



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for November 21, 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* – Charles Dickerson

**Board Members Absent:**

*Treasurer* – Jerry Chestnutt

*Director-At-Large* – Robby Turner

*Director-At-Large* – Jen Barton

**Call to Order:**

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

**Quorum:**

Quorum established with seven (7) board members present.

**Reading/Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Previous minutes from October 17, 2016 were approved.

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### Reports:

- Gulf Winds Track Club Meeting, Wednesday, November 9, 2016 –Charlie Johnson
  - **2016 Grand Prix Update:**
    - Grand Prix Final Results posted and corrections solicited.
  - **2017 Grand Prix:**
    - Presentation of proposed 2017 schedule, developed by Committee members: Chairman Jeff Bowman, Shanin Frost, Nico Wienders, Eric Trombley, Jen Barton, Matt Rowan, Kenny Walker, Charles Dickerson was made at our 10/17/2016 meeting and approved by the board.
      - The 2017 Grand Prix Races (targeted races in bold) are:
        - 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 an additional, bonus race.

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- The board also approved the following Grand Prix 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.
  - **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.**
- Saint Marks Duathlon Club Event - Charlie Johnson
  - **Sunday, March 12, 2017.**
  - Sanctioning with USAT applied for.
  - Equipment reservations with GWTC made.
- **Newsletter going out to our 265 members on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.**  
**Articles are:**
  - Next Tri Club Meeting is **Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm**, at **Momo's Pizza** in Killlearn (Market Street).
  - This month's speaker: Local Triathletes Experts Panel with questions from membership and attendees.
  - Triathlon Training and Contact Information.
  - 2016 Grand Prix Results posted.
  - Gulf Winds Triathletes Stickers (2"x5" - \$2 and 4"x10" - \$3) available for sale.
  - Triathlete spotlight: **Melanie Leitman** and **Tom Perkins**.

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- “Save the Date” for our Annual Holiday Party, **Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm**, at **The Southern Public House**. Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm.
- **Next Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm, at Momo’s Pizza in Killearn (Market Street). Social at 6:30 pm and Speaker at 7:00 pm.**
  - **Speaker:** Local Triathletes Experts Panel with questions from membership and attendees.
- Treasurer’s Report –Jon Nash
  - As of 10/31/2016, **\$7,213.39** in account.
  - Membership renewals and sponsorship dollars are set to come in over the coming months.
  - Remaining expenses for annual awards and holiday party will hit account soon.
  - We were at \$10 -\$11K at roughly beginning of year last year and hope to be back at that after membership and sponsorship dollars.
  - Charlie Johnson added that Saint Marks Duathlon will require some initial money to establish.
- Membership Report – Ron Harrison
  - **265** members as of **11/13/2016**.
- Clothing Sales – Jon Nash
  - Very few pieces of the old kits left.
  - Stickers and Magnets selling and to be announced at meeting.
  - Board approved discounting remaining items by 50%.

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- Uniform Committee – Mike Weyant
  - Three designs were sent by LG and the Uniform Committee liked aspects of each one. Feedback was given to LG and now we are awaiting first revision.
- Sponsorship – Charlie Johnson/Jon Nash
  - RevTri (Jeff and Annie Bowman) confirmed as Silver Sponsor (\$500).
  - Wood and Partners confirmed as Silver Sponsor (\$500).
  - Messer Caparelo, P.A. likely as Silver Sponsor (\$500) in January.
  - Fat Noodle/The Southern Public House likely as Silver Sponsor (\$500).
    - Jon asked if joint logo could be used in Silver Sponsor “space” and board approved.
  - Capital City Runners interested in some level of sponsorship and will follow up.
  - Higher Ground inquired about board accepting a \$500 cash and \$500 of in-kind discounts to quality as Gold Sponsorship. Otherwise, will just do \$500 cash, no discounts for Silver Sponsorship. Charlie Johnson to get details on discounts to be offered and share with board.
  - Growler Country likely as Platinum Sponsor (\$2,000). – Ron Harrison

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- **2016 Grand Prix Update** - Ron Harrison
  - Final Grand Prix Results are still pending "Volunteerism" credits, but will be published in time for club review to make any necessary corrections. Projected to be published by mid-December and given until January 1 to request corrections.
  - Question raised about how to count points for ultra-distance events, as AG, Open, or both. Rule has been clarified for 2017 to count as both and board believes it counted as both in 2015. Approved counting as both for 2016. Ron Harrison to notify Bill Dillon, for scoring.

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- **2017 Grand Prix - Jeff Bowman**
  - 2017 Grand Prix Schedule posted on the Closed Facebook Group and website on 11/12/2016.
  - Need posted to Open Facebook Group.
    - Jeff Bowman to copy post from Closed page to Open.
  - Need to keep up with inevitable date changes.
  - How are “optional” races going to be added/dealt with?
    - “Optional” races that receive a date and will definitely be held will be added to the GP calendar. Board approved adding Saint Marks Duathlon at this time.
  - Discounts?
    - Jeff Bowman reported that discounts for Chattahoochee Challenge (Joanne Cogle) have been confirmed. He reports that no other discount other than the “Black Friday Special” will be available for Beach Blast. He reported that discounts from DRC Sports and HITS are pending. Kathy reported that Red Hills discount will only be through January 16, 2017.
- **Saint Marks Duathlon as Gulf Winds Triathletes Club Event? – Charlie Johnson**
  - **Sunday, March 12, 2017.**
  - Sanctioning with USAT in-process. Kathy McDaris gave Charlie some tips on completing the application and offered assistance.
  - Equipment reservations with GWTC made.
  - Event posted on Facebook.
  - Flyers printed and distributed with the race packets for Brewtallat.
  - Charlie Johnson volunteered at the race and spoke with Joseph Petty who provides homebrew for the event. Joseph said he would be interested in doing the same for the Saint Marks Duathlon.

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- **2016-2017 National Challenge Competition** – Ron Harrison
  - Information posted on Facebook page on November 16, 2016.
  - Need someone to follow-up with a reminder on Monday, November 28, 2016.
    - Jen Barton to be asked to follow up with reminders next week.
  - Logging can begin on December 1, 2016.
  - Volunteers to cheerlead, post workouts, etc. for each session?
    - Like last year, Mike Weyant to lead Swim Session, Jeff Bowman to lead the Bike Session, and Charlie Johnson to lead the Run Session, posting workouts and information during each.
    - Ron Harrison asked about interest in group workouts at the general meeting and club was overwhelmingly interested in them.
- **Request to Host Water Stop at GWTC 15/30K** – Ron Harrison
  - **Saturday, January 21, 2017, 7:30 – 11:30 am.**
  - Request from Jillian Heddeaus.
  - Waterstop #2 for the 30K and just before the turn-around for the 15K. Would also help turn 15K racers around.
  - RD will setup table with water and Gatorade that morning.
  - Race starts at 8 am. Four-hour cutoff. Estimated that last runner will be through waterstop by 11:30 am.
  - Request name and email for one point of contact to “lead” and **at least** six other volunteers to man stop.
  - Board approved hosting a water stop.
  - Ron Harrison solicited a volunteer to lead the effort and Bonnie Wright stepped up.
  - Ron Harrison to contact Jillian to get her and Bonnie in touch to coordinate.

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- **Request to Host “Water” Stop at Palace Saloon 5K – Ron Harrison**
  - **Saturday, April 15, 2017.**
  - Request from RD, Jon Nash.
  - Aid/Cheering Station at around the 2.4-mile mark, to help people get over the “hill”. Located on Jackson Bluff Road, in a friend of the RD’s yard.
  - RD will setup table with water and Gatorade that morning.
  - Sign will be hung over the road to tell runners their options (Give up and join the party or keep going.).
  - Loud speakers and microphone will be provided.
  - Costumes encouraged.
  - Board approved hosting a “water” stop.
  - Ron Harrison volunteered to serve as lead for this effort.
- **Holiday Party Planning – Ron Harrison/Jon Nash**
  - **Monday, December 19, 2016.**
  - Cancelled Momo’s reservation for December with Marybeth Demont, Owner.
- **2017 Gulf Winds Triathletes Monthly Meetings – Ron Harrison**
  - Confirmed reservation of space for the third Monday of every month with Owner, Marybeth Demont, via email on November 16, 2016.
- **Grand Prix Awards/Annual Awards Planning - Ron Harrison**
  - **Monday, January 16, 2016.**
  - Nominations period open through November.
    - Jon Nash reported that ~40 nominations have been received thus far and that he would email information received thus far to the board.
  - Need to collect inventory of awards (glasses).
    - Jeff Bowman reports there are ~65 glasses and 20-25 towels.
    - We will give towels to the first place winner in each division.

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- o Kathy McDaris will serve as the Awards Committee Chairperson.
  - Kathy to assemble Awards Committee.
  - Kathy to place order for annual awards with usual source.

***New Business***

None.

***Future Meeting Speakers & Topics:***

- **Next Meeting: HOLIDAY PARTY (not awards)! Monday, December 19, 2016 at The Southern Public House, 224 E. College Avenue. Social at 6:00 – 7:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm.**

**Close of Meeting:**

- The meeting was adjourned by President, Ron Harrison, at **6:59 pm**.

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