

Team Rocket Tri Club Executive Council

MINUTES

February 8, 2016 5:30PM

Location: Nothing But Noodles, Airport Road, Huntsville

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

Started the meeting off by signing banking documents.

Race updates – RD's

- Tick Ridge Trek – great race & weather; all went smoothly. 468 registered/410 completed: 269 10k, 141 25K. 6.5k to historic church; 1k to bike club; \$500 to Giles County ambulance organization; \$500 Giles County rescue squad. Chili production & food logistics went well: 10 gallon left over chili; no problems with camping—45 people stayed overnight.
- Huntsville Sprint Tri – Natatorium parking lot used for Transition is not available due to construction. There is a possibility of still doing it there, with rerouting of the run course. All parking will have to be at Milton Frank; may have less racers, perhaps 300. Will make decisions in next month.
- Heel & Crank – 240 registrations; cap is 500. No Rocket Republic Beer. The board unanimously approved ALSA as the race charity
- Rocketman – would like to have Rocket Republic, but looks like it will not be an option.
- Pesky Piranha – The board unanimously approved Piedmont Rec Assc. as the charity. Is interested in making it a USAT race due to the very low insurance cost. \$10 fee required, so will reduce price of entry accordingly. RD's are able to make exceptions to USAT issues such as training wheels.
- Swim Hobbs Island – charity TBD
- Racin' The Station – The board unanimously approved Marshall Association as the charity.

Tri For Ole Glory – submitted contract for using aviation challenge and space and rocket center

Rick Grief Fund Raiser and race support – Rick's fundraising goal is \$2500, currently at \$3725. Charity, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation has an A rating with Charity Watch. Rick's email was reviewed; Kona is out and instead the 70.3 World Championship will be the race. Board was unanimous in demonstrating to Rick that we support him and all he has given to the TRI community. Currently the bylaws state we can give 10% of race proceeds to other charities without board approval.

MOTION to give \$500 from Tick Ridge Trek to ricks MMRF fund was unanimously approved. Each RD will decide what they want to contribute to MMRF and bring to the board for approval.

WERUNHUNTSVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY DISCUSSION – Tony & Eric met with Gregg, and it was a productive meeting. Each RD will make an individual decision as to how to work with Gregg.

MEMBERSHIP – 30 new members since last report; newsletter going out. Call for registrations from Frantic Frog; Family Services will give \$5 discount. Newsletter submissions requested. Swag, brochures and forms will go to Ann. Suzie presented magnet & sticker info. \$250/1.27 for rectangle; 4.x6 rectangular was approved.

WEBSITE – Blevins discount confirmed: 10% off bike fit and everything except bikes. Kim updating Webmaster that forwards emails to each officer. Test emails sent; President, Membership, Webmaster were returned.

FINANCE – Casey presented budget. All looks good from projections from last year.

- There was discussion in purchasing a Jockey Box cooler instead of having tedious management of kegs for each race. We have been going through a lot of beer at the races. (Note to RD's: Keep couple cases on hand for sweepers as the kegs have been running out.) Eric recommended and the board approved up to \$500 for a double jockey box & co2 tank (added it's a good idea to have in terms of donors, as we aren't asking for more than the beer.)
- The board unanimously approved spending up to \$5000 from the Race Equipment fund for the trailer and retrofitting for our needs to include upgrades, vinyl appliques, making inside functional. Mike has placed a \$500 deposit. The trailer as built will be \$4158.
- Jeremy's Storage facility was mentioned.
- Speakers/new auxiliary PA not purchased yet.

MOTION to approve the final 2015 budget, and the 2016 budget as presented was unanimously approved.

EVENT PLANNING FOR 2016 - Wendy

- Spring party – March 5 - discussed location possibilities that be researched.
- Tri Expo April 7th at 6pm at Fleet Feet.
- Other events: Open water swims, perhaps doing them earlier this year—will keep at Ditto Landing. Weather/flooding has effected flow rates significantly. Wendy mentioned the Caballo Blanco movie HTC is having on March 14.
- Swim Clinic by Carolyn Pipes. \$125 one hour video, 1.5 in water. www.aquaticede.org No cancellation risk; will research.