

Team Rocket Tri Club Executive Council

MINUTES

May 10, 2016 5:30 PM

Location: Tazikis, Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville

EC Members Present: Tony Osani, (President), Wendy Tyler (Vice President), Casey Fritz (Treasurer) Mike Gerrity (Equipment Director/RD, Rocketman Triathlon), Suzanne Erickson (HSV Sprint); Ann Mix (Membership), Gia Schuetz (Secretary), Dana DeBardelaben (Pesky Piranha); Kim Holmes (Webmaster); Mike Tyler (RD, Tri for Ole Glory); Eric Broyles (RD, Heel and Crank Duathlon/Swim Hobbs Island)

Race updates – Race Directors

- **Pesky Piranha.** Dana explained that she has an autoimmune disease that she is dealing with. Besides pain and treatments, being able to think and organize has been challenging. She needs help with the race since she is forgetting things and not thinking clearly at times. Gia will step in and help with the race.
- **Tri For Ole Glory.** Mike reported that all is moving forward, & he has a contract with the Space & Rocket Ctr.
- **Huntsville Sprint.** Suzanne said she was present for the Fleet Feet Tri 101 kickoff. She renegotiated the timing contract this year. Due to Natatorium construction, she believes that 300 is a better number of racers. City is still very supportive of the race. She will decide closer to race day if she will cap the number of racers. Last year, there were 480 registered, but 330 finishers—many ‘no-shows’.
- **Rocketman.** Mike said that numbers are down, and he is a bit nervous because all races’ numbers are down. He may coordinate with Bradley Dean races in terms of marketing. Perhaps something related to the Olympics as people like those type of themes.
- **Swim Hobbs Island.** Eric reported that there is much construction going on in the area, and the date is set for September 18. Eric has communicated much with the Ditto Landing management, but they have been easy to work with. He suggested having a 1 mile swim, as those swimmers are easier to manage. He can keep it at 5 miles, but that is a small percentage of swimmers. Considering high school swimmers could also attract more. The small inlet can be stinky. Eric would prefer not to direct the race; Ali Meeks would be happy to help and consider being race director.

Membership. Ann reported 20 new members. She sent email out have drop ins for TRI 101 class.

Trailer naming contest. Ann reported that voters picked Ricky Blue as the name. Mike Tyler gets a race comp for his name suggestion.

Finance. Casey distributed financials. Considered having Volunteerspot, premium account for \$9/month. Tony commented that the trailer storage and storage building expense is covered until next year, thru June. He will consult Rick in getting additional items for the trailer, like a spare tire.

Website. Kim reiterated that the discount code is trtc16. There were questions about codes & race discounts, if we wanted to hide them from Facebook & communications. Discounts need to be confirmed with race directors for TRTC members.

Event planning. Wendy reported that we should have a Bike Clinic as there are members going on rides with no equipment. Suzanne and Wendy would host at Bicycle Cove, and folks need to bring their tires. Day of the week to have?

Open Water Swim was scheduled for the coming Sunday, April 17. There will be kayakers to assist. Last swim event, there was a Sign In Sheet that had a waiver for kayakers.

Bike Ride – Carol & Marty Eton, Doug Schuetz will lead a ride to the Arsenal this Tuesday, April 12, at 530. Parking will be at Whitesburg School.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.