

MCF BI-MONTHLY MEETING

6 August 2007

7:00 - 8:30pm
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: Mike Lyner for Kevin Schaefer (Secretary)

ATTENDEES

A. MCF Clubs:

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

APPROVAL of LAST MINUTES

- A. None available - Mike Lyner stood in for Kevin Schaeffer who had to teach Bob William's track beginners class due to Bob's health issues. See www.mcf.net Bulletin Board/Track for discussion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 7:00 - 7:05

- A. **USAC's Monthly Local Association teleconferences:** Mike Lyner has been attending these regularly. Useful to hear what issues are of concern to other LA's. Any topics we would like to be discussed should be sent to Mike Lyner. Next meeting Tue 21 Aug, 11:30am-12:30pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT 7:05 - 7:10

A. **Balance:** \$16,900

B. **Statistics:**

1. USAC License Rebate: Last ¼ 2006 = \$8,060; 697 full-priced licenses (u from 601 in '05); 122 add-on licenses (up from 97 in '05).
2. Northfield Crit: 294 riders in '05, 264 in '06 when not State Crit.
3. State TT matched last year at 136 vs. 137 in '05.

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

A. **Year-to-Date:** Progressing well.

B. **Outlook:** Loss of critical mass of officials may make staffing races difficult or impossible.

1. Less officials responding for requests for assignments; all day crits are hard. Potentially cause for race cancellation in future.
2. Suggestions: If clubs provide new officials (who officiate at 5 or more events, possibly waive MCF surcharge for races that club promotes? Clubs to provide at least 1 official for their own events (no cost for that official at that event)? Email any additional suggestions to Bruce (technicaldirector@mcf.net)

C. **Moto Refs:** Great at road races as they can come alongside packsmore safely and effectively; also great for crits if affordable. Need plenty of advanced notice to get additional insurance coverage.

OLD BUSINESS 7:15 - 7:45

A. **Banquet:**

1. Potentially to be held January 26th at Grumpy's downtown, possibly negotiate exclusive use for the night.
2. No, or minimal, cover charge for simple hors d'ouvres; cash bar (with soft drink for youth/juniors).
3. James Lockwood and Tim Hayes offered to coordinate.
4. Simple awards ceremony.
5. Powerpoint slide show, video clips or cycling tv on sports bar tv screens possible if coordinator steps up.

B. **2007 State CX Championships**

1. State CX race has been awarded to Silver Cycling, Saturday 17 November 2007 at Bassett Creek Park in Crystal... but with the possibility of a "totally different course" according to Mr. Hollywood!

C. **Bike Expo:**

1. Location/Date: March 8-9th, Minneapolis Convention Center.
2. Promoters Clinic: Possibly changed to a round-table discussion in conjunction with the Bike Expo.

3. ACTION: Attendees approved \$350 for 8x8 booth in same location as last year for 2008.

D. 2007 Public Relations Consultant

1. Mike Lyner stated that he still felt it critical that a PR consultant should be retained by the MCF to set a common foundation of local bicycle racing awareness and respect for all member clubs. We may want to reopen discussions with Rick Fuentes.
2. People with PR ideas should bring them to the next MCF meeting.

NEW BUSINESS 7:45 - 8:00

A. MCF Governance

1. Board Elections 2008-9: Nominations due at the October 2007 MCF Meeting for the 2008-9 term.
 - Mike Lyner (president) stated that he felt it would be healthy for the organization to have a new, possibly younger, leader next year, but he would stay active and on the Board if elected.
 - Dave LaPorte (vice president) is willing to continue.
 - Kevin Schaeffer (secretary) would be willing to continue if an additional role of webmaster were added; however, things may change if he opts to focus on assisting at the track based on Bob William's outcome.
 - James Lockwood (treasurer) is willing to continue.

B. USAC Local Association Conference (Colorado Springs, 9-11 November 2007):

1. Mike Lyner and Dave LaPorte have attended the past 2 annual conferences, and have felt that they were very worthwhile... more from value in networking with other local associations than content of formal presentations by USAC.
2. Mike would like to see Dave LaPorte continue to attend, but would like to offer his former spot (if re-approved) to another person to further spread the knowledge. James Lockwood and Kevin Schaeffer have expressed interest in attending. Mechanism for determining who still to be determined.
3. ACTION: Attendees approved maximum of \$1,200 for 2 people to travel, USAC may reimburse accommodations and/or travel for 1.

C. 2007 Cyclocross Season:

1. Dan Cleary (CX coordinator and CRY scorer) has forwarded suggestion to Mike Lyner's review for a Promoters Guide as well as CRY Series Guidelines. Mike will review and return to Dan this next week for distribution to Promoters and Riders.
2. The season's weekends are full! 8-1/2 weekends, 15 CRY series races, 1 State Championship race, 9 training events, nice gap-less flow into other state's championships and nationals.
3. 3-4 officials needed per event, mainly to ensure scoring gets out efficiently.

D. MN Junior Race Club Grant Request:

1. MnJRC requested money for high-end wheels for the Junior National Championships. Mike Lyner and Dave LaPorte (at least) felt it was not appropriate for YCL or MCF monies to be spent to benefit only one rider, but hopefully should be funded more to ensure ongoing encouragement and coaching.
2. Mike Lyner and Dave LapOrte have offered to meet with the MnJRC Board, as we feel this is a very important matter that we would like to support... appropriately... and ongoing. We are waiting response.

E. Campus Criterium:

1. Tim Hayes representing Grumpy's/Little Guy Racing (promoter) of the crit, expressed joy in how well he felt the race went despite the immediately adjacent 35W Bridge Collapse crime scene ribbons. Gawker-control was a huge

issue for the race. Tim definitely wants to promote a similar race next year, but asked that it be brought forward 1 week, so as not to conflict with Grandview's Firehouse 50.

2. ACTION: Attendees approved the waiver of the \$163 MCF surcharge(while not requested by the promoter) as this is a first promotion for this new club, and as attendance was much lower than similar events previously held in this location.

F. State Championships:

1. The issue of the Time Trial/Criterium double header weekend was raised by Mike Lyner, based on the outcome of the survey placed on the MCF Bulletin Board asking whether the double-header idea for a State Championship was a good idea. (71 respondents = 75% bad, 14% neutral, 11 good)
2. Mike Lyner was asked to discuss the issue with this year's State Criterium promoter (Jay Dworsky, Circuit Sports) and ask if they would be willing to move next year's event later in the year.

G. 2008 ROY Categories

1. Mike Lyner has been approached to investigate the possibility of creating 55+ or 60+ categories in ROY for next year. He has asked Russ Loucks (ROY scorer) to provide statistics (age, category, gender) on ROY participants this year in the hopes of evening out fields for next year -- as some are too large.
2. Russ Loucks is also in the process of re-thinking fields for next year to make it easier for promoters to cope with the size of fields, length of courses, and time necessary to run multiple waves, races, age/ability groups etc.
3. Mike stressed that while needing to attract and retain race promoters, we also have to attract and retain racers... so beginners and old-fart categories are important!

Meeting Ended at 8:30pm

Next Meeting 1st October