

**TUSCALOOSA TRACK CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**FIRST BOARD MEETING/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**February 2, 2017**

The 2017 First Board Meeting/Organizational Meeting of the Tuscaloosa Track Club was held at the Child Development Research Center, Room 227, 651 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401, on February 2, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. The following 2017 Officers/Committee Members were present: Tammy Denson, Deanna Steele, Helen Smith, Ed Freeman, Jenelle Marsh, Richard Carroll, Alvin Niu, Billy Falls, Andrea Hirst, Stephen Secor, Stan Smith, and Glenn Dodd. Ricky Sparks, Michelle Robinson, Grant Huddleston, Terri Huddleston and Christie Ison were not in attendance.

President Denson passed the list of board members around the room for all to list their cell phone numbers. It is important that all board members be able to contact other board members. President Denson will send the board a list of board members and their contact information.

The following items were covered:

**1. Board/Committees:**

*Michelle Robinson will serve with Jenelle Marsh on Membership, and Christie Ison will be contacted to serve as Volunteer Coordinator.*

**A. Race Coordinators:**

*President Denson will provide the Finish Line Coordinator the Race Contract of the Race they will be working that week.*

*All Finish Line Coordinators (FLC) will:*

- 1. Contact Race Director of the Race they are working the week of their race and exchange phone numbers.*
- 2. Get the age divisions if not a GP race in order to prepare the tabulation sheets and board.*

3. *Obtain the finish line clock at least 3 days prior to the race to make sure it is charged and paper in clicker.*
4. *The Volunteer Coordinator will provide the FLC will all volunteers assigned to their race. On race day, the FLC will take a picture of all volunteers at the race and send to Christie, so she can identify all volunteers.*
5. *The FLC will also take a picture of the Race Results Sheet and forward to Jenelle Marsh.*

## **2. Tuscaloosa Track Club Benefits**

*President Denson passed out the current benefits. She has obtained several new businesses, including the YMCA. See attached.*

## **3. Group Runs**

### **A. Crimson Track Club**

*Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 (Manderson Landing)  
Saturday at 7 a.m. (Amp)  
Sunday at 7 a.m. (Amp)*

*It was suggested that their postings should go on the TTC facebook page, so if there was a change in time or mileage all would know the change.*

### **B. EW Motion Therapy**

*First Thursday of each month (3-6-9 miles)*

### **C. Time Change in March - Trail Runs at Sokol on Tuesdays at 5:45**

### **D. Time Change in March - Wagner's Run Walk on Mondays at 6:00**

### **E. All year long - The Tribe Trail Runs at Sokol on Wednesdays at 5:45**

### **F. YMCA (NEW) - Third Thursday from YMCA at 5:30. Will offer either a 2 or 4 miles course.**

#### **4. *New Membership Shirts***

*The club will not order any more white shirts for 2017. The new shirts (for 2017 Turkey Trot) will be a different color, same logo. We will check on the color Pond Blue (short sleeves). Stephen Secor suggested a different fabric. Ed Freeman and President Denson will check with Matt Wagner and see what is available.*

**5. *RRCA (insurance).*** *President Denson tabled this discussion until she finds out more about what is covered under our insurance with RRCA.*

#### **6. *Upcoming Races and Suggestions for New Races***

##### **A. *Grand Prix points for Mayor's Cup and Will May and Half Marathon***

*President Denson opened discussions on the races that offer 2 races, which would be considered for Grand Prix points. There was a lot of discussion on this topic, due to the fact that we have so many*

*1. For the 2017 Mayor's Cup, the 10K would be used for the Grand Prix points.*

*2. For 2017 Will May, the 5K would be used for the Grand Prix points.*

*3. For the 2017 Tuscaloosa Half Marathon and 5K, the Half would be used for Grand Prix points and it would qualify for double points. However, President Denson would check with the age group awards to see if they met the requirements to be a GP.*

*4. Richard Carroll brought up the course for Breanna Leatherwood race at Bowers Park. They originally wanted to do a 5K, 10K and Fun Run at Bowers Park. Ed talked Marilyn into only doing one of the races, and she wanted to do a 10K. Richard said it would be impossible to certify a 10K course at Bowers unless you just did continuous loops. Ed said he would speak to Marilyn again.*

##### **B. *Discussions were made for additional races sponsored by the Track Club.***

*1. Race for Over 60 (Silver Run)*

2. *Race for Under 12*
  3. *Mile Run, possible Relay, etc. Suggestion was to have a run or possible relay run in Moundville State Park. Also, a suggestion to have a Track Event at a School Track. Richard, Alvin, Ed, Glenn would research these possibilities.*
  4. *Hash Run.*
- C. *A suggestion made by a member about putting our race results in Newspaper. In the past, this was provided through Tuscaloosa News. President Denson will check with Becky Hopf to see if this is still a possibility, and if there was a cost associated with it.*
- D. *Upcoming Races on RRCA site. President Denson will look into getting our Races posted on the RRCA site.*
7. ***Grand Prix - Changes to Age Groups or Overall. And changes to Volunteer Requirements (Any changes would have to occur in 2018, but we'd have to start now if we want to revise).***
- A. *It has been brought to the attention of President Denson that some of the TTC Members want to alter the age group divisions to add 70-74 and 75 and over. Discussions by those present were that there were so few in that category, it wasn't fair to the Race Directors to require them to add 6 more awards, which would take away from raising money for their charity.*
- B. *It was also asked that a "Great Grandmaster" category be added, which would be 60 and Over. This discussion was mostly agreed, but nothing definite was decided.*
- No changes can be made this year, because Race Directors were given the Race Director's Handbook, and GP requirements were already listed. This topic will be revisited at a meeting later in the year.*
- C. *Volunteer Requirements: Discussion on changing the volunteer requirements to allow members to volunteer for any two (2) races, either Non-GP or GP. Vote was unanimous.*

- D. *Course Certification: Richard Carroll stated that some courses have expired and need to be recertified. The Doctor's Day 10K course was originally the TNT Course and it is over 10 years old. President Denson asked Richard to provide her with the Certificate for that course, and she will notify Adrienne and Brooke. This year, since a contract has already been signed, we will waive the Certificate.*

*President Denson also asked Richard to provide her with any other courses that were close to expiration, and she would contact the Race Directors.*

**8. *Web Site***

- A. *Terri Huddleston took over the website mid-year in 2016, and has done a wonderful job converting everything over. It looks 100% better.*
- B. *It was suggested that the Races listed should show up most current first. Also, take out the "seasons". President Denson will discuss this with Terri.*

**9. *Summer Party***

*President Denson opened discussion for ideas for the Summer party. This item will be discussed at a later meeting.*

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.*

***/s/ Tammy Denson*** \_\_\_\_\_

*2017 President*

***/s/ Helen Smith*** \_\_\_\_\_

*2017 Secretary*