



TEAM HOYT VB

# MEETING MINUTES

## THVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2025

LOCATION: QUIRKS IN TOWN CENTER

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### In Attendance:

Steve Hackforth • Trey White • Scott Lindahl • Matt Paluta • Chelsea Tharrington • Brynn Churchfield

### Primary Goal:

Establish a solid (but not fully definitive) 2026 race schedule, identify new races for greater visibility, and lock in both a 2026 travel race and a 2027 travel race.

## General Scheduling Notes

- Historically: 1-2 races per month.
- January is traditionally OFF; February mostly OFF.
- Discussion to add 1 race in January and 1 in February as a soft season warm-up.
- Explore adding another Distance Series event.
- Continue the practice of lending chairs for individual participation outside THVB events.

## 2026 PROPOSED CALENDAR

### January

- OFF (discussion to add one optional event, TBD)

### February

**Note: Include Terry Koob in planning & prepare a slideshow for kickoff meeting.**

- Kickoff Party – February 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Venue options: COVA or Murphy's

- Love Run – February 14th @ 9:00 AM
- One City Marathon Weekend – February 28–March 1
  - Events: 5K + Half Marathon

## March

- One City Marathon (continued from Feb.)
  - Questions to finalize:
    - Projected participation?
    - Logistics and course placement for riders?
    - Bus transport back to start/finish?
- Shamrock – March 21 → Overall point: THVB wants to feel prioritized, not an afterthought
  - Special Considerations:
    - Emphasize charity status
    - Request: discounted bibs, late entries approved, price freeze despite registration deadlines
    - Ambassadors: unlimited 10%
    - Run clubs: free entries
    - Basic race-morning accommodations
- AA Heart & Sole – March 28

## April

- USCG Run – April 10 & April 12
- Autism Society Superhero Run – TBD
- Big Blue – TBD
- Distance Series – April 26

## May : plan a meetup for this month

- CHKD Run – TBD
- Colfax Marathon Series – May 16-17
- VB 10-Miler – TBD

## June

- Jamestown Tri – June 7
- OK5K – TBD
- Striders Duathlon – June 28

## July

- Independence 5K – July 4
- Allen Stone – July 25th

## August

- Breathe N Run – August 1

- Surfers Healing – August 16<sup>th</sup>

## September

- Patriots Tri – Sept. 12-13
- Neptune – Sept. 26
- Chicago (Travel Race) – saved for 2027

## October

- Kaizen – October 11–12 (proposed dates)
- SUDS 5K – TBD
- Wicked – October 31

## November

- Salute to Service – TBD
- Tunnel to Towers – TBD
- Norfolk Harbor – TBD

## December

- Surf-N-Santa – TBD

## 2027 Long-Range Travel Race Considerations

- Chicago Half + 5K
- Blackbeard Ultra – Outer Banks
- Ragnar
- Surfers Healing 2027:
  - Proposed multi-chapter showcase (host an event + broadcast)
- North Carolina Oak Island (Matt Paluta recommendation)

## Executive Summary

Our 2026 schedule planning meeting was productive, collaborative, and forward-focused. The board aligned on maintaining our traditional cadence of 1–2 monthly races while strategically adding new events to expand visibility and deepen community engagement. Early-season events in January and February were discussed to help build momentum, and several high-priority races—One City, Shamrock, Big Blue, Surfers Healing, and Wicked—remain core pillars of our season.

The team also emphasized strengthening partnerships, ensuring THVB receives appropriate race-morning accommodations, and building out a more intentional multi-year plan. Long-range travel races for 2026–2027—including Chicago, Blackbeard Ultra, Ragnar, and Oak Island—were added for continued discussion.

Overall, the meeting reflected strong alignment, enthusiastic ideas, and a clear commitment to making 2026 one of the most engaging and impactful Team Hoyt VB seasons yet. We look forward to the work ahead and an exceptional year empowering our athletes and families.