

East Texas Triathletes Club Minutes 2011 Season

East Texas Triathletes Quarterly Meeting at Bruno's Pizza on November 19, 2011 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Gina Bolton at 6:30.

Pete Range gave a brief treasurer's report stating that we had approximately \$17,300 in our club account. Rose City Triathlon had receipts of approximately \$34,000 and disbursements of approximately \$24,000.

Duke Gill stated that the minutes for the August (September) meeting were posted online but a copy was passed out to club members. A motion was made and seconded that we approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

Rose City Triathlon race director, Steve Farris, gave a brief recap on the successful triathlon. Our expenses were greater this year but we also had more receipts/entries so we are looking at better funding for next year's event. The 2012 Rose City Triathlon will be on Saturday, September 15, 2012.

Steve stated that in the past our club has given Hospice of East Texas \$4,500 and the Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Department \$1,000. The VFD has always provided medical support at the triathlon and has assisted on the swim portion by having their rescue barge available. He reminded the club members that about 8 weeks ago, one of our own, Tim Myers was severely injured in a vehicle/cycling accident which broke his back and a few ribs. Due to medical expenses and not being able to work, Tim has been experiencing some financial difficulties. Steve suggested that the club split what is normally given to Hospice with Tim, giving each \$2,225. Club members were enthusiastic about the idea and a suggestion was made that we actually give Tim \$3,500 and Hospice \$1,000. A motion was made and seconded to that effect. The motion carried.

President Gina announced that the three highest club competition earners were 1st Place--Monty Geddie, 2nd Place--Elliot Bach, and 3rd Place--Lacy Thomas. The club awarded them gift certificates in the amounts of \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively.

President Gina then reminded us that a slate of officers was nominated at our last meeting. After a brief discussion, the following officers were elected for the 2012 season:

President	Chauncey Deller
Vice President	Steve Farris
Secretary	Duke Gill
Youth Director	Tammy Rooney
Director	Clifford Barnes
Director	Michael Colvin
Director	Chris Holcomb
Webmaster	Duke Gill

Gina then reported that there was an growing interest in the Longview area in creating a multi-sport club which not only includes triathletes and duathletes, but **just** swimmers, cyclists, runners, or mountain bikers. The main purpose of the newly formed club was to provide insurance for group events through USA Triathlon. The new club respects their roots and will be a "sister club" to the East Texas Triathletes. There will be one or more joint meetings, trainings, or social events between the East Texas Triathletes and the new club, Longview Area Multisport Association (LAMA).

On Saturday, December 10 (Rescheduled), at 9 AM leaving from the Faulkner Park Jogging Trail, we will be having a group training brick (bike/run) which will be a benefit for Tim Myers. In the training you will have the opportunity to bike ride 15 or 30 miles at your own pace, then we will run/walk on the jogging trail at the park (the trail loop is 1.2 miles). We would like to get as many folks involved as possible so non club members are welcome to attend as well. The training is free so please just show up and bring other friends or family whom you think might enjoy this activity. The only requirement for non-club members is that they will have to sign an insurance waiver. The training brick/workout is free but we are asking that participants please bring a cash donation (any amount) which we will collect and provide to him.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

Duke Gill
Secretary
East Texas Triathletes

East Texas Triathletes Quarterly Meeting at Lake Tyler West on September 3, 2011 at 11:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by President Gina Bolton at 11:00 after the club members feasted on a potluck meal in the fiercely blowing wind. The meeting was after the successful Rose City Tri Pre-Clinic.

Duke Gill gave an estimated treasurers report stating that there was approximately \$15,000 in the club account which included mostly Rose City Triathlon proceeds.

Duke Gill stated that the minutes had been posted online and were available for club members to read. A motion was made and seconded that we approve the April Minutes.

Steve Farris gave a brief report on the Rose City Triathlon with the gist being that things were progressing nicely. He did stress that more volunteers were needed, especially for Friday's set-up.

As per our club rules, Steve Farris and the nominating committee nominated the following officers for the 2012 season:

President: Chauncey Deller
Vice President: Steve Farris
Treasurer: Pete Range
Secretary/Web keeper: Duke Gill
Youth Director: Tammy Rooney
Director: Chris Holcomb
Director: Gwen Zoucha
Director: Michael Colvin

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that we accept this slate of officers for nomination with the understanding that other club members could be nominated at the November meeting.

[Secretary's note: Gwen Zoucha has for personal reasons requested that she not be considered as a director so a replacement must be nominated at the November meeting]

There was a brief discussion concerning a request from Coach Bob Wiskera that he be considered as the "official" club swim coach. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to make Bob our official swim coach.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

Duke Gill
Secretary
East Texas Triathletes

East Texas Triathletes Quarterly Meeting at Tyler State Park on April 30, 2011 at 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Gina Bolton at 5:25 after the club members had feasted on a potluck meal.

Pete Range, treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but provided copies of the treasurer's report which were distributed. The report states that the club has a current balance of \$8,209.50.

Gina then asked Duke Gill, secretary, to discuss the minutes from the meeting in February. He responded that the minutes had been posted on the club website and provided by Gina on the back of the meeting agenda and asked the members to briefly read these. A motion was made and seconded that the February minutes be approved as written. The motion carried.

Gina stated that the club voted at the February club meeting to begin having bimonthly meetings. She said that, as a point of order, that changing the number of meetings required a club constitution change. The suggested change in the constitution has been posted on the website but the wording change was also provided on a copy of the agenda. In discussion, a point was made that our current constitution, as is, offers a process for having additional meetings as needed and after a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to keep the current constitution, as written, without the change. The motion carried. It was then discussed to have the next club meeting on September 3 in conjunction with the pre-tri clinic. It was discussed that the club consider having other fun events this summer to get more club participation, including group swim/bike/run trainings and/or picnics.

Gina then asked Steve Farris to give a report on the progress and planning on the club's Rose City Triathlon. Steve informed the club that he and Duke Gill had attended a USA Triathlon race director's certification clinic in Kansas City in April and that Donna Doyle was to attend another certification clinic next week. He said that with three certified race directors available that we should have the required credentials for hosting the RCT as the regional sprint championship. He also stated that there were a few safety concerns discussed at the RD clinic which need to be addressed for the RCT. He specifically discussed more training of the volunteers on communication and the need for their knowledge of following a safety protocol in all three areas of the event, including the swim, bike, and run. It was suggested by club members that there be a "safety training" for all volunteers--an actual session where the plan is practiced, and also a suggestion made that there be volunteers on the dam with binoculars assisting the swim safety team. Steve reported that Dr. David Flynn has volunteered to be our Medical Coordinator and that he would be getting with David to work out these details.

In addition, Steve also mentioned that because of USA Triathlon Insurance and liability concerns, we will have to actually sanction our pre-triathlon training clinic with USAT and that it could no longer be free. The clinic fees are as follows:

- 1) Free to ETT Club members who have signed up for the RCT BEFORE the clinic on September 3, 2011.
- 2) \$5 for non-club members who have signed up for the RCT before the clinic on September 3, 2011.
- 3) \$5 for club members who have NOT signed up for RCT
- 4) \$10 for non club members who have NOT signed up for RCT.

In addition and in all cases, participants at the clinics will have to either be a club member OR an annual member of USAT OR purchase a one-day USAT membership.

Gina next stated that, at the club's request, she had completed and submitted the club grant application to USAT in the amount of \$1,000. The club applauded Gina for her work on the grant.

Gina then requested for Donna Doyle to give a report on the progress and planning for the Kids Bike Rodeo & Safety Fair. Donna reported that it will be Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Robert E. Lee High School parking lot at 411 E. Southeast Loop 323. Participants will include:

- 1) Tyler Police Department will do the bike skills test for the kids. They will also be doing fingerprint cards for the kids that the parents can keep.
- 2) Tyler Fire Department will have a fire truck for the kids to climb on and have firefighters to talk to them about fire safety.
- 3) ETMC EMS will have an ambulance for the kids to investigate and will also have **Andy the Ambulance** to talk and entertain to the kids.
- 4) Elite Bicycles will do bike safety checks.
- 5) Tyler Bicycle Club will provide volunteers and a rest stop for the kids.

She stressed that we need as many club members as we can get to help provide support for all the different groups. We will also have our own tent setup to talk to people about our club. We need volunteers to come and bring their bike and bike trainer for participants to "oogle" over. We will also be purchasing some club t-shirts for our members and public to purchase to help earn funds for our race goodie bags. Donna will be sending out an e-mail soon concerning the specific volunteers needed.

The Tyler PD will be advertising the event as a Public Service Announcement and will make sure the flyer gets to all the

elementary schools. She has attached a copy of the flyer to the "files" section on the Yahoo Group Forum so please feel free to download, post it, and give it out to anyone who might be interested in attending.

Donna then presented two graphics to the club members for consideration as the T shirt for the club member t shirts, shirts for the kids bike rodeo and for the shirts for the Rose City Triathlon. After a detailed discussion with many comments and suggestions, a motion was made and seconded that:

1) the club's current official logo remain the same but that the colorful new design that Donna presented be on the T shirt used to sell at the Bike Rodeo (it was requested that the logo for the ETT shirts sold at the bike rodeo have "Tyler, TX" removed since our club isn't just a Tyler club but consists of members from all over East Texas) and that:

2) the decision on the Rose City Triathlon logo and T shirt logo for RCT would be made by the ETT executive committee.

The motion carried. It was also requested that the logos suggested for the Rose City Triathlon t shirts be posted on the club website to solicit member opinions to be considered by the executive committee in their decision for the event. Duke responded that he would make these available on the website.

Gina next asked Steve Farris to give a report on the bike time trials which the ETT club and the Tyler Bicycle club are sponsoring. Steve stated that the time trials will start next week on Thursday evening (details posted on both websites) at 6:30 pm. It was stressed that participants who are not a TBC or ETT member need to sign up for either in advance of the time trials. There will be a raffle for a participant to win a Garmin computer.

Gina asked if there were any new business to discuss. Duke Gill stated that he was appointed to fill a seat on the USAT South Midwest council and that after serving for the past year, his seat was coming up soon for election. He also stated that he was selected to serve because of being able to create websites (the SMW site was in dire need) and because he would represent East Texas. He asked that the club members who belong to USA Triathlon please consider voting for him in the SMW council elections to be held later this summer.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

Duke Gill

Secretary
East Texas Triathletes

East Texas Triathletes Quarterly Meeting at Spring Creek Barbecue in Tyler, TX on February 26, 2011 at 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by President, Gina Bolton at 7:00 PM.

President Gina asked for a secretary report. Duke passed out a copy of the meeting minutes from November and asked that members take time to read these and asked if there were any changes or amendments. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Pete Range gave a detailed accounting of the club's finances (with handout) and stated that our current balance was \$6,892.05. The payment of dues was discussed and Pete volunteered to (in addition to our online ImAthlete sign up service for dues) accept direct payment for dues either in person or by postal mail.

Gina reminded everyone that they need to send Kahne Parsons a note [either on Facebook, the Forum, Yahoo Groups or e-mailed to kaypar@spamarrest.com] when they participate in USAT sanctioned events so the club participation points could be tabulated and reported.

Gina asked if the charity committee for a report. In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that in addition to providing money or sponsorship to various charities that ETT club members offer their support as volunteers (e.g. 5K timers, cycling for 5K's).

Gina then discussed the need for the club to officially elect Pete Range as our club treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to elect Pete by acclamation. Motion passed. Gina then thanked Pete for his hard work on behalf of our club.

Gina then stated that the club should consider applying for the USAT Club Grant and the USAT Women's Athlete Grant.

She stated that the club grant would be used in order to offset the cost for our race directors attending the USAT race directors certification clinics since this is a requirement for hosting a championship event. In order to apply, it must be voted on in a club meeting as the minutes must be included in the grant application. A motion was made and seconded to apply for the USAT grants. The motion carried.

Gina asked Donna to give a report on the progress of the Kid's Bike Rodeo and thanked her for her hard work in organizing the event. Donna said the bike rodeo was to be held in May, probably at Robert E. Lee High school. She had conversations with the Tyler Police Department and with officers of the Tyler Bicycle Club and stated that many details were still needing to be worked out and that more information will be available soon in the club newsletter and in the Yahoo Groups.

Steve Farris then gave a brief report on the progress of the Rose City Triathlon. He mentioned that there had been organizational meetings with event coordinators and the executive committee. During the following discussion many ideas were shared by club members for additions or changes to the event. Some of these ideas include: Sponsoring a kids triathlon in conjunction with RCT (perhaps at Tyler, Tennis and Swim), using student volunteers helping them with earning community service credits, asking sponsors for coupons or products for the goodie bags in addition to money, sending out a survey to club members to solicit more ideas and participation in the event, and adding additional signage in local businesses and bike shops promoting the triathlon. Steve also mentioned that more volunteers were needed for the Beauty and the Beast Bicycle Tour in March.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded that we change our quarterly meetings to bimonthly. The motion carried. [As a point of order, this is a Constitutional change and must be revisited by following the rules stated in the club constitution. A copy of the suggested change has been posted on the website for consideration/vote at the April meeting].

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Duke Gill

Secretary

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