



HTC Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2018

The Huntsville Track Club (HTC) held an executive board meeting on February 13, 2018 in the conference room at Fleet Feet Sports Huntsville located in Jones Valley. The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fritz at 6:25 pm.

Board Members Present: Eric Fritz (President), Shar Hendrick (VP – Programs), Kathy Youngren (Treasurer), Kim Holmes (VP - Communications), Dink Taylor (VP – Races and Equipment), Aleisha Chaffin (Secretary/Membership Coordinator), Suzanne Taylor (Outgoing Appointed Member – Rocket City Marathon Director), Donna Palumbo (Appointed Member – Cotton Row Director), Dana and Dwayne DeBardelaben (Potential Appointed Members – Rocket City Marathon Directors) (Harold Tinsley (Appointed Member – Past Board Member).

Meeting Topics:

1. Secretary Update

Aleisha proposed a change of address for all HTC mailings to be moved to a more central location. Everyone agreed to move the current mailings to the UPS store location on Whitesburg Drive. Aleisha will complete the transfer and submit the new address upon receipt. The goal is for this to be the location to be utilized for the HTC from here on. There are no current membership concerns.

2. Treasure Update

Kathy reported there are no financial changes or problems to report. Some discussion was held on potentially merging accounts to do business at one bank only. Donna will work to get more information to determine the financial benefit and feasibility of this idea.

3. Program Ideas

Shar presented ideas to start lunch and learn type seminars/programs to be offered to members. Some topics discussed included ultra-running, history/legends of the HTC. Shar also brought to the table topics of handbook updates and comparisons of local club fees. Lastly, he proposed providing either the Road Race Management's book or other RRCA programs to provide as an educational tool for race directors.

4. Race Permits and Equipment Update
All permits are up to date through the Huntsville Half Marathon. Also, the Hobbs Island 10K needs a name change to include “Ditto”. Harold motioned for the name change to be made to the “Ditto Landing 10K”. Kim seconded the motion and there was unanimous approval.
5. Communications Update
Kim discussed ideas related to changing hands for race directors and handling websites with the discrepancy in billing of the websites for our big race websites (Cotton Row and RCM). A discussion was held about sending out races/ community events (that are outside HTC submission) to members. It was agreed that it would be okay to send anything that doesn’t conflict with HTC events.
6. HTC Trailer
Dink proposed an idea to wrap the current white Fleet Feet Trailer in HTC logos. All were in agreement that this would be a good idea. He will conduct more research as to cost and layout and then will provide feedback afterwards in order to proceed. Eric brought up the need to recondition the double-sided flip race clock. Dink will work on getting information in this regard.
7. Access to HTC Website
Fritz brought up a previous discussion to Kim about board members having more access to the HTC website. She agreed to create additional accounts for more contributions. Also, Kim will reach out to DeWayne Satterfield about continuing to do the Grand Prix tracking for the website.
8. Cotton Row Update
Donna presented concerns about the news of the North Hall closure that will affect the race. The parking lot by the symphony hall will be closed. It was decided that the course will not be changed as a result, but that there will need to be more accommodations made and planned for a separate location. Donna proposed an idea to make the change to “auto cameras” at the finish line of the race. She will research cost and options. Donna inquired about t-shirt vendors for the race. She also discussed the potential for a general “HTC volunteer” shirt to be given out. At this time she will proceed with providing volunteers the normal Cotton Row shirt.
9. Rocket City Marathon Update
Dana and Dwayne DeBardelaben were present and began with questions prior to accepting position as race directors. They discussed concerns regarding the RD decision making process and what is allowed without board approval. Aleisha provided them with a copy of the HTC handbook. They provided some thoughts

about possible changes and how to grow the race. Donna motioned to approve Dana and Dwayne as race directors for the Rocket City Marathon. Kathy seconded the motion and there was unanimous approval.

10. Space and Rocket Center Update

Eric provided news regarding conversations with the Space and Rocket Center about a special event for the Apollo Missions Anniversary. Multiple options are being discussed for the event.

11. Scholarship Award

Eric reported that Angel Sillivant is requesting her scholarship be renewed for a third year. She continues to be successful at UAH, where she recently broke a school record by 8 seconds. Eric proposed a motion to renew her scholarship. Harold seconded the motion and there was unanimous approval.

12. Race Director Positions

- a. Rocket City Kids Marathon: The DeBardelaben's agreed that they will take over and continue the race. Suzanne provided them with a potential interested candidate that they will reach out to.
- b. Harry Williams' Track Meet: No current leads.
- c. Recover from the Holidays 50K: Chelsea Schiavone has mentioned her intention and desire to take on this race. Kim motioned to make her race director, Kathy seconded the motion, and there was unanimous approval.

13. John Hunt Park Update

Eric discussed that plans are underway to change the course to a 5K with loops for a full 10K and a 1 mile turn around. The clubhouse is to be bulldozed so it will not be a long term start/finish location. Parks and Recreation is leading the charge for updates on John Hunt Park.

14. Miscellaneous

Eric brought up a concern from a member who would like to push his wife in an adult "push chair" such as the type that the Ainsley's Angels uses. The ramifications and liability of this request were touched on, but more research needs to be done to confirm this request for a future race.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

** Email votes unanimously approved prior to the board meeting:

- Cotton Row Race Director: Donna Palumbo
- Rocket City Marathon Race Director: Suzanne Taylor
- President's Appointed Member: Harold Tinsley

Submitted by: Aleisha Chaffin, February 15, 2018