Minutes from April 2023 meeting to be approved at the June 2023 meeting:

Team Rocket Executive Council

Meeting Minutes April 3rd, 2023

Team Rocket Tri Club Executive Council

• Ruth Marie Oliver – President

• Ken Smith - Vice President

• Juliet Ray - Treasurer

• Suzanne Erickson - Membership Director

• Michael Marks - Webmaster/Media Director

Race Directors

• Pesky Piranha, June 17th – Allyson McCloud

• Racing Rivals, July 15th – Dave Patterson

• Huntsville Sprint, Aug. 5th – Stacy Cantrell

• Rocketman Tri, Aug 27th – Brandon Welch

• Racin’ The Station, Sept. 30th – Kent Criswell

• Tri For Old Glory, TBD – Ruth Marie Oliver

Not Present

• Carol Eaton - Secretary

• Heel & Crank, April 22nd – Donna Ruiz

• Swim Hobbs Island, Aug 20th – Ryan Rhodes

• Tick Ridge Trek, Feb. 11th – Tony Osani

Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Approved

Social Media Coordinator: Ruth Marie Oliver

• The creation of a social media coordinator for the tri club. This role will work alongside the Vice President, Webmaster, Membership Coordinator, and Race Director to tell and articulate our club’s story and mission across social media platforms. The hopes are to help promote our community to other athletes and promote races.

• Candidate submissions:

o Mary Zingarelli

o Matt Fletcher

• Discussion of role and candidates followed.

o Appointed board member versus volunteer committee

o Bylaws will need to be updated.

o Will be a one-year position to start

• Matt Fletcher was selected

Financials: Juliet Ray

• Change in race director guidelines

o Increase in per-race fee - $5 per person per race with no cap

o Discussion around exempting youth triathlons as it encourages growth in community

o Vote for the change: passed

Equipment: Christopher Key

• Youth sized Pinnies (training vests) were in the storage unit – discussion around donating to YMCA - Approved

Club Parties/Training Opportunities: Ken Smith

• Swap Meet – Sunday April 16 at SE YMCA parking lot

• TNB – starts tomorrow! (Tuesday 4 April)

o Looking to be more structured. Stay in groups, group leader

o Do we need to define routes and NRLB routes?

o If not NRLB, let the group know where the routes go so they can catch up or follow.

o Defined group leaders

• Kickoff Party

o Over 130 people attended

o Great success

o Amazing job, Ken!

Website: Michael Marks

• Board meeting minutes need to be posted on the website.

• Update Sprint and Pesky Registration

• Update Bylaws and Race Guidelines

• Update race dates

• Need board meeting minutes to post

Membership & Newsletter: Suzanne Erickson

• Hoodies

o First order was 150, membership is now at 190. At Bicycle Cover for pick up. Very few left. Will bring remainder to TNB if there are others who have not picked up.

o Suggestion: Dispose of the remaining hoodies. Reorder a smaller set closer to Sprint and Rocketman. If you have not picked yours up before end of year, out of luck.

o We haven’t had swag since 2019.

• Newsletter

o H&C – coming up with volunteer link

o Announcing Buy/Sell/Trade

o Recommendation – bite sized bits that can be reposted on Instagram

o TNB will be in the newsletter

o Women’s Tri announcement

o Social race

Race Updates:

• Tick Ridge Trek, Feb. 11th – ​

o Done. Will be voted on at the end of year board meeting.

• Heel & Crank, April 22nd –

o Still working on a beer sponsor. RMO has spoken with Lynn & Sararh about Yellowhammer. Allyson suggested Liquor Express (Bill Johnson).

o HEMSI confirmed

o Portopotties confirmed

o Need to validate roads are in good shape and road closures.

o Will announce a cutoff date for guaranteed shirt

o Volunteer signup is very thin on volunteers.

• Pesky Piranha, June 17th –

o Discussion of [Runsignup.com](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2FRunsignup.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR29FBrsdxIaFSlo6j_CeLi4iikJaLhAOKO6H1i-LEWrAkKGEcojHNiDUjw&h=AT2iZyNzIAZTOCIcsXfPQ_6jFrOT4P3R9xX96Wpcf4lbGoZ3Sha2YBZ1FtyhKs5sMdffUMpwxSK02RHiUecoU-x6YK0Zm8IbIB9tR_Ximn6EiS1aBZ5U0xih01jNv123MgSCwTc&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT0Pw2xxL1W5PODpuBOdNwoKERFBPjeEXdIDS3lOwKKz1vUN8l8vkIjoquu1ddHhnhQFz8zP0vi0fepTjYcnapQOV-Psfx3jZ_IPcA8UJFxW9d7q2WAI6UTVA2cim0dqp1Z_KbcZ3JGCYIQOgjkwjPrzBlnqxKX-vL8HRNTkC7xI8jXrdZqqwpP0m6uRSam_gTsG2Bniu1d4wPgwHUhNVxk) v. Volunteer Sign up and whether it requires having an account.

o Need to validate insurance (Pool v. Team)

o Pizza – Dominos sent to another service that handles school programs. Have to apply for sponsorship. TEAM DAKS donation request was submitted.

o Currently at 41 registrants. Need to share among friends on social media.

• Racing Rivals, July 15th –

o Runsignup – In progress to get set up.

o Hearing conflicting reports of Goose Pond races happening / not happening

• Huntsville Sprint, Aug. 5th –

o Registration open

o Runsignup wizard only partially set up race, still had to set up groups and such

o Can’t use legacy pool at Nat. And parking lot behind legacy pool is used for construction staging area.

o Need to ask Dennis to come look at pool, parking lots, and options

o Need to try to some group swims to allow people to acclimate to the new pool

o Maybe do a club swim (similar to an open water swim) – only open Saturdays 10-12 - Can get a pass for $90 for a group.

o Will reopen the swim-time part of registration closer to race day so people can update their time – affecting start order.

• Swim Hobbs Island, Aug 20th –

o Looking for a Kayak Wrangler – RMO reached out to the Canoe Club of Huntsville, M.Marks is part of that club and shared insight. He will help us connect with the club.

• Rocketman Tri, Aug 27th –

o RMT logo looks great!

o MWR asked if they need to update with “hosted by MWR”

o Need to work out what kind of publicity and message is allowed between MWR and TRTC / HES.

o MWR providing road closure, blockades, tents, food truck options. More details following.

o Mapped out road course routes with Rick Greif. Very few turns, fairly flat – 25.59 miles. Reviewed time-trial start. Portapotties along course. Electicity for timing

o Need to follow up / wrap up timing – It’s a Matter of Timing.

o Parking – should have plenty of parking – will use boat ramp for parking.

o Tie in TNB as a RMT preview ride – will require Rec pass to be able to drive to the river.

o In process of submitting to USAT

o In touch with Coast Guard for blockage

o “MWR & Team Rocket Tri Club Presents…”

• Racin’ The Station, Sept. 30th –

o Email created to get bank and sign up set up

o Tax ID paperwork

• Tri For Old Glory, will be rebooting in 2023.

o Met with HSV City about moving to John Hunt Park to utilize X-Country and MTB course as a run-bike-run

o Rename “Red White and DU”(athlon)

o Considering late winter / early spring to take place of Tick Ridge – will give us 3 Tris, 3 Dus, 1 Swim

o City wants us to pay for both John Hunt ($1000) and Bike course ($1000) compared to $500 for Natatorium (Sprint).

o Looking for dates (outside of Spring Break). XC season is over in November, but need to consider NICA

o Target last week of February

Additional Items:

• 501(c)3 update – We need to complete IRS form 1024 for HES.

• Next meeting will be May 8th, 2023.

Heel & Crank:

• Jamie Moore is going to deliver the TRTC trailer

• HEMSI - Confirmed

• Limestone Sheriff agreed to arrange 4 deputies to provide support.

• Port-o-potties – Confirmed

• Verbal agreement for pizza support - will be following up to work out details

• Volunteer signup open and starting to fill.

• NEED - To preview course closer to time to make sure nothing weird is going on out there. Last checked, it was fine.

• NEED - Beer sponsor

• Announce registration cutoff for guaranteed shirt is coming

Swim Hobbs Island:

• Met with sanctioning chair for US Swimming in our zone. Paper work is in with USMS and USA Swimming. We have a team that will help us sponsor SHI this year- which means all swimmers will be covered under US swimming insurance (it will save us around $1.5k and get the word out about our event).

• Meeting set for this Thursday with Cameron from RunSignup.

• Still in need of a kayak wrangler.

• Hope to have registration up by 5/1