

April 13, 2009 – BOD Meeting Minutes

4/13/09 Concord, CA

Attending: Alec Berger, Casey Kerrigan, Ken Hernandez, Robert Leibold (toward end: Tom Simpson, Alec Simpson). On Line: Lorri Lown, Lynn Menard

Called to Order: 7:45 pm

President (Kerrigan): USAC is trying to put screws to non-USAC organized events, by saying that non-USAC events will no longer count for USAC upgrades. (does this apply to track? - few USAC track events exist). 180 more riders in NCNCA territory than last year - continued growth, including 45 more international licenses. Collegiates are up a bit, and officials are down a bit. USAC does not like the way we start potential motor officials off. Motor C clinics must be run by USAC people (few in country, and few clinics), and we should not have trainee motor people on the courses. Shawn Mehaffey and John Bolton are informing new potential motor refs. Another Cat C official's clinic to be held April 26 in Soulsbyville by Leibold.

Website (Berger): Adding flyers button to calendar, so that riders can get race info before registration opens. MTB list getting better and longer. Series events confusing, need lists from promoters. NorCal High School MTB events are on calendar. Officials' Clinic are on front page and clinics page. Alec needs January Meeting minutes to post.

Secretary (Leibold): March meeting minutes approved as published with two spelling changes: Hard Card, not Hard Cad, and Orange Vests, not ornage vests.

Equipment (Leibold): Large format barricade prices still in process, looking for best deal. Trailer info will come from Simpson? New clock/lapcards set with Alec Simpson [see later in this meeting]. Old display clock needs new battery; new one on AC power and much easier to use.

BAR/BAT (Hernandez): updated to Hanford Crit now, through March by end of week.

Treasurer (Lown): financial reports sent out to Board members today. Total cash \$92,000; on budget so far for this year.

Marketing (Menard): nothing new to report

Old Business: Chip timing systems discussion: proposal (Simpson) to adopt Winning Time system dies for lack of second, group prefers to see AMB and Hard Card in action first. Discussion items: Promoter would have to provide for additional personnel (3-4 extra at reg, 3-4 at chip removal station?) plus staff/operators. Questions of better mounting system for Winning Time chips, and of waste for Hard Card "throw away" chips (and \$4 per use costs). Deposits or held credit cards or licenses to insure return of rental chips? Personnel and time delay in reg lines for chip use. Should we start with

several races this year, only one or two categories each race to get everyone used to the system that we do buy? Should we start with cyclocross? Will most riders buy their own chips to use throughout the year? (~\$35 for Winning Time, ~\$90 for AMB). Active vs Passive system pros and cons. The Lynx photofinish system was integrated with a chip system at the San Francisco Twilight Criterium in September. Quicker, better results with the least extra rider/registration/organizer time is the preferred result. Discussion to be continued next meeting.

New Business: Demonstration of ease of use of the new electronic lap card/clock system by Alec Simpson. Even Leibold was able to use it after a bit. (!) Problem: The 100+ pound case for the clock/lap card system is massive, the size (and half the height) of a large office desk. - hard to transport?

Adjournment: 9:24 pm

Next Meeting: May 11, 7pm, Marie Callender's Restaurant, Diamond Way, Concord.