

TUSCALOOSA TRACK CLUB
MINUTES OF THE
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
August 23, 2018

The 2018 Summer Board Meeting of the Tuscaloosa Track Club was held at Van De Graaff Park Pavilion, Northport, Alabama, on August 23, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. The following 2018 Officers/Committee Members were present: Tammy Denson, Deanna Steele, Helen Smith, Ricky Sparks, Ed Freeman, Richard Carroll, Alvin Niu, Andrea Hirst, Stephen Secor, Stan Smith, Jim Chesnutt, and Roy Meeks. Committee Members not present were Jenelle Marsh, Michelle Robinson, Glenn Dodd, Christie Ison and Terri Huddleston.

President Denson welcomed everyone and the following items were covered:

1. Financials

Ricky Sparks, Treasurer provided a Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2018, as well as Profit & Loss Statement covering January through July 2018 (both are attached). Treasurer Sparks asked for any discussion. Stephen Secor asked if instead of paying the Race Day Coordinators for individual races, would it help financially to pay them one payment at the end of the year. Treasurer Sparks said it wouldn't make a difference.

2. Start of Fall Racing Schedule

President Denson talked about to first races of the Fall Season from Saturday, August 18th Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeah 5K and The Dash for Secret Meals. There are approximately 450 runners at the Yeah Yeah and 150 at The Dash. The Dash has already secured a date in 2019.

President Denson talked about the remaining races in 2018, and the fact that we were having trouble getting people to volunteer.

President Denson gave each board member a list of all races scheduled through 2019.

Denson also provided an updated list of the Grand Prix standings and asked if anyone had any questions concerning the list.

3. Meeting with the City on August 14

President Denson said she, Ed Freeman, Roy Meeks, Brooke Barton and Adrienne Thompson met with Paige Acker and Stacey Vaughan concerning the charges from the City of Tuscaloosa.

Brooke and Adrienne expressed concern with receiving their invoice from the City almost 3 months after the race, and they had already distributed their funds, so they had to pay it themselves.

We discussed alternative ways to use less City personnel. Ms. Vaughan said it wasn't their call, that the police department decided on the amount of officers needed by the course itself.

We asked if other groups could be utilized for traffic control such as Boy Scouts or others seeking Community Service hours. Ms. Vaughan stated they would have to be adults and she suggested when Race Directors submitted their Special Permits, to put their plan on how to utilize volunteers. That may cut down on the amount of police that need to be at the race.

Ms. Vaughan also suggested we utilize courses that are not on city streets, and the Gateway area in Alberta City.

A. New Course Options

President Denson said she met with a group with the City School Libraries and their desire to have a race on March 2 (Dr. Seuss Day). She told them about a possible course in the Alberta area, and would talk with Richard Carroll about getting a draft for possible course.

Ed Freeman discussed a new Course for Cross Country Runners. Coach Tiller talked to Ed about developing a Cross Country Course at Sokol Park that will be used by schools and other possible races. President Denson mention that Commandant Battles (Tuscaloosa Marines Race) had contact her because someone had approached him about sponsoring the Course. He questioned if he used this course for his race would it still qualify as a Grand Prix. The Board discussed this possibility due to issues raised by the cost charged by the city.

Ed Freeman made a Motion that the Tuscaloosa Track Club allow the Cross Country Course to be a certified course for Grand Prix purposes.

President Denson asked if there was any discussion.

Jim Chesnutt seconded the Motion, President Denson called for a vote and the Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Bylaws

President Denson emailed the Board a revised copy of the proposed Bylaw revisions prior to this Board Meeting. Denson asked for any discussion, and one change was made to the copy provided to all Board members. The Board approved the revisions, with the added change, and these will be submitted to the Membership for their approval.

5. Group Order

The Group Order for caps, shirts and jackets ended on August 22nd. Approximately \$300 was on the order. Unfortunately, Wagner's will not be able to have another group order unless we can guarantee a \$1,000 order.

6. Electronic Timing - Equipment

President Denson called on Stan Smith to discuss the future of the Electronic Timing System.

As of right now, we only have two (2) races that utilize the Electronic Timing System. There are upgrades that can be made if we want to go outside our races to offer this service. Otherwise, we may need to take it off our Contract services. We do receive rebates for all the Race Directors that utilize "Its Your Race" which is with the same company that we work with for our upgrades.

There was a lot of discussion, and one point was made that we offer a lesser amount for races with 200 to 300 participants to see if any Race Director wants to use chip timing. President Denson noted that she had several Race Directors ask about using the chip timing.

The Board decided to continue through 2019 with the electronic timing and offer a lesser cost for those having 200 to 300 participants. President Denson will revise the Contract.

7. Turkey Trot (Membership Run) - November 17, 2018

Each year TTC hosts the Turkey Trot run, which is used for our Membership for upcoming year. Last year it was decided we would order a different color Membership shirt for each year. Last year was Gray. President Denson passed around a sample of each color available, and each Board Member marked their chosen color. Majority was for Red for the Membership Shirts.

Ed asked what color was the choice for the Turkey Trot shirt, and the majority voted for Blue.

President Denson will forward information to Matt Wagner, along with number of shirts to order.

8. Newsletter

Glenn Dodd, editor of the Newsletter could not attend the meeting, but set the due date for articles as September 25 for the next Newsletter.

President Denson recognized Alvin Niuu for submitting articles on Race Directors and Members in each of the Newsletter.

9. New Business

There was no new business

10. 2019 Officers and Committees

President Denson asked for everyone to think about serving on the Board for 2019. Denson's term ends with 2018. A short discussion from the board that we needed to get more young members interested in serving.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Denson

2018 President

/s/ Helen Smith

2018 Secretary