

NCNCA Board Meeting Minutes 9/26/11

Livermore, CA, Courtyard Marriott, Constitution Ave.

Attending: Tad Borek, Robert Leibold, Keith DeFiebre, Bill Nicely, Eric Peterson, Ken Hernandez, Warren Geissert (not initially). Guests: Ted Fisher, Roger Marquis.

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by President Nicely.

August Meeting Minutes: (Nicely, DeFiebre) **Approved** 6-0

Mixing of Masters Categories: (Marquis Proposal) A proposal to not allow races in NCNCA to mix Cat 4 and or Cat 5 with other masters groups.

Discussion: Nicely: It is current policy of the NCNCA to discourage promoters from having Cat 5 Masters race with 1/2/3 Masters. Marquis/DeFiebre: Problems at District Road Masters Championships (Fort Ord) in mixed 45+ category.

Borek: Problem at Mt Tam of a 55+5 not wanting to ride in Cat 5 (if not allowed to ride in a 55+ 1/2/3/4/5 race). Fisher: As permit coordinator, is trying to cut down on the problem with suggestions to promoters. DeFiebre: Problem of a 45+4 rider not wanting to ride with Cat 4 ("elite") if not allowed to ride with 45+ 1/2/3. We have pretty good records of accidents (incidents) for two years, and they don't necessarily show accidents caused by beginning Masters in mixed groups.

Marquis: Learned Skills/experience are important, category matters. Not all incidents are reported. Hernandez: With NCNCA mentoring and training, things are improving. Nicely: More riders than in the past are starting out training on their own or on machines, and are coming to pack races with little experience in pack riding. Fisher: Accidents this year don't support a ban? **Tabled** to further discussion at future meeting; Marquis will take a look at current NCNCA policy and ask Board members to look at his proposal for suggestions.

USAC Local Association Contract: Borek: Main suggested change: As the role of the NCNCA in the permit process from beginning to end is critical to what the USAC does, USAC should reinstate the District Rep program, with a local USAC paid person in the District handling the permit process, rather than paying the NCNCA to do it, for among others, safety and liability reasons. Fisher: Permit Coordinator's job is sometimes easy, sometimes ours and hours. 500+ hours over the past 7 months. Question: Just what is the permit coordinator expected to do? Geissert: Just do the permit and give the potential promoters written materials instead of personally answering all the questions – a FAQ list? Nicely and Fisher: PC needs to work with promoters to improve them and the events for the good of the sport and the district. Borek: Should this be an employee or independent contractor? We need to get more reimbursement funds from USAC to pay for this...A cut of official's licenses, pro and international licenses (and mtn bikes, if we offer services?). We take in \$42,000 from USAC annually, and need to show how we are spending more than that in district on those services. **Tabled**

Junior Points Series: Proposal: (Nicely, Borek) NCNCA to provide \$468.63 for jerseys and trophies for the JPS. This was not included in the budget for this year, though has been in prior years. They would also like to have a longer series next year. **Approved**, 7-0

Equipment: Proposal (Nicely, Geissert) to purchase 3 battery backup power sources for the 3 sets of NCNCA camera/computers, a maximum of \$600.

Approved 7-0.

Election Process: **Bylaw/Constitution Change Proposal: Approved** by clubs, 35-0, **Ratified** (Nicely, DeFiebre) by Board, 7-0. Elections will be in October. Nominations for Board must be submitted by October 4, and the Vote by member clubs will be from Oct 5-19. Meeting of New Board will be October 24. Letter from Nicely to clubs*.

Sponsorship Proposal: (Nicely) Pactimo has presented a sponsorship proposal for the District Championship jerseys for 2012-2013. Both Voler and Squadra were asked to submit proposals. Eric from the SCNCA authorized NCNCA to negotiate for both districts to improve our position. Details: 1) Based on 2010 product sales, this deal would be worth a little over \$6,000 annually (split between SCNCA and NCNCA – I did not have separate numbers). It is safe to assume between 3-4K in rebates for NCNCA; 2) 30 free mentoring jerseys; 3) 10 free State Champ Jerseys to be used for podium shots at all Championship events (we would mail them around); 4) A separate NCNCA store for our Champions to purchase clothing; 5) Discounts on other items purchased (Mentor bibs??). Value of Voler program is \$1,000. Voler is now the official USAC sponsor of State Championship jerseys, but money from that sponsorship now goes to USAC, not NCNCA and other local associations. Borek: Is our income from this sponsorship taxable? Why did we not do an open bid for jerseys?

Proposal: (Nicely, Geissert) Accept Pactimo proposal with three changes (DeFiebre, Borek): 1) 1 year, not two; 2) removing sole provider language; 3) resolving \$.99 issue in the pricing. Borek: Is it a Conflict of interest for Nicely to negotiate this sponsorship because his club is sponsored by Pactimo?

Discussion (heated). **Proposal** (Amendment) (Borek, Geissert) to not allow Nicely to vote on this issue due to conflict of interest. **Denied** 1-4-2. Vote on original proposal (Pactimo sponsorship) **Approved** 6-0 -1 abstention (Nicely).

Scheduling Meeting in November: Nicely and Geissert to work on procedures for scheduling.

NCNCA Job Descriptions: Available at October Meeting

USAC Local Associations Meeting: 1st weekend in November. **Proposal:** (Nicely, Hernandez) NCNCA to fund three air flights to Colorado for meeting, for Nicely, Borek and Fisher. **Approved** 7-0.

Times-7 Chip Timing: Long Discussion on problems with Times-7 and cancellation of contract. Sense is that Times-7 system is not working and is not accomplishing the goals set by the NCNCA. **Proposal:** NCNCA cancel the contract with Times-7 (Nicely, Geissert). **Approved** 5-2. **Proposal:** (Geissert, DeFiebre) Appoint Nicely to negotiate terms of cancellation with Times-7. Bill will check with attorney on procedure of cancellation. Maybe Times-7 will work with local promoters instead. **Approved** 7-0.

New Business:

Results: (Hernandez) We need some way to encourage/require promoters to get results into NCNCA, and to submit paperwork and payments to NCNCA and USAC. Proposal next meeting.

Cyclocross Promoters: (Nicely). Only one CX series in district is currently USAC, and paying all USAC fees; unjust burden? **Proposal:** (Nicely, Geissert) NCNCA to sponsor Central Coast CX series for \$1,000 for this season.

Approved 7-0-2 abstentions.

Next Meeting: October 24, Seating of New Board, Livermore, 7pm

Scheduling Meeting: November 14

*Letter to clubs regarding Nominations:

NCNCA Member Club Delegate,

The Northern California Nevada Cycling Association (NCNCA) is set up to promote amateur bicycle racing in Northern California and Nevada by coordinating an organized and balanced race calendar, managing the Points and Premier Series Competitions, managing the rider upgrade process, permitting various races and events, ensuring officials are assigned to events, and by fostering effective communication between all riders, clubs, promoters and fans. Active participation in this organization by all clubs is crucial to ensuring successful and enjoyable race seasons for all participants.

Currently, the NCNCA is accepting nominations for its nine electable Board of Directors positions. Since the recent measure to conduct elections in October rather than November passed unanimously, nominations must be submitted by October 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM, to be voted on from October 5 through October 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM. Elected officers will begin serving their one-year term October 23, 2011, ending on October 28, 2012.

In order to be eligible to run for a board position, one must be at least 18 years old and a resident of California or Nevada. Please submit your nominations to include:

- 1) Your Full Name
- 2) NCNCA Member Club you represent
- 3) Full Name of Candidate
- 4) Email Address of Candidate

Send nominations by email to the NCNCA Secretary, Robert Leibold, at secretary@ncnca.org

Thank you,

Bill Nicely

President, NCNCA