

MCF BI-MONTHLY MEETING

5 February 2007

7:00 - 9:00pm
Lyngblomsten Senior Center
1415 Almond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

(651) 646-2941
(Just east of the State Fairground entrance on Snelling Ave)

Facilitator: Mike Lyner (President)
Note Taker: Kevin Schaeffer (Secretary)

ATTENDEES

A. MCF Clubs:

1. Alan Factory Team ()
2. Athlete's Under Construction ()
3. Bike Club ()
4. Birchwood (James Lockwood, Bill Kosfeld, Jessica Wittwer)
5. Category 6 Racing Squad ()
6. Chippewa Valley Cycling Club ()
7. Excel Cycle Club ()
8. Flat City Cycling Club ()
9. Gopher Wheelmen (Dave LaPorte, Bruce Braesemle)
10. Grandstay Cycling Team ()
11. Great Plains Cycling Club ()
12. Grumpy's/LGR (Tim Hayes)
13. Lake Superior Cycling Club ()
14. Loon State Cyclists (Mike Lyner, Kevin Schaeffer, Dan Meyer)
15. Make Shift Bicycle Club ()
16. Mid-Minnesota Cycling Club()
17. Milltown Cycles ()
18. Minneapolis Bicycle Racing Club ()
19. Minnesota Cycling Team (Kevin Lennon)
20. Minnesota Junior Cycling ()
21. NSC Velo Club (Bob Williams)
22. Rum River Cycling ()
23. SE Minnesota Velo - Velo Rochester ()
24. SE Minnesota Velo - Women on Wheels ()
25. Silver Cycling (Tim Mulrooney)
26. St Paul Bicycle Racing Club (Tim LaBerge)
27. Super Team Racing (Andy Dahl)
28. The Hub Cycling League()
29. The Hut Cycling Team ()
30. University of Minnesota Cycling Club ()
31. Velo Bella ()
32. Unattached ()

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 7:00 - 7:05

1. Bob Williams made motion to approve prior meetings minutes. Motion carried.
2. Mike Lyner previewed meetings agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT 7:05 - 7:10

- A. James Lockwood discussed the treasury balance. Receipts were for the MCF banquet were \$1,160, with Food Expense of \$3,000, Awards of \$1,000 and Printing Fees of \$100.

TECHNICAL COMMISSION'S REPORT 7:10 - 7:15

- A. Bruce Braesemle announced there would be an officials training clinic March 24th at the National Sports Center. Clinic is free, the License fee is \$35, reimbursed after an official works 5 races or more.

OLD BUSINESS 7:15 - 8:15

A. Banquet Review:

1. 100 people attended. Most of the award winners were present. The location QBP was interesting, Steve Flagg gave a list of interesting facts about the history of QBP.
2. Discussion ensued about the sustainability of holding an annual banquet that is sparsely attended. Various reasons were discussed, middle of winter, cost of the banquet, location among them.
3. Alternative ideas such as picnics, pizza parties, party at the NSC, party at One-on-One were all discussed.
4. Consensus was that there needs to be a volunteer to head up the banquet role. Someone who is responsible for planning the event and organizing an event that people will participate in.

B. Start Bike Racing.com: Update?

1. Steve Gray was not present, no update this month.

C. 2007 State CX Championships

1. Kevin Lennon from MCT had submitted a request to hold the 2007 State Championship CX race. However, his request is on hold pending a new idea that is being floated by Dan Meyer, Dan Cleary and Gordy Paulson. (see attachment for detail)
2. Dan Meyer and Gordy Paulson have proposed a "2-day MN vs WI Cyclo-cross event" to take place either Oct 20/21 or Oct 27/28 at the Eau Claire Expo center.

D. Promoters Clinic:

1. Will be at the Minnesota Cycling Exposition, March 4th at the Minneapolis Convention Center.
2. The event is paid for by the MBF.

E. 2007 Race Schedule:

1. Updated on the MCF website. All promoters need to notify Kevin Schaeffer if their race is to be part of the ROY competition.
2. Bob Williams discussed a new track event tentatively scheduled for May 19th.

F. Tour of 10k Update and Vote on whether the MCF offers financial support for the event.

1. Reviewed the idea of bringing the Tour of 10k back after a year hiatus.
2. At the end of September 2006 Kevin Lennon had approached Mike Lyner about bringing back the Tour of 10k after a year hiatus.
3. Kevin asked for MCF support for the event. He was asking for financial help and help in manning the event.
4. He was to form a steering committee which would manage the race.
5. MCF clubs would run each of the stages and work with the steering committee on common tasks like registration etc.
6. Kevin formed the steering committee and solicited requests for clubs to help put on the 4 different stages.

7. LGR volunteered to put on the Fairgrounds Crit and Birchwood offered to put on the Time Trial. However, nobody stepped up for the 2 road events which are the hardest events to staff.
8. At the January MCF meeting, we reconciled the budget so if the race was run according to plan and there weren't any unforeseen catastrophic weather changes we would at the very least break even. Since the MCF has never promoted a race before it was decided that there should be a vote at the next meeting amongst MCF clubs on whether or not we should provide financial and volunteer support.
9. Unfortunately no other clubs have stepped up to assist in running the event. After much discussion about various alternatives, shortening the event, eliminating stages, moving stages, Kevin Lennon stated that he would only be involved if the Tour of 10k was run in the same format as previous. Kevin has put his life into this race and this is his event. He decided and the meeting attendees concurred, that there is not enough support for the race.
10. Mike Lyner stated that he would notify Tone Coughlin from Lake Superior Cycling Club, who was interested in putting on an event that same weekend about the opening on the calendar, and Tone is working on the details for having a stage race in the Duluth area on the Memorial Day weekend.

G. MCF Structure - tabled

H. Web Site Maintenance - tabled

I.

New BUSINESS 8:15 - 9:00

A. Discuss Draft MCF Guidelines - tabled

Attachments

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Dan Meyer and Gordy Paulson have proposed a new “**2-day MN vs. WI Cyclo-cross event**” for either **Oct 20/21** or **Oct 27/28** at the **Eau Claire Expo** center. It has the potential to rival the likes of Iowa Jingle Cross and if the MN vs. WI event takes off, it could further include other Midwest states as its fairly centrally located.

In addition, the event comes with a potential \$2500 grant from the Eau Claire Business Assoc. which could make for a very good opportunity to attract some bigger names.

I am recommending a vote by the MCF Board and Members to adjust the **Current CX Schedule** to the **Proposed Recommendations** listed below:

Current CX Schedule

Saturday Sep 22 - Red River CX - Moorhead, MN

Sunday Sep 23 - Porkchop Challenge CX - St. Cloud, MN

Saturday Sep 29 - Hudson Riverfront CX - Hudson, WI

Sunday Sep 30 - Orono CX - Orono High School - Orono, MN

Saturday Oct 6 - Rum River CX - Princeton, MN

Sunday Oct 7 - Lake Rebecca CX - Rockford, MN

Saturday Oct 13 - Spirit Mountain CX - Duluth, MN

Sunday Oct 14 - Alan Factory Cup CX - Boom Island - Minneapolis, MN

Saturday Oct 20 - Northfield CX - Northfield, MN

Sunday Oct 21 - Powderhorn CX - Powderhorn Park - Mineapolis, MN

Saturday Oct 27 - Red Barn CX - Taylor's Falls, MN

Sunday Oct 28 - Como CX - Como Park - St. Paul, MN

Saturday Nov 3 - Ham Lake CX - Ham Lake, MN

Sunday Nov 4 - Grumpy CX - NSC - Blaine, MN

Saturday Nov 10 - State Cyclocross Championships - TBD

Proposed Recommendations:

- 1.) Discuss the lower attended races in Spirit Mountain CX, Duluth and Red River CX.
- 2.) Add the MN vs. WI CX challenge 2 day event on either Oct 20/21 or Oct 27/28
- 3.) Move Red Barn CX to Sep 30 (for Taylors Falls, MN and Hudson, WI proximity)
- 4.) Move Orono CX to Oct 13 (for Orono and Boom proximity)

- 5.) Move Flanders CX to Sep 22
- 6.) Slot Northfield, Como or Powderhorn to State CX slot Nov 10.
- 7.) 7.)Non-State CX promoters would combine on weekend opposite Eau Claire 2-day event