



HTC Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017

The Huntsville Track Club (HTC) held an executive board meeting on May 1, 2017 at the Jaycee Community Building on Airport Road. The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fritz at 6:51 pm.

Board Members Present: Eric Fritz (President), Kathy Youngren (Treasurer), Kim Holmes (VP - Communications), Suzanne Taylor (Appointed Member – Rocket City Marathon Director), Dink Taylor (Appointed Member – Cotton Row Director), and Harold Tinsley (Appointed Member – Past Board Member).

Board Members Absent: Chelsea Schiavone (VP – Programs), Debra Erickson (Secretary/ Membership Coordinator), and Alex Clark (VP – Races and Equipment).

Meeting Topics:

1) SORBA Request for Tool Shed

- a) A request from SORBA, via Martin Schneekloth and the Trail Committee, was received to help replace the tool storage shed at Monte Sano State Park where all the Trail Maintenance tools are stored. (All HTC tools are currently stored in the existing shed since earlier this year) They are requesting financial assistance from the club to purchase a new shed.
- b) The board approved a donation of \$2000 towards the shed as long as the HTC receives access to the shed for use of the tools for any HTC trail projects.

2) Cotton Row Topics

a) Donations

The board discussed donations proposed for the Cotton Row Runs. There is an urgent need by the Goldstar Families for an approved amount so that they can do some planning for the summer. Some concerns were expressed over the promise of funds prior to knowing a good estimate on the profit from a race. The board discussed both of these topics. Although several options were discussed, nothing was decided on the how to manage donations without knowing the profit. The board did approve moving forward with the donation to the Goldstar families in

advance though as this is a special case and they have been very helpful to the race for a number of years now.

b) Cotton Row Prize Money Inquiry

- i) HTC Member Sean Allan, who is in charge of the elites for the race, has submitted a proposal to increase the prize money to try and attract elites to the run. The prize money structure has not changed in many years, (10?). It was discussed and agreed that this should be looked into for next year's race as prize money has already been announced and published for this year.
- ii) In addition, there was a suggestion to add additional prize money for the Top Alabama Runner. This was approved unanimously by the board.

3) Parks and Rec Response to Running Lane

Eric and Suzanne have been contacted by Parks and Rec to take over a race series that Running Lane is proposing. Much is not understood in what Parks and Rec is actually asking HTC to provide. It was agreed that Eric would meet with Parks and Rec to discuss further.

4) Request for Metro Donation

Metro Coaches Association has requested that HTC again donate \$1,500 towards their Track & Field and Cross-Country programs as they have the past few years. This was approved by the board with the note that HTC would like to see more presence from the High Schools at our events, in particular the Harry Williams All Comers Track Meet.

5) Scholarship Applicant

There has been a request submitted from Andrew Dodson for a scholarship. Andrew is a HS runner from Huntsville High School looking to attend Middle Tennessee State University. The board discussed and agreed to provide Andrew with a scholarship in line with other recent scholarships provided.

6) Double Helix Donation

The board voted on and agreed to donate back \$5,000 of the money received from the Double Helix race back to Hudson Alpha.

7) Parks & Rec - Municipal Golf Course => XC course

Eric has learned that there is a possibility to renovate the Municipal Golf Course at John Hunt Park to be a Cross Country course. Not much is known at this time

but wanted to let the board know and seek the support of the HTC in making this happen.

8) Cookie Dash

It was discussed that Chris Diamond-Suchomski is planning a move to California and that we will need a new Cookie Dash Race Director. Donna Palumbo has agreed to take over the duties as race director. The board voted and approved Donna to be the new race director.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by: Debbie Erickson July 11, 2017