



Minnesota Cycling Federation

BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, 4 August 2008
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Lyngblomsten Senior Center
1415 Almond Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108
(651) 646-2941

(Take Snelling towards the State Fairground main entrance. Turn east at lights on Midway, south on Pascal then east on Almond. Proceed to the second large parking lot on the north side of the road, and enter the building under the Visitor's Entrance canopy.)

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President: Kevin Schaeffer
Vice President: Dave LaPorte

Secretary: Mike Lyner
Treasurer: Maria Stewart (absent)

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS (7:00 – 7:05)

A. MCF Clubs Represented (Introductions):

1. Athlete's Under Construction ()
2. Bike Club ()
3. **Birchwood (Bill Kosfeld)**
4. Category 6 Racing Squad ()
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 ()
12. GSCA ()
13. Kenwood CC ()
14. Lake Superior Cycling Club ()
15. **Loon State Cyclists (Kevin Schaeffer, Mike Lyner)**
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 (Kevin Lennon)**
22. Minnesota Junior Cycling ()
23. NSC Velo Club ()
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 ()
31. **SpeedFix (Andy Kruse)**
32. **St Paul Bicycle Racing Club (Mark Manzella)**
33. Super Team Racing ()
34. **The Hub Cycling League (Joel Cahalan, Paul McKinney)**
35. The Hut Cycling Team ()
36. University of Minnesota Cycling Club ()
37. Velo Bella ()

APPROVAL of LAST MINUTES (7:05 – 7:06)

- A. Approved with the following exception

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (7:06 - 7:10)

- A. USAC Local Association Monthly Teleconference Feedback: No MCF member attended the last meeting, but details will be posted to website.

TREASURER'S REPORT (7:10 - 7:20)

- A. Maria Stewart has filled the position, but was not available to attend tonight.
- B. The Quicken file has been received from James Lockwood with transactions dating back to 2004. Based on a 60-day trial period, the MCF may open a Quicken Online account (in lieu of the present Mac desktop version which need to be converted to a PC version for some) to enable several "permitted" people to access the same account information.

- C. An annual report of Income and Expense by Category will be produced soon to assist in providing a starting place for creating a budget for our 2009 season.
- D. (No financial data available for meeting.)

TECHNICAL COMMISSION'S REPORT (7:20 - 7:30)

- A. Bruce Brasaemle is out of town
- B. Still have a shortage of officials
- C. CX race schedule has been forwarded to officials to sign up
- D. USAC recommended mileage reimbursement increased to \$0.48/mile

OLD BUSINESS (7:30 - 8:15)

- A. MCF Vision/Mission/Goals Retreat:
 - 1. Mike Lyner has found a facilitator: Patrick Costello from LeaderSource (Korn/Ferry International) who has offered pro-bono services
 - 2. Initially hoping to hold one-day event in Aug/Sep, may now be Oct/Nov (in time to make an effect on 2009 planning)
 - 3. Club Presidents (or other designated representative of club) may be sent a brief web-based survey from facilitator and MCF Exec Committee will be interviewed in next 4-6 weeks, to prepare facilitator for one-day session.
 - 4. Metro area location will be secured, possibly REI Community Room if available.
 - 5. ACTION: Mike Lyner to contact facilitator to schedule his available dates, knowing that it will most likely conflict with a CX event.
- B. 2008 Racing Calendar:
 - 1. CX schedule re-vamped with promoters and published by Dan Cleary
 - 2. Experiencing some issues securing permits from Minneapolis Park Board (Theo Wirth - event conflicts; Boom Island - construction; Powderhorn - complaints)
- C. MCF Website:
 - 1. Host service has notified MCF of bandwidth/data limit issues
 - 2. File attachment capabilities may have to be terminated, but not links to files hosted on other sites
 - 3. May also need to limit features such as rotating photos, etc.
 - 4. Perpetual replacement (updating) of race flyers is causing officiating problems.

NEW BUSINESS (8:15 - 9:00)

- A. Approved Race Clinics for Men's Cat 5-4 Upgrade Points [Women's 4-3 also?]
 - 1. Kevin Lennon proposed that the Minnesota Road Racing Academy become MCF's exclusive USAC Local Association "Sanctioned Rider Education Clinic" for upgrade credit, per new 2008 USAC Rulebook guideline ("Local Associations may also establish policies where upgrade credit is given for taking a sanctioned rider education clinic." <http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=580>.)
 - Participation in rider education clinics is going down
 - Skillsets of [entry-level] riders is degrading
 - Exclusivity requested due to costs of program, time invested, and the fact that KL helped to negotiate rule addition over past 3 years. Doesn't stop other programs existing, but MRRA would be the only LA "sanctioned" clinic for upgrade credit
 - 2. Mark Manzella from St Paul Bicycle Racing Club also requested that SPBRC's Road Race Clinic be granted LA Approved Program status.
 - 3. Discussion raised the following points:
 - Agreed that such a program could be beneficial for race safety
 - Other attendees weren't comfortable granting exclusivity
 - Felt that any program satisfying minimal requirements should be granted LA Approval status (KL asked that MCF Board suggest names of who should compile such requirements, but that Matt Anderson should be included as he is the person who presently grants upgrades)

- Only 5 of the 10 required race participation credits could be gained through active participation in clinics; remaining credit must be gained through USAC sanctioned races
- 4. ACTION: A list of “content approvers” was to be formed, and people were encouraged to go back to their clubs and discuss the exclusivity portion of this request ready for discussion at the next (October) MCF Meeting.
- B. Dave LaPorte’s Nomination to USAC Board of Trustees (Midwest Region): Dave let MCF know that he has been nominated for this position, together with Gordy Paulson. He felt that he could represent the promoter’s perspective, which is not well covered presently.
- C. MCF Attendance at USAC Local Association Summit in Colorado Springs next November: Mike Lyner requested approval for 2 MCF Board Members to attend the summit per past 3 years. MOTION (Approved): Kevin Lennon proposed \$2,000 be approved, with MCF Board deciding which 2 of the 4 should attend.

MEETING ENDED at 9:20pm

ATTACHMENTS

- A. MRRRA Proposal
- B. SPBRC Racing Clinic Proposal

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