

Draft Minutes – ACA Meeting, August 17, 2009

Members present: Clint Bickmore, Scott Christopher, Stephen Haydel, Harry Hilgers, Eric Perryman, Henrik Petersen, Lynn Taylor, and Ann Trombley

Members absent: Bill Barr & Michael Caterall

Staff present: Jon Tarkington & Yvonne van Gent

- I. Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. and approval of minutes of July 2009 meeting (Scott Christopher VP)
- II. Best Cyclocross Rider/Best Cyclocross Team (Jon Tarkington)
 - a. A number of permit applications were received on or before the deadline of August 11, 2009
 - b. Discussion: whether BCR/BCT designation requires a course to have been used previously (not a new course) or whether prior use is one factor that weighs in favor or such designation
 - i. Consensus: prior use of a course is only one factor in BCR/BCT designation
 - c. Discussion of suggestion that emerged from member meeting Jon Tarkington led regarding BCR/BCT issues: that the cyclocross (“Cx”) season should not officially begin before October 1
 - i. On the one hand, racers who have raced the Road Season may prefer a break before beginning the Cx season
 - ii. On the other hand, racers who race only Cx are eager to begin racing early
 - iii. Moreover, the Brecktober Cx race has opened the Cx season for several years now; and delaying that race increases the chances that bad weather may interfere with the race

- iv. Consensus: denying BCR/BCT status to races held in September 2009 would be unfair to promoters of those races, but in 2010, BCR/BCT status will not be awarded to races earlier than Brecktober Cx; in 2010, the first BCR/BCT race of the Cx season will go to Brecktober Cx
- d. BCR/BCT will be awarded to 18 races in 2009; as in 2008 season, only the top 8 races will count toward BCR/BCT
- e. In 2010, no permit applications for Cx races will be accepted before June 1, 2010. Race flyers will be required to be submitted no later than 4 weeks before a race.

III. Executive Director's Report (JT).

a. Website development

- i. Development of the ACA website is continuing, albeit more slowly than hoped. The database upgrading is proving more time intensive than expected, but the developer is proceeding thoroughly

b. BAR/BAT

- i. Bumpy start to the new BAR/BAT program
- ii. Many racers not pleased with new color-coded system
- iii. Closer evaluation of the new system will begin when road season ends and the data from all races can be examined

c. Finances

- i. ACA finances are better off this year than last
- ii. See [Profit/Loss 08 Comparison](#), [Balance Sheet Comparison](#)

d. State of the ACA & Future Legislation

- i. Deadline for submission of proposed legislation will be somewhat later this year than last: stay tuned for details
- ii. How to increase number of road races? Are there legislative proposals that address this issue?
- iii. On the horizon: consider the finances implications of reuniting the ACA with USAC
- iv. Consider the possibility of adopting a chip timing system for ACA races?

IV. Junior Development (JT)

- a. Proposal: create a paid position (roughly \$700/mo.) for Junior Development Coordinator to begin sometime after the Junior Cx camp (subject to negotiation)
- b. Motion seconded and adopted

V. Request for ACA to donate to Raisin Hope Foundation and Valmont Bike Park

- a. No dispute as to the worthiness of each of these requests, but the Board was not willing to fund these requests since the ACA itself is a charitable institution

VI. Insurance coverage for spectators at Boulder Cup Cx

- a. The ACA Board declined to pay for insurance coverage of spectators attending these races

VII. Report: Technical Committee (JT and Lynn Taylor)

- i. Date for next meeting of the Technical Committee will soon be set
- ii. [Tech Committee minutes 7/14/2009](#)

VIII. Old/New Business

- a. Clint Bickmore reported that a number of parents of junior racers were concerned with what they saw as diminished opportunities for juniors to race this year
 - i. Response: when the season is concluded and the data from the entire season are available the Board will consider this along with the new color-coded BAR/BAT program

IX. Adjournment 8:55 p.m.