



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2016

Board Members Present:

President – Ron Harrison

Vice President – Charlie Johnson

Past President – Jeff Bowman

Secretary – Jon Nash

Director-At-Large – Kathy McDaris

Director-At-Large – Mike Weyant

Director-At-Large – Robby Turner

Director-At-Large – Jen Barton

Board Members Absent:

Treasurer – Jerry Chestnutt

Director-At-Large – Charles Dickerson

Call to Order:

Call to order by President, Ron Harrison, at 6:04 pm.

Quorum:

Quorum established with eight (8) board members present.

Reading/Approval of Previous Minutes:

Previous minutes from September 19, 2016 were approved.

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Reports:

- Gulf Winds Track Club Meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – Ron Harrison/Charlie Johnson/Jon Nash
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 - **2016 Grand Prix Update:**
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 - **2017 Grand Prix to be Proposed at next meeting.**
 - Saint Marks Duathlon Club Event - Charlie Johnson
 - Tentative date, **Sunday, February 26, 2017**.
 - Discussed feasibility of an afternoon race. Was thought it could be possible, boat ramp traffic and road traffic-wise, due to time of year.
 - GWTC voted to treat Tri Club same as Track Club in regards to waived equipment rental fees. Tri Club would only be responsible for cost of consumables, like timing chip bibs, etc.

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- **Treasurer's Report** – Jerry Chestnutt/Jon Nash
 - As of 9/30/2016, balance in the account was **\$7,506.19**. – Jon Nash
 - Question about a ~\$500 payment to FSU was determined to be for Youth Triathlon Swim Clinics (Pool rental). – Jon Nash/Mike Weyant
 - Jeff Bowman asked if there was a budget being used for expenditures. Notified that, historically, there has not been, but that in addition to having better classification of

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expenditures in 2017, these efforts would allow us to do so, in the future and if deemed necessary.

- **Membership Report** – Ron Harrison
 - **259** members as of **10/9/2016**.
- **Clothing Sales** – Jon Nash
 - STICKERS!
 - Large stickers are available for \$3 and small for \$2.
 - MAGNETS are on order.
 - Would like to get the uniform committee together in the next couple of weeks to begin working on redesign of kits.
 - Consensus was to keep current colors, but consider minor design changes to encourage sales of new kits.
- **Sponsorship** - Charlie Johnson
 - Sponsorship packets/information is now on the website.
 - Everyone, board members **and** general membership should seek sponsors.
 - Charlie Johnson should be notified of who is being pursued and will manage the effort.
 - LG has a uniform offer if orders are placed by 11/15, but we are OK with missing this deadline to put more time and effort into the sponsorship drive.
 - Ron Harrison pointed out that we should stress that sponsors need to be aware that this is for a 2-year period and that their information will be reaching the entire, ~1,500+ (~800+ Households) Gulf Winds Track Club as a selling point.

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 - Ron Harrison will email Bill Dillon and John Hunt for final tabulation of scores, to include participation points, volunteerism, and ultra-distance points counting in Open division.

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- **2017 Grand Prix** - Jeff Bowman
 - Presentation of proposed 2017 schedule, developed by Committee members: Chairman Jeff Bowman, Shanin Frost, Nico Wwss, Eric Trombley, Jen Barton, Matt Rowan, Kenny Walker, Charles Dickerson.
 - The proposed schedule was, as follows, was approved: 2017 Grand Prix Races (targeted races in bold)
 - 1. Red Hills Triathlon, March 25, 2017 – Sprint**
 2. HITS, Ocala, April 2, 2017 – (Members Choice: Sprint or Olympic) (new to GP)
 3. Beach Blast I, Mexico Beach, April 22, 2017 – (Members Choice: Sprint or Olympic)
 4. Gulf Coast, May 13, 2017 – Member's Choice (Members Choice: Sprint or 70.3)
 - 5. Jax Tri #1, Fernandina Beach, June 2017 - Olympic**
 6. Freedom Springs Tri, July 4, 2017 – Sprint
 7. Chattahoochee Challenge, Columbus, GA, July 15, 2017 – Sprint
 8. Georgia Veterans Tri, Cordele, GA, early August 2017 - Sprint
 9. Callaway Gardens Olympic Tri, August 27, 2017 – Olympic (new to GP)
 10. Beach Blast II, Mexico Beach, September 9, 2017 - Sprint
 - 11. Ironman Augusta 70.3, September 24, 2017 – 70.3**
 12. Sprint on the Flint, Bainbridge, GA, October 2017 - Sprint
 - Saint Marks Duathlon to be presented and approved as an additional, bonus race, once date set.
 - The board approved the following rule changes/clarifications:
 - **Expand OPEN points out to 7 places allowing more competitors to get OPEN POINTS:** Open Points would be awarded to the first seven Tri Club members to cross the finish line in a Grand Prix event. 1st place earns 30 points, 2nd earns 20, 3rd earns 17, 4th earns 15, 5th earns 13 points, 6th earns 10 points, and 7th earns 7 points.

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- **Expand AG points out to 7 places allowing more competitors to get AG POINTS:** AG Points would be awarded to the first seven Tri Club members in each Age Group. 1st place earns 20 points, 2nd earns 15, 3rd earns 12, 4th earns 10, 5th earns 8 points, 6th earns 5 points, and 7th earns 3 points.
- **Clarification for bonus points (ultra-distance races) to include Open as well as AG points.**
 - Jeff Bowman will make announcements of the 2017 Grand Prix Schedule for the website and Facebook pages.
 - Jeff Bowman will reach out to Race Directors for the 2017 Grand Prix races to attempt to secure race discounts for our members.
 - Ron Harrison will make changes to the 2017 Grand Prix Rules and distribute for final approval.
- **Saint Marks Duathlon Update.** – Charlie Johnson
 - Consensus was to attempt to have the race on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Even though this is the day after the popular, Gate River Run, members have traditionally competed in both.
 - Charlie Johnson to see if we can go ahead and get equipment reserved for that date.
- **Gulf Winds Triathletes Bylaws Changes to Better Align with Track Club on Elections (Dates for opening, closing nominations, voting, etc.)** – Ron Harrison
 - Approved and published.
- **2016-2017 National Challenge Competition** – Ron Harrison
 - No cap of 75 members per team.
 - No club administrator. Will be self-administered through USAT site. Members will log in, select their team and submit their mileage.
- **Holiday Party Planning** – Ron Harrison
 - Monday, December 19, 2016.
 - Requested that Jon Nash provide preliminary plans for budgetary requirements.

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- **Grand Prix Awards/Annual Awards Planning** - Ron Harrison
 - Monday, January 16, 2016.
 - Nominations period open through November.
 - When time to order awards, would like to explore getting something unique or additional for the first-place finisher in each division.
- **November Speaker?** – Ron Harrison
 - Email from **Bill Dillon**, “With all of the recent stabbings, shootings, bike rider harassment and private part exposures...the club may want to consider having speaker focus on what to do/not to do from a personal safety perspective.”
 - Triathlete Q&A/Round Table?
 - Consensus was that, following our October speaker, a Triathlete Q&A/Round Table would be better received.
 - Ron Harrison will solicit questions and build panel.

New Business

None.

Future Meeting Speakers & Topics:

- **Next Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2016 at Momo’s Pizza in Killearn, on Market St. Social at 6:30 pm and Speaker at 7:00 pm.**
 - **Speaker: Triathlete Q&A/Round Table.**

Close of Meeting:

- The meeting was adjourned by President, Ron Harrison, at **6:58 pm**.

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