



Minnesota Cycling Federation

BI-MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Monday, 2 March 2009 (7:00 – 9:00pm)

Lyngblomsten Senior Center
1415 Almond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108
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(Take Snelling towards the State Fairground main entrance. Turn east at lights on Midway, south on Pascal then east on Almond. Proceed to the second large parking lot on the north side of the road, and enter the building under the Visitor's Entrance canopy.)
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Pres: (Kevin Schaeffer), VP: (Dave LaPorte), Sec: (Mike Lyner), Treasurer: (Camilla Schmitz)

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS (7:00 – 7:05)

A. MCF Clubs Represented:

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| 1. Athlete's Under Construction () | 16. Milltown Cycles () |
| 2. Birchwood (Bill Kosfeld) | 17. Minneapolis Bicycle Racing Club (Camilla Schmitz) |
| 3. Category 6 Racing Squad (Andrew Ruggles) | 18. Minnesota Cycling Team () |
| 4. Chippewa Valley Cycling Club () | 19. Minnesota Junior Cycling () |
| 5. Excel Cycle Club () | 20. NSC Velo Club (David Thimsen) |
| 6. Flat City Cycling Club () | 21. On-Support () |
| 7. Gopher Wheelmen (Dave LaPorte) | 22. Ridley Factory Team () |
| 8. Grandstay Cycling Team () | 23. Rum River Cycling () |
| 9. Great Plains Cycling Club () | 24. Silver Cycling (Russ Loucks) |
| 10. Grumbpy's/LGR () | 25. SpeedFix () |
| 11. GSCA () | 26. St Paul Bicycle Racing Club () |
| 12. Kenwood CC () | 27. Super Team Racing () |
| 13. Lake Superior Cycling Club () | 28. The Hub Cycling League() |
| 14. Loon State Cyclists (Mike Lyner, Bill Nicholson, Kevin Schaeffer) | 29. University of Minnesota Cycling Club () |
| 15. Mid-Minnesota Cycling Club() | 30. Velo Bella () |
| | 31. Unattached (Mike Schlafer) |

APPROVAL of LAST MINUTES (7:05 – 7:06)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (7:06 - 7:10)

- A. USAC Local Association Monthly Teleconference Highlights:
1. Club Renewal deadline approaching: If clubs do not renew their renewing riders will be considered "unattached".

TREASURER'S REPORT (7:10 - 7:15)

- A. Current balances: Checking, savings + 2 CD's = \$26,908
- B. Annual Budget: Kevin Schaeffer asked Camilla to prepare an annual budget for consideration by the next meeting.

TECHNICAL COMMISSION'S REPORT (7:15 - 7:20)

- A. Reminder... 2 Upcoming Officials' Clinics:
1. "C" – Sun 15th Mar REI (Noon-5)
 2. "B" -- 28-29 Mar NSC (9-5)
- B. New Officials: SPBRC offers free membership for members who become officials and who work a certain amount of races.
- C. MOTION (Approved): \$1,000 for misc annual expenses (forms, official's clinics, etc.)

OLD BUSINESS (7:20 - 8:00)

A. MCF Vision/Mission/Goals Retreat Feedback:

1. Marketing & Outreach Subgroup: RFP for Marketing/PR professional services: Awarded to Nomad Marketing (Jason Larson - Marketing) and 3rd Monday (Russ Loucks - Website).
2. Status update:
 - Russ showed StartBikeRacing.com (SBR) and MCF.net (MCF) websites on screen.
 - Some attendees felt that specific required/desired features, mainly for the MCF site, should be documented better to assure we maximize the investment and time. Drew Ruggles offered to pull the Infrastructure subgroup together to compile a list of requirements/suggestions, including the following that were suggested at the meeting:
 - ~ Use the online calendar's back-end database as the "master" schedule, in lieu of having to maintain several versions for distribution to magazines, online calendars, etc., plus having an ability to download the calendar to Outlook.
 - ~ A "Forms" section for local forms (club applications, etc.).
 - Both new SBR and MCF websites presently show a "blog" area requiring regular input. Attendees felt that we need regular content providers for such a feature to work, and suggested that we identify willing volunteers, or else remove or 'placeholder' these sections.
 - Kevin noted that the MCF presently hosts list-serves for several clubs, and that we would need to notify them of any proposed shifts in hosting ASAP.
 - Mike Lyner noted that there are "Road", "Track" and "Cyclocross" sections on the SBR website, but asked that the developers add an "Other" section to include "Mountain", "BMX" and "Tri/Duathlon". Mike would then solicit an official paragraph from USAC explaining that the MCF is a Local Association of USAC, and that the MCF is not contractually bound to coordinate these forms of cycle racing... but then add links to known local and national bodies that do.
3. Internal Infrastructure Subgroup
 - (See MCF website comments above)
4. Events & Promotions Subgroup:
 - ROY Race recommendations (Races, age categories):
 - ~ MOTION (approved): To drop M35+ Cat 3-4.
 - ~ Drew Ruggles suggested removing all Masters categories, having riders race their ability only. No action taken.
 - ROY Races: It was suggested that we remove the additional 2 Stage Races (St Cloud & Alexandria) from ROY, as they are already a series within themselves. (Duluth has already opted out of ROY.) Kevin Schaeffer offered to discuss this with Mike Delaney. This would then leave 5 RR's, 3 TT's and 2 CT's for ROY, which Russ Loucks will confirm shortly as he contacts all promoters.
 - Budget Recommendations: (None presented)

NEW BUSINESS (8:00 - 9:00)

- A. MCF Banquet Feedback (None)
- B. Twin Cities Sports "Keeper Edition" calendar and advertiser acknowledgement discrepancies: The Proposed 2009 MCF Racing Calendar was submitted to TCS before it was finalized, hence several of our races are listed on incorrect dates. We were told that our newest calendar would be the one they post online.
- C. Time Trialist of the Year (TTY): David Thimsen presented details for this years' TTY Series (2 road TT's and 2 track TT's) -- State 40k TT (Jul 25), Black Dog TT (Jul 29), MN Pursuit Champs (Aug 16), MN Sprint TT Champs (Aug 16). Details will be posted online soon. MOTION (Approved): MCF should adopt this series, and provide awards at year end.
- D. State Tandem Time Trial: Benita Warns asked if the tandem portion of the State TT could be moved from the State TT date (Jul 25) to the team Time Trial date (Aug 8). Those present felt that it should remain with the State TT as it has always been.
- E. Silent Sports Dates: Kevin Schaeffer asked if the
- F. Nature Valley Grand Prix: DL asked if each MCF Club would be willing to "adopt a team" for accommodations during the event; and he would continue the discussion at the next meeting.
- G. Promoter's Clinic: A while back the possibility of a Promoter's Clinic similar to last years was presented, with a tentative Mar 8 date set. No-one stepped up to organize this event so it has been cancelled.
- H. USAC Results and Rankings: At Kevin Schaeffer's suggestion Mike Schlafer attended the meeting to discuss why the MCF was not submitting results regularly to the USAC, and what he might be able to do to help. A lengthy discussion string exists on the MCF Bulletin Board regarding this matter. Russ Loucks stated that he had submitted ROY results to USAC 2 years ago, did not last year, but will next. The main issue is (until we use online registration exclusively) getting racers to print their names, clubs and license numbers legibly when they registering for races. It takes the promoters way too much time, with no perceived benefit, to submit to USAC.

ATTACHMENTS:

Meeting ended at 9:10 pm

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