all of the deposits; the expenses has been caught up and Harvest 5k expenses and deposits are coming in and applications to the city for the race have been paid. There is a \$3400 bill for Feat to the Beach that the members still owe the club.

Old Business: At 6:47pm Jr. Visalia Runner membership, the motion to move forward in setting up an option for junior members to sign up has been approved.

New Business:

At 6:52pm, Run Sign up, the club can set up an account, it will automatically give a discount to each member through the club's page on Run Sign up. Automatic emails will be sent out to members notifying them when their renewal date is and if they choose to continue or not. Barbara has volunteered to update the list of members to show each member's start and end date of their yearly membership.

At 6:58, PAL run, Jim elaborated on his race that he organizes. Their race brought in \$10,000 of their \$16,000 goal. He is asking the club if they want to continue to be a sponsor of his race. It's a 5k race on January 1, 2019. There will be age group awards and shirts will be given out on the race. There were 153 runners in 2017, and 133 for 2018. Richard reminded us that we need to be consistent and let each person who asks for sponsorship needs to go through the same process and fill out a form. Once the form is submitted we as a club will vote on each request. This form is on our Visalia Runners website.

At 7:07pm, Feat 2 Beach, this year our club has put up the money for 2 teams to participate. We need to contact the members that have signed up and make sure their fees have been collected.

At 7:11pm, Hell of a Half, Michael Castro will help run our aid station. He will need as many volunteers as we can get. Michael Castro will bring all our supplies. We will be around mile 9.

At 7:13pm, Victor and Nikki Scholl will be organizing the Harvest 5k. KRC and Casey will be designing the shirts. Michael Young will help figure out medals. Barbara and Richard are organizing the good neighbor.

At 7:28, Michelle has asked on behalf of members that don't attend the benefit if they could get a shirt instead of a dinner ticket. The club voted against this as the reason for the gathering (and stated in our bylaws) is that it is a chance to get together outside of running and meet the spouses behind our members. We voted no only because it creates more work for our volunteers in our group and there will be more expenses behind doing this option. Letty asked how we can create a membership drive to bring in more "active" members that want to come out and join us.

#### Up Coming Events:

At 7:14pm, Billy Mills, Steve is a gracious host and setting Billy up with a great dinner the night before the event and wants to make sure his speech goes flawlessly for him. The event will be opened to all Visalia schools, Tulare and Corcoran will be interested. Our Facebook group should create an event on our club's page. Jim is writing a \$300 check to Billy Mills. Nate was nominated to speak at this event to let all the kids know they are invited to join as Jr. Visalia Runner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next meeting is Monday, September 10th