

Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado - the ACA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2012
REI Westminster
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Clint Bickmore (President), Tim Lynch (Vice President), Peter Ismert, Rachael Scott, Chris Case, David Newcomer (Treasurer), Chad Burns, Lynn Taylor, Susan Adamkovics.
Staff Present: Yvonne van Gent (Membership Manager), Chris McGee (Executive Director).
Members absent: Eric Perryman (Secretary).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

I. Minutes approval from previous meeting

- Approval of Dec. 14th Annual Meeting minutes. Clint made the motion, Tim seconded the motion. Approved.
- Approval of Dec. 14th BOD pre-annual meeting minutes, Clint motioned, Tim seconded. Approved.
- Approval of Dec. 14th BOD post-annual standup meeting minutes, Clint motioned, Tim seconded, approved.

II. Financial: Last financial statement (through December) was presented. David motioned and Clint seconded, approved.

III. Statement of Organization:

- ACA has changed to become a local association of USAC. As a result, ACA is undergoing many operational changes. ACA is also requesting that USAC make changes as well to better align with ACA needs. For example, USAC is making changes to its website to allow for better data exchange between the two organizations.
 - Payments were received from USAC since our last meeting: \$2,200, \$4,400, and \$10,250 (for local assn. rebate from non-existing LA in 2011).
 - Still need to work with USAC on web download process.
- Junior Coordinator:
 - Bruce has left his position as Junior coordinator. A decision was made earlier to not immediately replace him with a new coordinator. Instead, a 4-5 member committee is being formed to address this workload. This work includes, but not limited to:
 - Junior road camp in early May to be led by Jon Heidemann.
 - Junior Mini Classic, June 2-3, looking for 100-120 participants. There was a comment about this event acting as the State Championships for juniors. This might not be possible since it is a stage race.
 - Junior Summit, Adam Rachubinski of Alpha Bicycle will lead this event in Centennial on Feb. 8th. Clint will work with Adam on the Summit. All board members are encouraged to attend. Chad will join the Junior committee.
- Membership Status:
 - About 500-550 ACA individual memberships have been sold since Dec. 15th. Our goal is 1500. This puts us on pace to meet that goal. For clubs, about 50 have bought club memberships to date.

- Documents:
 - The Bylaws and Policy Documents were revamped for 2012 and have been completed and were previously approved. Important improvements were made. Additional improvements are ongoing, such as requiring certain standards for EMTs at race events.

III. BOD Business: Communications

- Document sharing. Clint will set up a BOD Google Group and distribute documents through Google Docs. A BOD Google Calendar will be set up as well.
- Meetings: An attempt will be made to hold BOD meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month. Adjustments will be made for holidays and as other reasons arise.
 - The next meetings will be Feb. 27th, 2012, at the school at 1700 S. Holly Street, at 6:30 pm.; and March 19th at the Golden Visitor Center office at 6:30 pm.
 - BOD will have some remote call-in meetings, utilizing Skype. All BOD members are encouraged to get a free basic Skype account.

IV. BOD Role and Responsibilities

- Board members will participate more in business functions of ACA by being on committees and other workgroups. Individual's talents/interests/available time will be matched to the committee/workgroup. Media was added to the Fundraising committee. (As a side note, there is a need for better race finish-line marking and registration signage. Possibility for sponsorships for these items.) An Events committee was added. Additional assignments can be made to these committees as they progress. Also, committees can look to member volunteers for support.
 - Committees
 - Fundraising & Communications & Media – Rachel, Chris C, Chris M, David
 - Junior Committee – Clint, Tim, Chris M, Chad
 - Women's Committee – Susan, Clint
 - Finance Committee – David, Chris M
 - USA PC – Peter (Denver LOC), Chris M (Golden LOC)
 - Events – Chris C., Peter
 - Technical Committee – Lynn
 - BOD attendance at State Championship Events
 - Need BOD individuals to help present awards at the podium for each event. Would need at least two BOD members for each day to cover all races/podium presentations. We need to explore how to arrange for photos of each podium presentation. A Google Calendar will be set up for event signup for BOD members to be present.

V. Rocky Mountain Road Cup (RMRC; previously known as BAR/BAT)

- Goal: Maintain/create incentive for clubs to join ACA. Secondary goal of providing recognition to outstanding events and to provide incentive to race throughout entire season.
 - The races will be designated Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Gold events will have the most points available for RMRC competitions, Bronze will have the least. An effort to balance the loading of Gold and Silver level events was made, so the categories will be competitive throughout the season. Therefore, very few Gold and Silver events are in the early season. First year events will be Bronze events, however exceptions can be made if proposed to BOD for a decision.

- Events that can be counted on and that meet the requirements can move up to the Silver or Gold level.
- Gold events are to be spaced out on the calendar to cover the entire season as much as possible. Most months have at least one or two Gold events.
- These different levels of events will have different event requirements as well.
 - For example, ACA's laptop, software, and printer will be needed for Gold and Silver events. The ACA timing system won't be required for Bronze events. The requirements for each level will be part of the Policy Manual.
- There is concern about replacing the existing BAR/BAT system with the new RMRC system this year, especially with all the other USAC/ACA changes going on. Promoters and riders are still learning about it. Promoters may feel their races are downgraded if only a Bronze. The points for a Bronze race were looked at and then increased. It was mentioned that, currently, non-BAR/BAT races receive no points, so a Bronze designation in 2012 would be an improvement. There are minimum standards for a Bronze event to encourage new promoters to try events for their first year. Concern still existed if the new RMRC process would be implementable for 2012. In general, there was no concern for the new process, just for when it should be initiated.
- State Championship events might not be considered Gold events if the event doesn't merit that designation. The State TT championships are considered Silver events at this point. All others are Gold, except Masters Roads and Juniors to be determined.
- Vote: Chad Motioned to approve new RMRC process, Tim seconded, approved. Clint motioned to approve 2012 race calendar with RMRC designations (pending future changes by promoters), David seconded, approved.

VI. Other Business

- Categories: Focused discussion on 35+.
 - Members have been expressing concern for the changes to 35+_open as indicated in the Policy Manual. The Policy Manual was already changed to indicate that 35+_open category will now be a 35+_1-2 category. Category 3 and 4 riders will need to race the 35+_4 and 35+_3 races, respectively. Category 3 riders who want to race with the 35+_1-2 category will need to upgrade. These changes were done primarily for safety reasons for the Cat.4 riders and to make the masters point categories consistent with the senior point categories (Cat. 3 riders). It was mentioned that the Cat.3 35+ riders should focus on the 35+_3 races, then request upgrades (and/or be automatically upgraded).
 - Concern was expressed at the meeting over this change. It was expressed that 35+_1-2 races might have a less amount of racers than the previous 35+_open category races. It was then mentioned that promoters can still combine the 35+_3 category with the 35+_1-2 category for the races. Points can be separated out between the two categories for RMRC competition. Concern still existed, but rationale understood and BOD and ED will explain rationale for changes to membership.
 - No vote was needed since these changes were implemented at earlier meetings as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.