

MCF BI-MONTHLY MEETING

7 January 2008

7:00 - 9:00pm

Lyngblomsten Senior Center
1415 Almond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

(651) 646-2941

(Just east of the State Fairground entrance on Snelling Ave)

Facilitator: Kevin Schaeffer (President)

Note Taker: James Lockwood (Treasurer)

ATTENDEES

A. MCF Clubs:

1. Athlete's Under Construction ()
2. Bike Club ()
3. **Birchwood (James Lockwood, Bill Kosfeld)**
4. **Category 6 Racing Squad (Steven Gray)**
5. Chippewa Valley Cycling Club ()
6. Excel Cycle Club ()
7. Flat City Cycling Club ()
8. **Gopher Wheelmen (Dave LaPorte)**
9. Grandstay Cycling Team ()
10. Great Plains Cycling Club ()
11. **Grumpy's/LGR (Tim Hayes)**
12. GSCA ()
13. Kenwood CC ()
14. Lake Superior Cycling Club ()
15. **Loon State Cyclists (Bill Nicholson, Kevin Schaeffer)**
16. Make Shift Bicycle Club ()
17. Mid-Minnesota Cycling Club()
18. Midwest Women's Bicycle Racing Team ()
19. Milltown Cycles ()
20. Minneapolis Bicycle Racing Club ()
21. Minnesota Cycling Team ()
22. Minnesota Junior Cycling ()
23. **NSC Velo Club (Dave Thimsen)**
24. On-Support ()
25. Peace Coffee ()
26. Ridley Factory Team ()
27. Rum River Cycling ()
28. SE Minnesota Velo - Velo Rochester ()
29. SE Minnesota Velo - Women on Wheels ()
30. **Silver Cycling (Russ Loucks)**
31. SpeedFix ()
32. **St Paul Bicycle Racing Club (Tim Laberge)**
33. Super Team Racing ()
34. The Hub Cycling League()
35. The Hut Cycling Team ()
36. University of Minnesota Cycling Club ()
37. Velo Bella ()
38. Unknown ()

APPROVAL of LAST MINUTES

A. Approved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 7:00 - 7:01

A. Kevin Schaeffer - First Act as President - Meeting will finish on time (which it almost did)

TREASURER'S REPORT 7:02 - 7:25

- A. James Lockwood: Recent activity: payments of \$1,200 for Awards and \$400 for LA Conference.
- B. Motion by Tim Laberge to invest MCF funds in 2, \$5,0000 5-month CD's staggered at 2.5 month intervals. Seconded by Steve Gray and passed.
- C. Discussion of creating a budget - determined this was dependent on creation of MCF strategic plan.

TECHNICAL COMMISSION'S REPORT 7:25 - 7:30

A. Year-to-Date:

- 1. Bruce Braesemle was absent.

B. Outlook:

- 1. Local Officials clinic pending.
- 2. The Illinois Cycling Association is sponsoring an introductory officials clinic in the discipline of BMX racing Feb 10, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois. Anyone interested in attending this clinic contact David Fowkes, Technical Director, Illinois Cycling Association, blazinsaddle@sbcglobal.net.

OLD BUSINESS 7:30 - 8:30

A. Banquet:

- 1. January 27th at Grumpy's in downtown Minneapolis. Tim Hayes has secured the location and will provide food for 200 guests. He is suggesting a \$5 donation to go to the Mark Loesch fund.
- 2. Kevin Schaeffer requested that each team bring a jersey to hang/display.

B. Bike Swap:

- 1. Bike Swap is scheduled for February 10, 2008. Mark Verhulst of GSCA and Bob Williams from the NSC velo club are the co-promoters. The swap will be held at the National Sports Center.
- 2. They are looking into the possibility of changing the Bike Swap date to the October timeframe; they have an opportunity to utilize a building on the State Fairgrounds. Would like to find a way to work this in with the cyclo cross season so there is a minimum impact on the cx schedule.

C. MCF Vision/Mission/Goals Retreat

- 1. Kevin Schaeffer will spearhead search for consultant/facilitator. Bill Nicholson and Tim Laberge both passed on contact info to Kevin.
- 2. David Laporte offered to help check references on qualified candidates.

D. 2008 ROY Categories:

- 1. Russ Loucks confirmed the 2008 ROY categories, he is going to add a Masters Women category as well.

-) add Masters Women Category
- b) juniors remain the same
- c) men 1/2 field
- d) men 3 field
- e) men 4 field
- f) masters 35+ 3/4
- g) masters 35+ open
- h) masters 50+

- 2. Russ will be identifying Race Promoters to set which races are ROY.

E. 2008 Racing Calendar:

1. State Crit has been moved from June 8th to July 27th by Jay Dworsky the race promoter. This fits nicely into the schedule.
2. Andy Kruse - SpeedFix Racing is looking to host a criterium in Bloomington held in conjunction with Bloomington City Festival. Most likely date is June 30th. The schedule is extremely full the last weekend of June through the First Weekend of July. It was suggested that this racing could be promoted together as a "Super-Week". Kevin Schaeffer will notify the promoters to see if they are willing to pursue this possibility.

NEW BUSINESS 8:30 - 9:00

A. Improved MCF Web presence:

1. Tone Coughlin has volunteered to be the webmaster for www.mcf.net. The site is in need of updating. Discussed that Tone would create the new site, but not be in control of the content. He will be asked to put together a strategic plan, list the components/tools, and come up with a prototype for review at a MCF meeting.

B. MCF Member Clubs:

1. Kevin Schaeffer has sent out forms to the club contacts for MCF Clubs in 2008. Please return them to him if you have not yet done so.

C. North-Central Regional Junior Championships:

1. Kirk Albers, the Ohio Racing Association President is looking into holding North-Central Regional Junior Championships August 16-17 in Columbus Ohio. Any junior riders interested in more details should notify Kevin Schaeffer, he is going to inform Kirk on the Minnesota interest in this event.

D. Twin Cities Sports: Sponsorship Opportunity for the MCF:

1. Jason Lardy (Nomad Marketing) informed the MCF that the Twin Cities Sports paper is looking for a sponsor for the annual schedule edition. For \$750 the MCF will get a 3 full-page layout. The Layout will have a cover page, the MCF schedule and then a page to promote startbikeracing.com.
2. The motion was made that the MCF jump on this opportunity as this paper is read metro wide by tri-athletes and runners and fellow cyclists. The content has to be to TCS by Monday January 14th. James Lockwood and Peter Anderson are going to work with Matt Moses to get the content to the paper on time. The motion was approved and carried.
3. *[Note: There was a misunderstanding on the cost, the offer of \$750 was rescinded by TCS, but Jason Lardy was able to negotiate \$1,000 versus the \$1,750 that was requested so the MCF is still going forward with this opportunity.]*

E. Cat 6 State Fairground Criterium Series:

1. Steve Gray from Cat 6 Racing inquired about the process that Cat 6 needs to follow to request a loan for deposit money to hold the Fairground Crit series June 3, 10 and 17. The state fairgrounds will charge \$1,200 per night and Cat 6 would like to request \$500 per night for a loan of \$1,500.
2. The MCF members present asked Steve to put together a proposal with a race budget that he will present at the February Meeting.

Attachments:

None