



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for January 18th, 2016

Board Members Present:

President – Ron Harrison
Vice President – Charlie Johnson
Past President – Jeff Bowman
Secretary – Jon Nash
Director-At-Large – Mike Weyant
Director-At-Large – Kathy McDaris
Director-At-Large – Robby Turner
Director-At-Large – Jen Barton
Director-At-Large – Charles Dickerson

Board Members Absent:

Treasurer – Jerry Chestnutt

Call to Order:

Call to order by President, Ron Harrison, at 6:02 pm.

Quorum:

Quorum established with nine (9) board members present.

Reading/Approval of Previous Minutes:

No previous minutes presented. There was no formal, December meeting.

Opening and Introductions:

- Goodbye, Welcome, and Thank You - Ron Harrison:
 - Recognized the outgoing Board of Directors members (A. Bowman, Dillon, Nieto), welcomed the new members (Barton, Dickerson, Turner) and thanked everyone for serving the club.

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- Asked if the new board members activated/accessed their club email addresses. Jen Barton and Charles Dickerson were able to access theirs, but Robby Turner had experienced some issues and will reach out for assistance as needed.
- Asked what the board wanted to do about outgoing member email addresses. Decision was to keep addresses active until April 1, 2016. In the meantime, Ron Harrison will ask Jon Nash if mail going to those addresses, once deactivated, could forward to the generic, info@gulfwindstri.com address.

Reports:

- Gulf Winds Track Club Meeting – Ron Harrison
 - This month's meeting was attended by Ron Harrison on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.
 - Gulf Winds Triathletes President to be voting member, beginning in 2017. It was asked of the GWTC if proxy votes would be allowed in case the Tri Club President was absent and the answer was, "No."
 - Board agreed that verbiage denoting new responsibilities of the President should be added to the Bylaws.
 - Ron Harrison will submit a draft of bylaws changes for Board approval.
- Treasurer's Report – Jerry Chestnutt
 - No report in Jerry's absence.
- Membership Report – Ron Harrison
 - We have 176 members as of 1/12/2016. This is down from our membership of 188 at this time last year. We finished the year with 320 members.
 - Ron Harrison to announce need to renew during meeting tonight.
 - We will continue to push renewal in the newsletter, on Facebook, etc.
 - Charlie Johnson recommended that we have applications on hand in case someone wants to sign up at meeting. Ron Harrison announced that he keeps ~10 on hand. Kathy McDaris recommended we not accept cash, to avoid any issues.
- Clothing Sales – Jon Nash
 - No report in Jon's absence at time of this agenda item.

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- Mike Weyant reported that the clothing committee (Mike Weyant, Annie Bowman, Kathy McDaris, and Jon Nash) had met and were hoping to have order form for kits on website by now.
 - Ron Harrison to announce that kit reorders will be taken soon and for membership to keep an eye on the website, Facebook, etc., for that opportunity, during meeting tonight.
 - Ron Harrison to follow up with Jon Nash on setup of website to facilitate kit reorders.

Agenda Items:

- Facebook Page - Ron Harrison
 - Discussed when and how to purge the "Members Only" page of non-members and who will undertake this effort.
 - Charlie Johnson volunteered to undertake this effort. Charlie will post an announcement on the page in the next few days and then again a couple of times between now and February 15.
 - As of February 15, 2016, "Members Only" Facebook page will begin being purged of non-members.
- Discount Codes for Grand Prix Races - Ron Harrison
 - We have obtained discounts for most races on the Grand Prix. Since our only real method of getting member-only information out is the newsletter, codes will be advertised to members-only in the February newsletter. A note to contact Ron Harrison if you need race discounts, after that, will be included and periodically advertised.
 - Ron Harrison to create article for publication in February newsletter.
 - Races with discounts:
 - Florida Challenge Triathlon (March 19, Clermont, FL) -- Sprint **10%**
 - (Targeted Race) Gulf Coast Triathlon (May 7, Panama City Beach, FL) -- 70.3 **\$15 Sprint / \$25 Half**
 - Crystal River Tri Series #1 (May 28, Crystal River, FL) -- Sprint **10%**
 - Jax Tri Series #1 (June 18, Fernandina Beach, FL) -- Sprint OR Olympic **10%**

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- (Targeted Race) Chattahoochee Challenge (July 16, Columbus, GA) -- Sprint **\$5**
- Georgia Veterans Triathlon (August 13, Cordele, GA) -- Sprint **\$10**
- Hammerhead Triathlon (August 28, Camp Blanding/Jacksonville, FL) -- Olympic **10%**
- Tri the Rez (October 15, Tallahassee, FL) -- Sprint **\$10**
- 2016 Meeting Schedule - Ron Harrison
 - Momo's has been confirmed as our host for 2016 through manager, Mark Welch. Meetings will be:
 - Monday, January 18, 2016
 - Monday, February 15, 2016
 - Monday, March 21, 2016
 - Monday, April 18, 2016
 - Monday, May 16, 2016
 - Monday, June 20, 2016
 - Monday, July 18, 2016
 - Monday, August 15, 2016
 - Monday, September 19, 2016
 - Monday, October 17, 2016
 - Monday, November 21, 2016
 - Monday, December 19, 2016 (TENTATIVE. This is often changed for the year-end holiday party and awards.)
- Discussion/Approval of Awards Committee recommendations for changes - Kathy McDaris
 - Move the annual awards presentation back to the January club meeting date. There are a number of reasons why, but the most compelling reason is to avoid a conflict between the Master Triathlete of the Year and the Triathlete of the Year Awards. The GWTC Awards are always early January. The Tri Club Awards were previously in January until 2 years ago. We could still have an end of the year holiday party, just without the awards. This would also give the committee a few more weeks to meet and a few more weeks for nominations to be submitted.

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- o Adjust the age requirement for the Youth Award to include the 19 and under age category.
- o Add a Grand Master Award.
- o Give the committee latitude to award unique awards, based on special achievement/accomplishment. This could be an optional award, similar to the Sherpa Award done for Stacia Keller two years ago. There may not always be an inspiring person to receive this award, but we would like the option.
- o All recommendations were unanimously approved.
- o Ron Harrison will incorporate changes into a draft of bylaws changes and submit them for Board approval.
- Gulf Winds Triathletes Water Stop at the Tallahassee Marathon - Kathy McDaris
 - o Arrangements for the water stop have been made with the marathon organizers. We believe we will be at mile 12 somewhere in the vicinity of E. Lafayette St and Myer's Park.
 - o Ron Harrison to announce club, marathon water stop during tonight's meeting and Kathy McDaris to pass around a sign up sheet.
- Social Media Post Indicating that Club Should Be Doing More - Ron Harrison
 - o Ron Harrison recounted his conversation with the originator of a post to social media intimating that the club should be doing more to combat the "cliques" in the local triathlon community. He related that his main, achievable take-away from their conversation is that the club should be organizing more group workouts/activities.
 - o Kathy McDaris reported that Capital City Cyclists used to have a written disclaimer/waiver on a clipboard, with space for participants to sign the list, acknowledging it. All those participating would sign it before the ride.
 - Ron Harrison to reach out to Capital City Cyclists to see if we could get a copy of this.
 - o Ron Harrison asked that all BoD members come to next meeting with a list of activities that could be "sponsored" by the club. While we are not going to shy away from tradition, swim, bike, and run workout activities, we are seeking an exciting list of low-liability activities, as well.

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Future Meeting Speakers & Topics:

- Ron Harrison reported that he has lined up a speaker for February, Roger Schmidt, 2015 GWTC MROTY and G.A.I.T. (Gait Analysis and Injury Technician) Manager at Capital City Runners – “Gears... Not Just for the Bike. Exploring your Running Pace Capacity and Aerobic Capability.”
- Ron Harrison reported that he is going to reach out to Chuck Kemeny, Marci Gray, and our own, Jon Nash, to share their Ultraman Florida experiences, what it takes to train for an Ultraman, and answer general questions at our March meeting. Additionally, he reported he would like to, once again, have the annual Swap Meet during the March meeting.

Additional Business:

- 2016 Youth Triathlon Series (YTS) Clinics - Mike Weyant
 - Mike Weyant reported that he is closed to nailing down the training clinics for this year's YTS and would like to send that information, along with a request for sponsorship of those clinics (like in past years), to the board, via email, once completed. Board was in agreement with this.
- Open Water Swim - Kathy McDaris
 - Kathy McDaris reported that she is close to nailing down that dates for the club-sponsored Open Water Swim that is traditionally done just prior to the Red Hills Triathlon. She would like to send that information to the Board, via email, for Board approval. Board was in agreement with this.

Close of Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned by President, Ron Harrison, at 7:04 pm.

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