

**Wisconsin Cycling Association**  
**2006 Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Delafield Brewhaus – January 22, 2006**

Present:

Michael Weber	IS Corp
Lowell Kellogg	Team Hobby Racer
Kristin Wentworth	IS Corp
Petar Tomich	Fox Valley Cycling Club
Ben Lund	Endeavour
Bill Ochowicz	IS Corp
John Van Susteren	LAPT/WCA Board Member
Rick Olson	LAPT
Barry Humiston	LAPT
Jeff Littmann	Team WI
Diane Ostenso	Spring St. Sports
Dave Eckel	Team WI
Andy Reiland	Team WI
Aaron Schindler	Velocity
Bob Henry	Team WI
Rita Glumm	LAPT
Nick Holbus	1% More/Beans & Barley/WCA
Board Member	
Jeff Thompson	1% More/Beans & Barley
Gregg Corleuski	1% More/Beans & Barley
Otto Wenz	Superweek
Rich Weiss	Photo Finish Plus
Randy Radish	Safe & Sound Cycling/City of
Waukesha	
Craig Heywood	USCF Official
Carl Wilkins	USCF Official
Mike Hanley	USA Cycling Regional
Representative	
Larry Kilduff	IS Corp/WCA Board Secretary
Rebecca Anderson	America's Dairyland/Board
President	
Gordon Paulson	Spring St. Sports/WCA Board Vice
President	
Amy Miller	Board Treasurer
Steve Roeder	Velo Trocadero
Chris Setter	CZ Velo/WCA Board member
John Ericsson	Brazen Dropouts/WCA Board
member	
Jerry Pearce	Hampshire Cycle Club/Cross
Committee	
John Pringle	
Bob Schuler	Hampshire Cycle Club
David Knauf	UW Whitewater
Ben Milano	UW Whitewater
Kurt Otter	1% More/Beans & Barley
Mary Coats	UW Madison
Steve Knurr	UW Madison

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 and R. Anderson asked for introductions of all present.

### **Board Election**

The first item of business was the election of the Board. All WCA Clubs in good standing approved the board officers and at large members. The 2006 WCA Board of Directors is:

President: Rebecca Anderson

Vice President: Gordy Paulson

Secretary: Larry Kilduff

Treasurer: Amy Miller

At Large Members:

Nick Holbus, John Ericsson, Chris Setter, John Van Susteren, Kristin Wentworth, Ben Blair, Chris Lemke

### **Race Organizer Forms**

A. Miller distributed a packet of material for use by club race organizers. All of the forms will be posted on the website under the "[Club/Race Organizer](#)" button. Included in the packet were general guidelines for putting on a race, necessary forms, and tips for a smooth race.

### **Discussion on Scheduling of Junior Events**

R Anderson presented a request that WCA has received enough times to make a formal request of promoters. Anderson asked for discussion on the feasibility of *moving the Juniors races from first event of the day to later in the day.*

R Radish supports as a director of a Junior Squad

B Ochowicz – tried last year at their event (State Crit) seemed to work

L Kellogg – Since parents provide the transportation – it's a request he's heard again and again

L Kilduff – A way to grow the sport, R Radish agreed

R Weiss – suggests polling the parents

R Anderson – As a board, our position isn't to mandate it of our events, but to request it. Promoters will be asked to consider starting their race day with a masters event, and move the junior events to late morning or afternoon.

### **Team Points- Overall WI Cup Team Competition**

Questions come up every year about how this award seems to be won by the biggest team. The reason is that this award created to be a *participation* award. Changing who wins points from the current top 10 to the top five or even three riders likely wouldn't change the overall outcome. Teams that want to be competitive within this category probably need to field Junior, Women, Masters and Cyclocross riders.

### **Rule Change Regarding Cat 5 and Cat 4/5 events**

R Anderson introduce Mike Hanley, USA Cycling Rep for Wisconsin.

Hanley clarified that the new field limit for Category 5 events is 50 riders. In a combined field of Cat 4/5 riders, the field limit is 75. The purpose for this change was risk management of beginner riders.

### **Summary of the Masters Discussion**

In 2005 WCA riders voted to offer masters categories by category, as opposed to just age restricted. The resulting success of the Masters 1/2/3 and 4/5 events was undeniable and there was support to continue these events. However, the question arose during the year of how could WCA provide an event for the "statesmen" of the sport; those over 45. G. Paulson led an online discussion group and presented the outcome for more discussion.

After receiving via email requests and recommendations, here's what is at issue

1. Board cannot dictate what the promoter offers
2. Membership has authority in the room/promoters can buy into it
3. State Championship events (Crit, RR and TT) should be run without counting towards the WCA overall
4. Members 45+ want the opportunity to race against their own age
5. State Championship is run within age groups

After discussion it was decided that WCA would encourage promoters to offer a 45+ because of the support in the room for such a race. The next question was how to fit another race in the schedule.

Discussion Points there included:

R Weiss – officials are supposed to receive a \$20 surcharge for any event that runs more than eight hours

D Eckel – Shorten races to add a race, because we deserve a second race. Events in CA run 12 races, we only run 9 or 10

K Otter – Asks of M Hanley with regards to the State RR, how flexible are the USCF prescribed distances

M Hanley – Really more flexible, it has to make sense to/for the riders

J Littmann – Do we really have Pro ½ fields? A lot of the Cat 2's are doing the Elite Masters race, and their field is usually the smallest of the day. What about offering 1/2/3 field, and still maintain a Category 3 race?

J Van Susteren – Distance/laps vs. timed events. For example, a race that is 60 minutes plus two laps, that's where promoters lose the ability to stay on time –

recommend that promoters have simply timed events. 60 minutes, and the officials will let the riders know when there are five laps to go (like they do now).  
R Anderson – Recaps the recommendation to the members:

- 1) WCA State Championships will not count in WCA overall points competition because they are run according to USCF categories which are by age group.

Next question that arose was: If there is a separate 45+ race, how would points be awarded?

C Heywood – We can determine how points are awarded – race in the Elite Masters race if you are 49 and younger, if you want to earn points. Race in the Master's 45+ Open if you want to race against riders your same age.

C Setter – puts forth the motion to incorporate these categories:

Masters 30/40/50, 1/2/3

Masters 45+ Open

R Anderson recaps (again) we are creating a new category, to be recognized, and be awarded points in the WCA overall, Masters 45+ Open

J Van Susteren – Juniors race, how long typically?

L Kellogg and R Weiss – 20 minutes for 14 and under, 30 minutes 18 and under typically

J Van Susteren – Created a viable schedule that would accommodate the new category, and having Juniors race later in the day. How does combining Women Open with Women 4 work

R Anderson – depends of size of the fields, and venue. Some are more difficult to pass, and overtake riders more often. Asks of R Glumm, her experience (she is a Cat. 4 woman)

R Glumm – early in the season it was intimidating, but later it was okay

R Anderson recommends that promoters maintain a separate race for Cat 4 Women

J Van Susteren's proposed schedule:

8am	45+ Open	40 minutes
9am	Masters 4/5	40 minutes
10am	4/5's	40 minutes
11am	Juniors 14 and under	20 minutes
1145am	Juniors 18 and under	30 minutes
1230	Women Open (and 4?)	40 minutes
130	Elite Masters 1/2/3	40 minutes
230	3's	40 minutes
330	Pro 1/2/3's	40 minutes

Benefits to promoters AND participants:

- More doubling up possible for Masters 45+ as well as 3's
- An additional field means additional revenue

- If all (or most) promoters follow this recommendation, riders will know approximately what time they will race, for every race (Actual distance, and times are, of course, dictated by each venue)

Chris Setter moves to ask race organizers to follow the proposed schedule of timed events, including a masters 45+ category.

J Littmann seconds and the members present **UNANIMOUSLY** approve

The suggested schedule and a worksheet to calculate a days events is available under the Club/Race Organizer button on the website.

Announcements:

- 1) 2006 WCA Banquet in Milwaukee is November 11, 2006. Riders with suggestions for speakers can contact [board@wicycling.org](mailto:board@wicycling.org).
- 2) R Anderson announced that the WCA has applied for 501c3 status with the IRS. Notification is likely sometime in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
- 3) Bike Racing School: R Anderson through her team's outreach experience learned that there really isn't a clear method for getting into bike racing. To close the gap she developed the Bike Racing School concept and has achieved underwriting from Felt/Endeavour. This half day seminar will use the experts among our own WCA riders to inform children and adults what they need to know to get started racing or move up a level. Kristin Wentworth of IS Corp is assisting in putting the school together. The date is April 22. More information will be available on the website in February. For more information contact [Rebecca@tds.net](mailto:Rebecca@tds.net).
- 4) Clubs accepting new riders: Milwaukee: Endeavour and Hampshire  
Madison: Brazen Dropouts

### **Wisconsin Cup Calendar**

- A. Miller announced the Endeavour Triple Crown. More information can be found on the website banner ad. There are a few new events and the new schedule will be posted by January 31.

Code of Ethics

Mike Weber thanked the group for allowing him to attend. Shared his desire to have a committee created to enforce the Code of Ethics, and assess the WCA's ability to penalize rider infractions, series wide.

Discussion:

R Anderson – Our overall responsibility is to ensure all participants are following the Code of Ethics. Recommends creating a panel to assess our options as a

governing body – currently cannot suspend, only can make recommendations.

M Hanley agrees – USCF rules are built around competition infractions

B Ochowicz – IS Corp has every rider sign their Rider Agreement, will provide a copy, and the Board will generate a generic version to be posted on the website.

R Anderson – asks for support of a panel

L Kilduff – volunteers to seek legal advice

D Eckel – agrees to have their team (Team WI) support financially whatever legal opinion might be sought

R Anderson – Code of Conduct was approved and posted on the web site two years ago. She proposed that ALL MEMBER TEAMS/CLUBS must sign an agreement stating their riders will abide by and follow the Code of Conduct

A panel will be created to investigate and determine legally our options as an organization.

All present voted **UNANAMOUSLY** in favor

### **Cylcocross**

J Ericsson – events continue to grow (handed out high lights and event numbers)

Created more Junior categories, and a 50+ Men category, both well received

### **Announcements:**

> B Ochowicz – Matt Wittig Fund is still seeking donations

> R Anderson – Encouraged clubs to use WCAs website as a resource. Please feel free to send article ideas or photos to her for publication.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted: A. Miller