

ACA Board of Directors Meeting, September 26, 2011

Board Members present: Bill Barr, Clint Bickmore, Chad Burns, Tim Lynch, David Newcomer, Eric Perryman, Lynn Taylor, & Kayla Thomason

Board Members absent: Carol Kauder, Leigh Singleton

Staff present: Chris McGee, Yvonne van Gent, Bruce Whitesel

- I. August 2011 minutes **approved and adopted**
- II. Financial Report: see Balance sheet and Profit & Loss statement posted under “Finance Reports” under “Board of Directors” tab on ACA homepage.
- III. Long Term Ideas
 - a. ACA is exploring the idea of permitting some mountain bike races – the current racing options are few and expensive
 - b. Women’s racing summit meeting is being targeted for February 2012, at which we hope to discuss the possibility of moving the races with mentors to the less formal practice races held midweek (at the CSP test track)
- IV. Early Season Cyclocross Review
 - a. Numbers in Denver/Boulder area are booming: averaging 600+ riders; even midweek Lookout Cross has been drawing some 250 riders
 - b. But fewer than 90 riders raced Buena Vista’s “Cross at the River”
 - i. Maybe the race suffered because the day before was held in Boulder?

- ii. The race probably suffered low turnout because, unlike last few years, the race offered no Colorado Cup Cx points.
- c. We need to come up with ways to support races outside the Denver/Boulder area
- d. Call-ups – a few minor problems appeared in the early races, but those have been diminishing in subsequent weeks with a larger database of races to draw upon
- e. Colorado Cup Cx competition begins with Frisco Cx on October 1, 2011

V. Registration Issues

- a. The majority of problems that arose in the September Cx races were related to registration issues
- b. Although historically, Colorado Cx races have tolerated (and even encouraged) day of event registration, the recent increase in the number of racers puts a strain on day of event registration
- c. ACA needs to encourage promoters to move away from day of event registration, and toward pre-registration
 - i. ACA should encourage promoters to increase the price differential between pre-registering, and registering on the day of event
- d. Use of dedicated numbers for various categories has been helpful in speeding up the registration process
- e. The large numbers of riders in recent Cx races may cause field limits to restrict late registrants from being able to compete in their race of choice

VI. Timing System Update

- a. We have recently seen big improvements in performance and reliability of the system when we switched to a battery power source
- b. Need to communicate to Cx racers that timing chips are necessary
- c. Timing chip misplacement on bikes continues. Results are consistently better when chips are placed facing forward on the headtube (not facing down underneath the stem). See demonstration photograph on website and other ACA communications.

VII. Club/Promoter Meeting: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., October 5, 2011 at Colorado Mountain Club, Boulder

- a. Discussion of preliminary race calendar for 2012
 - i. Attempt to spread out large races more evenly throughout the calendar
- b. Consider issues for legislation (to be addressed at Annual Meeting)
- c. Increase differential between price of pre-registration and day of event registration
- d. Unattached rider fee: \$5.00?
- e. Change license fee after Oct. 1?

VIII. 2011 Road Race Awards Party

- a. Great event with large turnout; many positive comments
- b. Hats off to Kathy Judson, Clint Bickmore, Bill and Sheri Barr, Bruce Whitesel, and Gary Jaycox (of Crown Trophy)
- c. 2011 Cyclocross Awards Party: February 4, 2012

IX. Upcoming Events

- a. Oct. 1-2 Junior Cx Camp
- b. Oct. 3 Technical Committee
- c. Oct. 5 Road Club/Promoter Meeting

X. Discussion: ACA – USAC relations

- a. Over the past several months, the ACA has spent much time and energy in addressing the question of its relation with USAC
 - i. We have held meetings, conducted a survey of our member clubs, monitored discussion forums, and held innumerable informal talks with riders, promoters, club members, and interested parties
 - ii. The wide range of opinion is evident in the responses received to the survey we distributed. The results of that survey have been collected and will soon be posted for all to see.
 - iii. The ACA Board of Directors is currently preparing a formal recommendation to its membership, in time for the matter to be considered at the Annual Meeting
 - iv. Although the language of the recommendation is still being prepared, the Board believes that the ACA's support of amateur bicycle racing is second to none, and its programs are the envy of the Nation. We unanimously agree as a Board that whatever course we choose, we can accept no outcome that will result in any reduction in service to our members.

XI. Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.