

NCNCA February 2013 Minutes

February 25, 2013

Attending:

Board – Keith DeFeibre, Kristin Hill, Ted Fisher, Mike Hardaway, Carlos Soto, Marc Franklin, Tim Burgess. Absent – Ryan Fu, Robert Leibold.

Guests: Eric Petersen; Steve Rosenfeld.

Public Comments:

Eric Petersen – NCNCA should start assisting the Collegiate races on equipment. The WCCC equipment is inadequate. NCNCA could possibly buy them a camera or give them an old one. They need basic signs and cones. And they need help publicizing the open events they host, as they've had poor turnout for non-collegiate categories.

Eric also mentioned that Jonathan Boyer's mother recently passed away and suggested sending a sympathy card.

Presidential Comments (DeFeibre):

- Will send a sympathy card to Jonathan Boyer, a longtime NCNCA racer and hall of fame member.
- Great start to the season, with lots of racers and great weather overall

Minutes of the January Meeting – were reviewed, and approved with the amendment that the matter referred to the Safety committee was in reference to the Early Bird Road Race, not the Early Bird Training series. Further that it was for a general review of weather related safety concerns (per board email discussion), more than just one race.

Minutes Approved: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed, and 1 Abstention

Old Business:

Moto Ref Clinic (Fisher):

- The Moto Referee Clinic was a great success, as was the Caravan Clinic on day two of that weekend. USAC was impressed by the strong turnout and is considering modeling this for other districts.
- New Moto Referees are already interning
- As a side note, Andrea Brunelli at USAC is becoming very efficient and adaptable to meet the district's insuring needs
- A Moto A Level Clinic is coming this Spring/Summer, with Carla Geyer as one of the instructors.

USADA/USAC (DeFeibre):

- USAC is moving forward on discussions with USADA. They want the District to make our racers aware that ANY licensee can be tested at any event.
- A Press Release on the testing program should be coming out soon as soon as the two agencies work out details.

Officer Reimbursement (DeFeibre):

- Phone costs are rising for several Board officers due to high call volumes. Reimbursement may be needed.

Competition Committee

1) Jr. Points Series (Hill):

- Amendment to the series rules to only count in-District racers when assigning points for finishing order in JPS races. Proposed by xxx, Seconded by xxx. Passed 5-1-1

2) Women Racing in Open Master's Fields (Hill):

- A discussion was started about the confusion at a recent race about the eligibility of Master's Women racers to race up in age and/or Category in Open Masters (Men's) fields. The matter was referred to the Official's Committee to remind officials of those rules, and possibly to provide a simple write up of them for Race Directors and registration staff.

3) Premier Series Rules (DeFiebre):

- Discussion of rules updates to the Premier Series proposed to establish or clarify tie-breakers, and make the rules more consistent. After extensive discussion, motion to approve the amendments by DeFiebre, Seconded by Burgess. Motion Passed 5-1-1
- Adding a second field. Recently, with fields filling up rapidly at many events, at least one Premier Series race category had a second field added at Snelling. It was felt that this could create unfair race situations. The following rule was proposed:
 - "In a racing event, where there are duplicate fields in a given category, only one is eligible for Series Points."
 - Motion by DeFiebre, Seconded by Fisher. Motion Passed 7-0-0

Safety Committee (Hill):

- Committee members had expressed concerns that they could be personally sued. The matter was raised to NCNCA's attorney who indicated that yes, anyone can sue anyone. But it would be silly to sue individuals with limited assets, instead NCNCA and/or USAC would be the target of suits as they have money and make decisions based on committee recommendations.

Mentors Committee (Soto):

- Mentors are getting out to races

Official's Committee (Hardaway):

- The Official's Committee will have a meeting in March

Promoter's Committee (Fisher):

- Working on a phone conference for the committee

Women's Committee (Hill):

- Wants to remind Race Directors that Women Category 4 racers are eligible for prizes. Only Category 5 men are not. Matter referred to the President and VP to discuss how to encourage reasonable prize parity, as well as remind Race Directors that W4s are eligible for prizes.
- Women's Racing Survey - results are out and the raw data was shared by email with the board.
- Discussion of an "All Women" field (categories 1-4), and whether that's appropriate or advisable. Matter referred to the Competition Committee for further discussion.

Collegiate Racing (DeFiebre):

- WCCC hosted races are on our calendar, both conference only events as well as ones with open categories.
- Further discussion occurred on how to work on scheduling issues. Matter referred to Kristin Hill to work with Ericacea, the WCCC coordinator on this.
- It was suggested to recruit the WCCC teams as NCNCA member clubs. Maybe add a Collegiate page to the NCNCA website
- Kristin as VP designated to take the lead on WCCC issues in general.

Competition Committee (Franklin):

- Committee Members are: Laurelee Fenech; Justin Morgan; Keith DeFiebre; Warren ; Tim Westmore
- Requested suggestions of topics for the committee to review: For example the Women's committee referral; Points Series rules; rules for other Race Directors; looking for what race groupings aren't being offered.

Membership Committee (Hill):

- NCNCA currently has 86 members, a slight decline from 2012

More Old Business:

State Championship Clothing (DeFiebre):

- Pactimo is out, discussed changing to Voler. Voler will provide 30 championship jerseys, to be delivered in 4 weeks. Free Podium jerseys (for photos), as well sizing jerseys.
- 25% Champions discount, and will keep jerseys in stock. Also offering special Junior sizes.
- Motion to approve the move to Voler by DeFiebre, 2nded by Burgess. Motion Passed 7-0-0

Executive Session –

Series Being Added to the Website (DeFiebre):

- Boneshaker Series is not currently on the website and it was discussed whether to allow it on as the series results were not current on their own website.
- Issue referred to competition committee to review standards for posting series to the website

State Championships:

Sattley – Elite and Masters ITT

Dunlop – TTT and Junior ITT

Menlo Park GP – Women's Elite and Masters Criterium

Salinas Crit – Junior Criterium

Red Kite # ? – Master's Criterium

Fremont Peak – Hill Climb

Mt. Hamilton RR – Elite and Masters RR (NCNCA may provide a Motor Ref)

Dunnigan Hills – Jr. RR

Championships Still needed:

Elite Criterium – bids from Oakland GP; Giro de San Francisco, Vacaville, and Watsonville Strawberry Festival Criterium

Move to Adjourn - 7-0-0