

# ACA Public Input Meeting

## 9/27/09

Called to order—2:35 PM

Staff present—Yvonne VanGent, John Tarkington

Board members present—Bill Barr, Scott Christopher, Henrik Petersen, Lynn Taylor

### Proposed Legislation

- A. Most items are housekeeping issues.
- B. Flyers to be posted well in advance of race. Much input from members on the need for more timely information.

### BAR/BAT

- A. Staff recommendation is to return to 2 groups for closed course races: need an easy-to-understand system
- B. Suggestion to let BAR winners win their category even if they upgrade during the year. Current policy does not allow this. Consensus that if a rider upgrades during the season, the accomplishment of not being overtaken in BAR points after leaving the category should still be recognized.
- C. Discussion regarding SM 35+/3 category
  - 1. Pro—retains riders upgrading out of 35+/4 as many feel uncompetitive in SM 35+ or SM 3
  - 2. Con—split the SM35+ field into groups too small for racing
- D. Masters categories
  - 1. Ability instead of age?
  - 2. Ability for ages 35-55, age for 65+?
  - 3. Match USAC categories?

### Timing/Results Issues

- A. Chip Timing
  - 1. Active system \$100/rider
  - 2. Passive system \$10-\$15/rider
  - 3. Bike racing requires active system due to speed
  - 4. Useful tool for officials
- B. Protest period—should remain at 15 minutes

### Online Registration

No complaints with most companies other than having to create new accounts with new passwords for each company.

### Separate Governing Bodies

- A. License fees
  - 1. USAC--\$65, \$10 rebated to local association each year
  - 2. ACA--\$45, all belongs to local association
- B. Take a fair look at rejoining USAC
  - 1. Cycling better served by 1 governing body
  - 2. Cash flow would need to remain the same for local association to provide same services
  - 3. Better insurance in terms of spreading risk amongst a larger pool of individuals
  - 4. Need to make ACA sustainable

### Miscellaneous Items

- A. Strategic planning for ACA from Board
- B. Non-racing membership
  - 1. to get non-racers started
  - 2. for supporters of bike racers to have a voice
  - 3. use of promotion of ACA to public

Adjourned—5:05 PM