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**GREATER CHATTANOOGA SPORTS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
**NAMES NEW CHAIRMAN**

**Chattanooga, Tenn. (July 1, 2010)** – The Greater Chattanooga Sports and Events Committee Board of Directors has elected Rick Thompson as the new chairman for a one-year term, 2010-11. Thompson is the President and founding principal of Artech Design Group. He has been on the board of directors since 2003 and his current two-year term will end in 2012.

New boards members include: Jim Bambrey, Chattanooga Choo Choo (1 year); Molly Cooper, Hall and Associates (2 year); MaryStewart Lewis, AT&T (2 year); and Will Smith, WAS Properties (3 year).

The following people had their terms renewed: James Miller, First Tennessee Bank (1 year); Doug Dyer, Broad Street Ventures (2 year); Bill Bennett, Hamilton County (3 year); Rick Hart, University of Tennessee/Chattanooga (3 year); and Larry Zehnder, Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department (3 year).

Current board members of the executive committee include: Jeff Sikes of Thompson Engineering–Vice Chair; Bob Doak, Chattanooga Area Convention and Visitors Bureau–Treasurer, Ron Swafford, Juvenile Court–Secretary, Jim Kennedy, Kennedy, Coulter, & Rushing–Past Chair; and Scott Smith–President.

“It is an honor to serve with a Board of Directors and Executive Committee that are accomplished in personal, professional and athletic realms. They all see the big picture and with their collective capacity, we have a bright future for bringing in new sporting events. It’s great to live in a community where so many dedicated people want to continuously build on our assets, are proud of what we offer and want to promote the city nationally.”

**ABOUT THE CHATTANOOGA SPORTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE**

The Greater Chattanooga Sports & Events Committee is a not-for-profit amateur sports advocacy organization that promotes economic development in the greater Chattanooga area by identifying, pursuing, and facilitating athletic events and meetings. For more information, call 423-756-8689 or [www.chattanoogasports.org](http://www.chattanoogasports.org).

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