

Team Rocket Tri Club Executive Council

MINUTES

September 13, 2016 5:30PM

Straight to Ale, Huntsville

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

Race updates – Race Directors

- **Tri For Ole Glory.** Wendy reported \$1500 to be donated to US Space & Rocket Center Scholarship fund.
- **Huntsville Sprint.** Suzanne reported that the race, despite the construction challenges, was very well received. She noted that those volunteers working the bike portion had many challenges & should be commended. Donations to charities: \$3500 to Madison County Special Olympics Cycling Team; \$3500 to MMRF
- **Rocketman.** Mike reported:

Total Registered: 409	Actual (Finishers):
Total Participants: 440 (263 Male, 177 Female)	Individual: 305
Class/Division:	Relay Teams: 17 (48 with Relay Team members)
Individual: 351 (w/36 College & 17 Military)	Aquabike: 13
Relay Teams: 17	Cyclorun: 19
Aquabike: 18 (13 Females, 5 Males)	Total Finishers: 354 (385 with Relay Team members)
Cyclorun: 23 (13 Males, 10 Females)	

He anticipates a balance of \$10,500+. Donations to charities: \$4,500 to Madison County Special Olympics; \$4,500 to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF), \$500 to Madison County Rescue Squad and \$500 to Madison County Sheriff's Reserve. Holding approximately \$350 to seed next year's race.

- **Swim Hobbs Island.** Eric reported his race this weekend will have approx 110 swimmers, with at least 40 kayakers. Coast Guard Auxiliary and HSV Rescue Squad is assisting by providing over watch, controlling boats near the course. All systems go & cleared to launch.
- **Racin' the Station.** Kent demonstrated his really cool swag pen. It is a stylus, a lighted pointer, and & a nice pen! He has 120 racers, down 30%. Is waiting to ask TRTC for volunteer support to see who is coming forward from NASA.
- **Pesky Piranha.** Gia reported they would not sanction race next year due to expense, (USAT fees were higher than local insurance cost) & negative feedback on age group rules. SportsMed sponsorship was great addition. Donation of \$2900 to Piedmont Recreation Assc, \$100 to MMRF

Race Donations year to date:

- Tick Ridge. \$9000: Betheseda Church \$6500, Mt Bike Club \$1000, Rescue Squad \$500, Ambulance Service \$500, MMRF \$500
- Heel and Crank. \$1500 MMRF, \$3750 ALSA, + donation directly to ALSA
- Pesky Piranha. \$2900 Piedmont Rec Assc, \$100 MMRF
- Tri For Old Glory. \$1500 US Space & Rocket Center Scholarship
- Huntsville Sprint. \$7000: Special Olympics Cycling Team \$3500, MMRF \$3500
- Rocketman. Reported above
- Swim Hobbs Island.
- Racin the Station.

Membership. Ann reported we have 246 members. Member swag/gifts were discussed. All agreed with Tony's idea of having the names of the races on the back of the shirts (instead of sponsors).

Finance. Casey distributed financial statements. As we have saved money on member functions year to date we are in a very good position for a nice end of year celebration.

Website. Kim reported that Rocketman and Sprint Tri have been updated to reflect that the race is over and the page will be updated with 2017 information as its available. (The update messages are in yellow boxes.) There is consensus about better functionality of the new results page.

Events/Activities. Wendy discussed having the Annual Meeting at Lowe Mill. Thursday, Nov. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 12 will be considered. With food and beverages to bring on site, she will determine a budget. It was recommended to ask Gregg Gelmis to help create a slide show to loop during the event.

It was decided to not do the Rocket City Marathon Expo Booth, and to organize a group for the Rocket City Marathon aid station on December 10.

Tony reported that he declined on behalf of the club an invitation to partner with Toughman 70.3 series to execute a Toughman branded race. Due to the approximate \$10,000 fee for the branding and lack of interest at this time for a 70.3 event

Elections. President and Vice President are up for election this year. Eric expressed interest in the President position. Wendy expressed an interest in seeking the Vice president position again. Ann will solicit for nominations from the club membership prior to the Annual Meeting.

Eric suggested having Vice President as a next step position, 2 years VP and 2 years President

Appointed positions were reviewed, and the current Board members expressed interest in staying on for another year. Membership - Ann Mix; Web - Kim Holmes; Equipment - Mike Gerrity. The board will vote on renewing the positions at eh November meeting.

Current race directors affirmed their desire to remain on: Tick Ridge Trek – Tony; Pesky Piranha – Gia and Doug; Tri For Old Glory – Mike Tyler; Huntsville Sprint – Suzanne; Racin The Station – Kent. The board will vote on renewing these positions at the November meeting.

New Business. There was discussion on how we transition Race Directors and what the expectations are. Should we develop bylaws that reflect race guidelines and guidelines for co-directors. With the number of races changing hands this year, there was discussion on:

- What process do we use to approve the new race directors?
- What if new race directors want to make a lot of changes out of the gate?
- Should all changes to races be approved by the board? First year probation period?

The following Race Directors are being considered for the open race director positions:

- Rocketman – Marty and Carol Eaton
- Heel & Crank – Paul Erickson
- Swim Hobbs island – Ali Meeks

Various board members will meet with the prospective race directors to discuss process, jobs, and board expectations and to answer any questions. They will report back to the board with a recommendation for voting on at the November meeting.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.