

2015 WCA Annual Meeting | MINUTES



Feb. 15th, 2015 | Time 1/15/2015 1:30 PM | Meeting location Delafield Brewhaus

Meeting called by Andy Feuersthaler (Pres.)

Type of meeting Annual WCA Meeting

Facilitator Bob Schallhorn / WCA

Secretary Andrew Kenth (fill in)

Timekeeper Andy Feuersthaler

Individual Attendees

Only 1 contended position (Treasurer)

- Ryan White address to members
- Nick Roecker address to members

Ryan addressed question regarding incorrect email address/bounce backs/unanswered emails.
Ryan informed question(er) that he had the incorrect email address

Vote taken for Treasurer. Nick 11 / Ryan 3

Andy Feuersthaler addressed members regarding ideas on improvement

- Focus on marketing
- Focus on transparency

AGENDA TOPICS

#01 Topic 2014 Financials

Discussion: Finances up to date - 2 teams need to pay for 2014 - 2 teams need to pay for 2015 (due Jan 31 2015). Andy reviewed requirements for having dues paid in order for a team to host a race on the schedule Bob addressed members: WCA made \$5k based on Trek sponsorship. CX made \$2.5k, Road lost \$2k, Track lost \$750. Part of road loss is not to charge a surcharge for road races. With these the road series would have broken even. CX has less cost; attendance is on the rise accounting for the profit.

Action items- None

Person responsible

Deadline

#02 Topic Road Schedule for 2015

Discussion: Heidi reviewed current policies regarding how teams were awarded race days. First come first serve, successful events the previous year guaranteed the same date next year relative to the season (3rd sat etc.) The board ultimately retains control over which dates are awarded. Andy asked: Is Trocadero race on? Answered - YES Why is VeloSport on the schedule? Robby Gauss answered they are working on membership. Andy withheld voting on current schedule until we can review agenda topics as they involve schedule proposals

Action items - None

Person responsible

Deadline

#03 Topic **Technical Update - Heidi**

Discussion: Heidi reviewed her responsibilities: Race permits, Rider upgrades. Heidi reviewed rider demographics and total races by discipline. Female ages suggest more younger women are entering racing. Sandbagging/Upgrades - She processed ~ 400 requests last year. 11 current officials in WCA - Could use more, if interested contact Heidi

Action items – To be followed up

Person responsible

Deadline

#04 Topic **Suggested Questions**

Discussion: Question: What are roles of current board? Answer: Andy and John Scudder put a document together clarifying responsibilities and distributed.

Action items – To be followed up

Person responsible

Deadline

#05 Topic **Communication Tools**

Discussion: Board would like to create 'At Large' position, communications director and place Dave Eckel into this position. Dave addressed members: Would like to connect the dots regarding communication, Create transparency, and Establish Google Group together for team managers to facilitate communication. Currently position held by Kurt Otter. Add an additional position for Dave. Andy clarified it is a voting board member (member at large) and is appointed by the board. Would like to create as elected position but this requires by laws change. Dave is now responsible for all WCA communications. USAC District Rep is the tie breaker if board ties on a vote - however there is no such position. New shared calendar proposed for board's usage in order to track progress of tasks and provide reminders year over year. Question regarding by-laws. Bylaws are on website. Supposedly another set in 1996 but the whereabouts of these are unknown. WCA will use Bylaws that are published on the website from 1988.

Action items – To be followed up

Person responsible

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#06 Topic **Proposal 1: Cat5 Clinics / Child Races**

Discussion:

- Propose that each event required holding a Cat 5 / Child / Learning Race
- Comment on practice Criterium
- John Van Susteren asked does WCA have authority to enforce this.
- Bob clarified that WCA can establish guideline that states you need to hold this kind of event in order to participate but not force promoter to have race.
- Heidi clarified that child races must have USAC license
- Lake bluff pulls separate insurance for these kinds of events
- Andy recommended table the discussion considering insurance and WCA power information is not complete
- WCA states that in order for the event to be considered for the WCA CUP (points) race director/team must hold a Cat5 race.

Action items – To be followed up

Person responsible

Deadline

#07 Topic **Proposal 2: Establish Race Guidelines**

Discussion:[Conversation]

- 1) Cancel repercussions / how to handle race date cancels
- 2) How are race dates handed out for CX & Road
- 3) Set MIN prize/purse amounts for cx and road
 - a. John Van Susteren raised that there may be a jurisdiction issue
 - b. John Van Susteren recommended adding incentive by leveraging WCA points
- 4) Create application (process) for open dates
 - a. Including application details like kids events etc...
 - Comments regarding requirements could hurt teams due to lack of attendee
 - Recommended we shuffle dates to avoid having poor date's year over year
 - Andy asked if we can make teams apply every year for particular dates
 - Comment regarding clear standards on how date is awarded to a team.
 - Standard 'rating' process based on race application
 - Bill clarified WCA is here to help promote races
 - John Van Susteren commented that races cannot be awarded w/o cause.
 - Comment regarding dates has not been issues until now.
 - Mr. Scudder proposed a lottery process to avoid application v actual performance (application fluffing)
 - How do people get to put into lottery? A plan should be required.
 - Scudder proposed a 1 yr. apprenticeship for teams w/o experience
 - Heidi Mingesz motioned the board create a process.
 - Motion passed

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#08 Topic Proposal 3: Eliminate the State Omnium Jerseys (Road Only)

Discussion:

- Instead do double points on the 3 championship jerseys
- Almost Motion 1: Discontinue State Omnium Jerseys
- Motion 1: to Hold discussion for Road committee to discuss
- Andy requested volunteers for Road Chair people to create a Road Race Committee

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#09 Topic Proposal 4: Change State Champ Races to be Age Group

Discussion: Spring Prairie considering changing to current race structure more standard WCA. Proxy vote forth coming. Andy recommended we go through proposals and send them to road committee. Andy requested volunteers for Road Chair people to create a Road Race Committee again. Comment regarding the need for proxy. Bob commented on need to update bylaws.

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#10 Topic Proposal 5: Change Elite 3 to Elite 2/3 Cat

Discussion: Item going to road committee. Proxy vote forth coming.

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#11 Topic Proposal 6: Add 50+ Category Race

Discussion: Proxy vote forth coming. Consideration for 50+ / Cat 5+

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#12 Topic Proposal 7: Points

Discussion:

- Need a system to be able to drop races or not count every single race.
- Heidi commented that it decreases overall participation and this impacts race attendance
- Al commented that cx saw an increase in attendance when this rule was employed
- Comment regarding that this change rarely changed WCA cup point outcomes
- Motion to vote: take top races minus 2 (currently 16 - 2 = 14).
 - For: 6
 - VS: 6
 - Not passed
- Motion to table to road committee, they are going to be busy

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#13 Topic Proposal 8: Extend Road Races to July/Aug

Discussion: Double points for July/Aug races as incentive. Motion to move topic to Road committee.

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#14 Topic Proposal 9: Extend Road Races to July/Aug

Discussion: John Van Susteren commented on loss of attendance and too difficult to get city to agree. John Van Susteren not interested.

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#15 Topic Memorial Day Omnium

Discussion: It's a green light so far.

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#16 Topic Road Season Party

Discussion: Need to address doing this. How to do, who to do it, what is it?

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#17 Topic Misc. Topics

Discussion:

- Title sponsor needed
- Send ideas to board
- WCA Info tent
- At toad (at WCA events?)
- CX trailer
 - Board to review costs and proposals
 - Money is available for such a project

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#18 Topic **CX Update - Jerry**

Discussion:

- Increase in attendance
 - 16 races now, debating making all scored in the cup.
 - 2 new races in 2015
 - Committee compiled some stats. Contact them if interested.
- Track Update
 - Described services and last year's events
 - New Monday Jr Development program had 120 Jr's this year
 - track restoration in 2015 impacts the 2015 season
 - No spring events, except to have some events in late summer
 - Discussed how WCA can help with possible events at or around the track
 - Possible CX race at the track
- Motion to support the grand opening of the reconstructed VeloDrome in 2015
 - Motion seconded
 - Motion passed

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#19 Topic **Finalize Road Schedule**

Discussion:

- Andy asked if Fitchburg race is happening. Madcity Velo member confirmed is it.
- Andy asked if there are conflicts. No objections or conflicts.
- Andy announced WCA would entertain July and August events and to contact the Dave Eckel or Andy if interested.
- Motion to approve schedule (allowing adding July & Aug events in the future)
 - Seconded
 - Passed

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#20 Topic **Misc. Topics (con't)**

Discussion:

- Discussion regarding JR/Women.
 - ISCorp mentioned they'd like to have other teams with similar squads.
 - Other teams inquired how they can help increase participation or membership
- John Van Susteren thanked outgoing board

- Fat Bike Races
 - Al mentioned it would be a good event/series to have in January/February
 - He recommended the board consider adding a Fatbike series next January
- Rich offered his services for ANY WCA event (CX,Road,FatBike etc)
- Committee Membership
 - Bob mentioned that there can be issues with choosing a chair for a committee and how the chair has cart Blanche over committee membership.
 - Andy mentioned that the by-laws do not deal with this and it is a good opportunity to update the by-laws
 - Jerry agreed that there are concerns with not having standard rules for committees
- Motion to Adjourn
 - Seconded
 - Passed

Action items – To be followed up

Person responsible

Deadline

Observers [Name]

Resource persons [Names]

Special notes [Type additional notes here]