

**MINUTES OF THE  
TUSCALOOSA TRACK CLUB  
FIRST BOARD MEETING/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
February 11, 2019**

The 2019 First Board Meeting/Organizational Meeting of the Tuscaloosa Track Club was held at the Child Development Research Center, Room 227, 651 Peter Bryce Blvd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on February 11, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. The following 2019 Officers/Committee Members were present: Tammy Denson, Helen Smith, Christie Ison, Ed Freeman, Alvin Niu, Andrea Hirst, Stephen Secor, Stan Smith, Roy Meeks, Glenn Dodd, Ruth Harmon, Coleman Harmon, Kasey Griffin and Keilum Griffin. Sara Kaylor joined via conference call. Hunter Hooks, Richard Carroll, Jenelle Marsh, Jim Chesnutt were not in attendance.

President Denson introduced the new committee members, Kasey & Keilum Griffin, Ruth & Coleman Harmon and Sara Kaylor.

The following items were covered:

**A. *Financials***

Hunter was not able to attend the meeting, so President Denson went over the Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss for 2018. She noted that we have a balance of over \$6000.00 with all bills paid except the RRCA insurance. She will reapply for dues and insurance with RRCA this week.

President Denson asked for questions/discussion concerning the financials. President Denson explained that our turnout for our Turkey Trot was great. Also, said a big thank you to our sponsors that donated to TTC. Helen Smith suggested that we spotlight our sponsors in the Newsletter. Board members agreed that this would be a good idea.

**B. *Committee Duties***

**1. *Membership Committee duties***

Kasey Griffin, Ruth Harmon and Jenelle have been working together to get the membership list ready for Glenn to add to the Grand Prix Excel spreadsheet. Jenelle will get the final form to Glenn this week. Kasey sent out the President's Welcome Letter this past week.

Kasey also reported that a gmail account has been set up for the Track Club.

Kasey will also be forwarding the list of birthdays (January-February, March-April, May-June, etc.) to be posted on the website.

## 2. *Race Coordinators*

President Denson went over the duties for the finish line coordinators.

Contact Race Director the week of race (exchange phone #s)

Get age divisions if not a GP

Make sure clock is charged and paper in clicker

Get Mile Markers and Tent if needed

Go over duties of Volunteers and have them sign Sheet

Take a picture of Race Results & Volunteer Sheet and send to Jenelle Marsh, Glenn Dodd & Tammy

**\*It is important that all volunteers sign the sheet in order to get credit for working.**

Check with Race Director to see if they want to use the mile marker out, but it is the Race Director's responsibility to put them out and bring back to us when the race is finished.

Stan Smith reminded the Finish Line Coordinators when they return to the Storage Facility to be sure and put things back in an orderly fashion after each race. Be sure to check the batteries for the printer and turn it off when not in use. Turn clock stop watch off and lock.

Alvin suggested we get reflective vest or something reflective for Track club volunteers to wear at the night races.

Please take the Tent for rainy day races and be sure to use the ziplock bags on the finisher cards to help keep them dry.

## 3. *Newsletter*

Sara Kaylor suggested we do Quarterly newsletters and offered dates to have items submitted by to be:

Mid February for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (January/February/March)

Mid March for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (April/May/June)

Mid June for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July/August/September)

Mid September for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (October/November/December)

Please send any articles or ideas for topics to Sara and Glenn.

**C. Tuscaloosa Track Club**

**1. Benefits**

President Denson went over the sheet of benefits that members have access to and said we should encourage others to utilize these benefits so we don't lose the sponsors/benefits. She asked for any other ideas. She suggested we may could have a time when all members could go visit the HydralIVE Therapy to see all the treatments they have to offer our runners

President Denson said she would check to see if all the sponsors are connected to the membership list, so they will receive emails and information

**2. Electronic Finish Line**

*1. Races using Electronic Timing*

<i>Krispy Kreme</i>	<i>\$750</i>
<i>Crimson Couch to 5K</i>	<i>\$750</i>
<i>Brookwood Middle School</i>	<i>\$400</i>

President Denson said she has a meeting with the Brookwood Middle School staff and Race Director, and they may not use the timing system for the Brookwood race.

Stan Smith said that he needs volunteers at these races 2 hours prior to race start. Christie Ison will be sure to include that information in the emails she sends to the volunteers for these races.

Glenn Dodd spoke up about Tuscaloosa being the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in Alabama, and wants us to get into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and use the chip timing system for more of our local races. He said that most places he goes to do races, already are using a electronic timing system.

President Denson spoke up and said we would probably need to upgrade equipment, but would defer that issue with Stan Smith.

Stan spoke up and said that most races just pass the price on to the racers by increasing the price of race fee. Stan said that we would need to upgrade a few things to make this work. He also said that we could add a camera and use *It's Your Race* company to do web cam finish lines and much faster posting of finish line results.

Glenn suggested we table the topic for later date, but wanted to get everyone thinking about the subject.

### 3. ***Equipment***

It was suggested we need the reflective vest and more small cones.

President Denson asked if we needed any additional items for races. Stan is going to get the felt tip pens, small cones and check on reflective vests.

## **D. *Upcoming Races***

### 1. ***Go over schedule***

<i>Tuscaloosa Marines Memorial</i>	<i>new course at Sokol</i>
<i>Miles for Miracles 5K</i>	<i>10 am Sunday after Marine race</i>
<i>Krispy Kreme</i>	<i>10 a.m. start - Government Plaza</i>
<i>Bookin It for TCS Libraries</i>	<i>Performing Arts School in Alberta</i>
<i>Hospice</i>	
<i>Doctor's Day</i>	<i>Pavilion at Northridge</i>
<i>Crimson Couch to 5K</i>	<i>Chip Timing (UA Rec)</i>
<i>Cock's Crow - Demopolis</i>	<i>Real Hero moved because of A Day)</i>
<i>Kenya 5K</i>	<i>Airport</i>
<i>Brookwood Middle School</i>	<i>Meeting with them this week</i>
<i>Real Hero Run</i>	<i>Had to change because of A Day</i>
<i>Mule Kick</i>	<i>7:30 start time</i>
<i>The Dash for Secret Meals</i>	<i>Sokol</i>
<i>Canine Classic</i>	
<i>Race for Gracee</i>	<i>New GP</i>
<i>Sawyerville (Greensboro)</i>	
<i>Tuscaloosa Runs for Veterans</i>	<i>McAbee Center</i>

This is list of all the races that are confirmed. President Denson noted that the Doctor's Day race has a different start/finish line this year. Race

course is the same except the start/finish line is at the Northridge Pavilion.

2. ***Changes in Grand Prix races***

Change suggested by Alvin & Glenn - take Demopolis Jingle Bell Run off GP schedule

**MOTION: by Stan Smith**

**President Denson to contact the race director of Jingle Bell Run 5k to make sure that they will follow the Grand Prix rules or give them notice that it will not be a Grand Prix race this year.**

**Helen Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all present members voted in favor.**

E. ***Grand Prix***

1. ***Volunteer Requirements***

President Denson stated that she had a request made by Jenelle and Glenn for a revision with volunteer hours:

Under Age 19 (waive?)

Full-time college students 20-24 (waive?)

Changes suggested by Jenelle and Glenn that kids from age 9-24 exempt from the 2 volunteer times to be eligible for awards. Glenn said that in his experience with kids working for him, it is a hardship on parents to get the kids to extra races. There was a lot of discussion against the change.

Roy Meeks and Stephen Secor disagreed with this. Sara Kaylor spoke up as a parent of 2 small children. She said she felt it was important to encourage the kids to be a part of all aspects of the races. That includes volunteering at 2 races. Ruth Harmon and Kasey Griffin both spoke up and agreed saying that their kids were able to help at 2 or more races. We can have age adjusted jobs for them to do at the race finish lines. Examples: run cards, hand out cards, collect cards from people that have not turned them in, help at card table and other simple task

After much discussion, motion was made.

**MOTION: by Roy Meeks**  
**Leave all requirements the same for all ages.**

**Stephen Secor 2<sup>nd</sup> and all present agreed.**

2. *Adding Volunteer hours to website listing*

After the above Motion passed, President Denson asked Glenn to go ahead and list Volunteer times to list on website. Tammy asked Christie Ison to be sure and include a note about community service hours in the volunteer emails.

**F. *Web Site***

Discussion on who will manage website was led by President Denson. Glenn asked if Keilum Griffin was still willing to work on website. Keilum said “No, he did not agree to work on website.” Stan Smith said that his son Jonathon had helped with website. Alvin NiuH suggested since we have money in our account, could we consider hiring someone to help manage the website? He asked how much could we pay?

Sara Kaylor suggested we use graduate college students to help for less money than a professional. Sara also suggested that we have a couple of members trained and that have access to website to make changes and updates.

President Denson said she would send an email with website information to Helen, Glen, Sara and Kasey. Tammy also said she will compose an email to send to all Track Club members asking for volunteers who may have website work experience if they would accept the job of managing the website. It was suggested that we have a couple of board members trained that could keep website going once it is set up.

Stan will ask his son Jonathan if he is willing to do this if no Track Club member steps up to do it.

**G. *Open Discussions***

Roy Meeks brought up that maybe we offer additional bling for doing so many races during the year. When he was in Florida, they did that where if you ran so many races you got a medal.

Vice President Smith suggested putting together a Task Force to look into that possibility. Roy Meeks volunteered to head a Task Force to look at adding incentives to increase runner's interest in participating in track club. Alvin Nih, Keilum Griffin and Ruth Harmon all volunteered to assist on the Task Force.

Kasey Griffin opened a discussion about changing Grand Prix points to make 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall point more than Masters/Grand Masters/Great Grand Masters points. Suggestion was to make: 1<sup>st</sup> place 175 points - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 150 points - 3<sup>rd</sup> place 125 points  
Masters/Grand Masters/Great Grand Masters 100 points

Discussion led by Kasey was that it did not seem fair for an older person who ran at a slower pace and finished near end received same points as a fast runner that finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Ed Freeman said the problem with this is the older men in our Track Club are fast and very competitive. He added that there must be some benefits of being older. If the 4th overall male is over 40 then this makes it more fair when the top 3 may be younger members. Others agreed that this applied more to the women, but that there is no fair way to make changes.

**MOTION: by Kasey Griffin**

**Change the point system to make: 1<sup>st</sup> place 175 points - 2<sup>nd</sup> place 150 points - 3<sup>rd</sup> place 125 points - Masters/Grand Masters/Great Grand Masters 100 points.**

**Keilum Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated.**

President Denson told Kasey to keep working on this idea and encourage the younger members to be more involved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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

*2019 President*

***/s/ Christie Ison*** \_\_\_\_\_

*2019 Secretary*