

NCNCA Association Meeting

4/19/10 Marriott Courtyard, Merced, CA

Attending: Bill Nicely, Ron Castia, Robert Leibold

On Line: Ken Hernandez, Katherine Hamilton, Rick Adams, Ann Findlay, Elizabeth Hernandez Jones, Eric Peterson, Janice Goodrich, John Gerling, Paula Mara, Ryan Fu, Lorri Lown, Chris Phipps, George Meilahn

BAR/BAT program: (K. Hernandez) – in process; catching up.

BOD Report: **Standing Committees:**

- Grants (Castia) meeting Tuesday

- Safety (Hamilton)

- Directors Reports:

 - VP Road (Phipps)

 - Changes in Road Schedule

 - Chico Stage Race now June 26-27

 - Gold Nugget June 25-27 cancelled for 2010

 - Taleo (Benicia) TT moving to July 25

 - VP Mtn/Cross (DeFiebre) No report

 - VP Tech (Nicely)

 - Has hired a company to redo website – in process – four month timeline; will be user friendly and have more info

 - VP Medical/Safety (Hamilton)

 - USAC Catastrophic insurance is impacted by more riders without their own insurance – More info is needed on website to provide licensees with info on what to do after an accident (insurance, forms, procedure, etc). Paula Mara has info; Castia will follow up.

Advisory Committees:

Officials' Committee: (Ryan Fu)

- Calaveras TT being reworked.

- Maximum Field Limit info repeated:

 - 1) Cat 4 Women or Cat 5 Men by themselves: limit of 50 riders

 - 2) Above groups mixed with others (Cat 4/5 men, etc): limit of 75

 - 3) Other groups, if not stated, default limit of 100

- Fu will be out of state from May 4-10

- 9 officials took motor ref course in March (Thanks to Luca!) (not all will be motors)

- Jeff Wu has now made it to National Road Commissaire

- Upgrading for Officials:

 - Regional C class and test are easy

 - Regional B class and test are more involved; practice in various positions needed

- Recent issue: Shortages of officials for multiple race days. First time this year: 6 races in one weekend (increasing number of events is a problem). 100 officials in district, only 30 are really active. Ideas? More clinics needed; ways to make officiating more attractive.

Competition Group (future committee?) to work with promoters to mediate problems of too many races = not enough officials. What is the process for resolving multiple race day problems? When to deny a race permit based on officiating needs. So far, it is based on established races (thus Chico was not good for June 12-13, but worked on June 26-27, after Gold Nugget cancelled). How many officials available helps make determination.

Track Committee: (Rick Adams): Tuesday night events have transitioned to USAC status.

Wednesday night series is USAC as well.

- Ryan Fu has been getting officials to the track.

- No negative feedback about USAC status

Juniors (Meilahn): Junior Points Series is 1/3 of the way through for the year

Participating riders:

--40 riders in 10-14 age group

--35 in 15-16

--50 in 17-18

All Junior championships are set

18 riders in Jr Track event

21 Jrs in Salinas criterium

District Junior Crit Championships will have a Junior 4-5 event (Tieni Duro)

National Junior Road Championships entry opening this week

{Question from Online: Why is Masters Crit Championships so early (May 2)? Answer from Castia: because only one race bid for the championships. Comment: Championships should be more technical, not four corners. Answer from Rick Adams: clubs can bid for their race to be Championships.}

Safety Committee (Jess Raphael): 5 concrete proposals coming to the Board in the next few weeks. Raphael commends Castia for Masters Districts race.

Proposal: Membership Vote to add Ken Hernandez (BAR/BAT VP) and Rick Adams (Track VP) to the Board. Both passed with no negative votes (or abstentions).

Confirmation: Challenge Road Race (Sept 4) is Elite 1/2/3 and U23, Women's 1/2 and WU23, and Cate 4 Championships for 2010. (Decided at March 29 Board Meeting)

{Katherine Hamilton Question: Is Paula Mara willing to speak to the crash protocol? What do racers do if they've crashed at a race? (relating to Insurance). Ryan Fu answers: Promoter and Chief Ref file an occurrence report with USAC. The rider gets a form from the insurance co. (Philadelphia Ins.) and turns that in. This is secondary insurance; riders must have their own first. Fu will provide link. Castia will call in and get more info on this issue – particularly about non-insured riders. Paula says that is up to the Chief Refs to be sure that occurrence reports are sent in.}

{Ken Hernandez wants to see a list of all the District Championships on the website. Chris Phipps please send list to Bill to post.}

Meeting Minutes needed for past three meetings (2 BOD and one Association)

{Jess Rapahel: Masters Crit Championships are so early this year; is this a gyp for some winners as far as discounted entry fees for the year? As the "free" entry (all but surcharges) is voluntary by clubs, we can only encourage promoters to honor the discount later; but only the current Champion can wear the jersey in races.}

{Lorri Lown: Can the NCNCA set deadlines or brackets about when each Championships can be held? Technically yes, perhaps these can be set before Scheduling meeting to help guide promoters. Competition Committee to work on above. Clubs are doing great, lots of races. Jess Raphael would like to be on competition committee.}

Adjourned: 8:04 pm