



HTC Board Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2016

The Huntsville Track Club (HTC) held an executive board meeting on August 16, 2016 at El Olmeca Restaurant in Owens Cross Roads. The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fritz at 6:10 pm.

Board Members Present: Eric Fritz (President), Kim Holmes (VP - Communications), Chelsea Schiavone (VP – Programs), Kathy Youngren (Treasurer), Alex Clark – VP – Races and Equipment, Debra Erickson (Secretary), Suzanne Taylor (Appointed Member – Rocket City Marathon Director), and Dink Taylor (Appointed Member – Cotton Row Director).

Board Members Absent: Harold Tinsley (Appointed Member – Past Board Member)

Guests: Lilly and Becca Fritz

Meeting Topics:

1) Rocket City Marathon (RCM)

Suzanne Taylor discussed needing more active committee members for this year's RCM. Donna Palumbo has taken the lead on promoting the online FaceBook posts. Suzanne mentioned needing someone to promote the RCM via local media outlets. Fleet Feet will be supplying race shirts this year. The RCM is still in need of a title sponsor and discussions with local businesses that sponsored the race in the past have not produced a business that is able to sponsor the race this year. Race sponsorship is the Race Director's number one concern. HTC member and previous board member Karen Gelmis has reached out and help facilitate a contract with the NASA Public Affairs Office for possible Carbo Dinner spokesperson. Dink Taylor has reached out to area businesses for sponsorship.

2) Dizzy 50s Trail Run

Eric Fritz proposed Ryan Chaffin to replace Don Alan Hankins for the 2017 Dizzy 50s Trail Run Race Director. Ryan will be assisting Don for this year's race in preparation for taking over next year. Debbie Erickson seconded the motion, none were opposed. Ryan discussed possible elimination of 40 and

50 mile distance runs for the 2017 race because of low participation in years past. The board is not opposed to eliminating these distances, and anticipates further discussions at a later date. A few interesting factoids about the race were discussed. The race was named after the original RD Jeff Kyser's dog named Dizzy. The bat was suggested to be part of the logo by HTC member Rob Youngren, and the first shirt designs were all created by member Vickie Meador. Eric mentioned that Ryan would like to change the course slightly for 2017 in order to help eliminate runners getting lost during the race.

3) John Hunt Park

Eric Fritz mentioned that with the substantial changes to John Hunt Park that upcoming HTC Races - New Year's Fun Runs and the Huntsville Hospital Autumn Chase 1 Mile Run, the course(s) will need to be altered at John Hunt Park to accommodate the races. Eric mentioned that the Huntsville Parks and Recreation as well as the Jaycees building has a number of cones we will more than likely be able to borrow in order to clearly mark the new course that will be partially on the grassy areas in the park.

4) New HTC Website and Online Member Registration

Kim Holmes stated that the new website is up and running and ready for testing of links. She proposed the board get together the following Tuesday to go through website to ensure operational functionality. The launch date for the new website is tentatively set for the second weekend in September.

5) Fall Picnic at Monte Sano State Park

Chelsea Schiavone proposed going over the fall picnic details. She has already rented the pavilion for Sunday, September 11, 2016 with a start time of 2pm. Last year Zoe's Kitchen was contracted to provide meat and two sides for the 90 people that RSVPd last year, HTC provided drinks, and members were asked to bring a side dish or desert to share. Based on the amount of leftover food, it was discussed whether a lesser amount of food could be ordered. Last year the cost was roughly \$900 for the main dish and sides. She also discussed board members bringing games to play, and starting Dink's hike a bit earlier this time after the picnic lunch. She mentioned sending out an e-mail blast to HTC members requesting folks wanting to attend RSVP. There will be no cost for current HTC members, guests will be required to pay \$10 per person.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by: Debbie Erickson August 24, 2016