

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
TUSCALOOSA TRACK CLUB
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

The 2014 Tuscaloosa Track Club Board and Committees met at 305 Orange Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 17, 2014, at 6 p.m.

The following officers and committee members were present: Ed Freeman, Tammy Denson, Glenn Dodd, Deanna Steele, Michael Stewart, Richard Carroll and Andrea Hirst. Tammy Denson handed out Agenda, Race Calendar for 2014-2015, Benefits Page, Applications for Freaky Friday and Turkey Trot.

President, Ed Freeman, called the meeting to order and the following business was conducted:

1. **Turkey Trot:** Set this year on November 15, 2014 (day of Bama v Miss State game). Richard Carroll is going to certified the course this year. President Freeman asked all present if they had any suggestions for the race this year. We will be using the new Electronic Timing System for the race. Discussions on volunteers for the race, and those present all said they would volunteer. Tammy will talk to Carol about trophies again this year. David Crain has agreed to be the bike escort.
2. **Additional Track Club Races:** Turkey Trot is our only TTC race. President Freeman opened up the floor on possible additional races to benefit the track club. We talked about having a 15K or 10-mile race out on Commerce Road or in the Duncanville area at the Talladega Forest area. Richard Carroll will check on the possibility of the Talladega Forest area. Also, there was a discussion on having a 1-mile race around the New Year. Everyone agreed we needed to offer unique and different race distances.
3. **Time Change:** The time changes on November 2, 2014. Currently we have a Monday run from Wagner's (or 1 Monday a month at a Pub sponsor), and trails on Tuesday. Once the time changes there will only be a Tuesday run from Wagner's (or 1 Tuesday a month at a Pub sponsor). Thursday will continue to be the Charles Tiller workout, and beginning in November, the half marathon training will resume. Those tentative dates will be Sunday and Tuesday.

4. **Electronic Timing System:** The Electronic Timing System was used at the Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah 5K with approximately 600 runners. All went well with the exception of 2 runners getting too close to the start and their chip entering twice, and a young child coming across the finish on a scooter. Other than that, it was successful. The Turkey Trot race will utilize the ETS, and also The Couch to 5K set for November 16, 2014, will also be using it.
5. **Upcoming Races:** Richard Carroll noted that 2 GP courses are up for recertification in 2015: Canine Classic Course and TNT (Sokol 10K) Course. Also discussed was the fact that April 11, 2015, was set for both the Will May 5K, Trails for Tails 10K and the Doctor's Day 10K. These are two really big races, and Ed & Tammy have been in contact with Adrienne/Brooke with Doctor's Day. Tammy will make contact with them again to offer other dates for their race.

GVI race: Joe Gatozzi will be going back to hosting his GVI race (not in conjunction with Will May 5K). 2015 will be his 10th year, and he want to have a 10K race. Richard Carroll noted that it is becoming increasingly difficult to have any race course on University Blvd. (either downtown or on campus). No routes on campus are possible anymore. Tammy will get in touch with Joe to discuss possibilities.

6. **Newsletter:** Glenn announced the deadline for the next newsletter was October 1, 2014. Suggestions for upcoming issue was to put the time change with a picture of the Sokol Harriers, and additional pictures at races. Deanna will put an article in this newsletter along with Tammy's Two Cents.
7. **Website:** Michael is working on changing format of website, and should have it up and going in November. It will be more user friendly. Also, Michael will check on getting gmail accounts for President, Vice President, etc. President Freeman gave Michael permission for the charge of \$8 a month for update, since we still do not have the proof of our 501(c)(3).
8. **Grand Prix:** Steve Nelko was not in attendance. It was noted that the standings were up-to-date through the Hillcrest Patriot Race. The Canine Classic has not yet been posted.
9. **Financials:** Ricky was not in attendance.

10. **End of the Year Party:** At our end of the year party in January, we discussed the following places to host: Mugshots, Taziki's or Brother's Pizza. Most in attendance really like the Mugshots location. President Freeman wanted to utilize a sponsor if possible. He will discuss with Taziki's the possibility, if they could close the restaurant for us. We all didn't feel we could have a banquet during regular business hours. We will bring back up for discussion at the next meeting.

It was suggested that we offer additional awards at the banquet. Not just making it a GP award. Possible awards: Up & Comer Award, Over-comer Award, PR Awards, Most Improved.

There being no further business before the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Dated: September 17, 2014

/s/ ED FREEMAN

President

/s/ Tammy Denson

Secretary