

# **Wisconsin Cycling Association 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Delafield Brewhaus – January 27, 2008**

## **Present:**

**Gordy Paulson, WCA President/Planet Bike  
Rebecca Anderson, WCA Vice President/America's Dairyland  
Amy Miller, WCA Treasurer  
Renee Callaway, WCA Secretary & Cross Liaison/Capitol Velo Club  
Nick Holbus, WCA Track Liaison/Beans and Barley  
John Van Susteren, WCA Road Liaison/LAPT  
Dave Eckel, WCA Board Member-at-Large/Team Wisconsin  
Heidi Minisg  
Rich Weiss, Official  
Craig Heywood, Official  
Aaron Duston, Chiropractic Partners  
Mark Crabtree Chiropractic Partners  
Aaron Schindler, Chiropractic Partners  
Anthony Bertram, Chiropractic Partners  
Ryan Fandre, LAPT  
Barry Humiston, LAPT  
Rick Olson, LAPT  
Scott Thistle, Velo Trocadero  
Brett Schaefer, UW Whitewater Cycling  
Chris Setter, Lake Country Endurance  
Jim Winter, Macht Schnell  
Lowell Kellogg, Team Hobby Racer  
Bill Ochowicz, Nova Cycling  
Jeff Littmann, Nova Cycling  
Bill King, Nova Cycling  
Jerry Pearce, Hampshire Cycle Club  
Amanda Pischke, Capitol Velo Club  
John Ericsson, Brazen Dropouts  
David Greenblatt, Brazen Dropouts  
Barney Sheafor, Brazen Dropouts  
Will Hooyer, Brazen Dropouts  
Rich Moran, Brazen Dropouts  
Jane Moran, Brazen Dropouts  
Diane Ostenso, Planet Bike**

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

## 2. Treasurer's Report

- Approximately \$3600 in bank currently.
- Still need to pay for cyclocross jerseys.
- Still waiting for USA Cycling's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payment.
- WCA's annual budget is about \$25,000 per year.

## 3. WCA Dues – Teams need to get their fees in to Amy Miller asap.

## 4. Board Elections

- Motion by Velo Trocadero and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mach Schnell to elect the proposed slate of candidates. Motion passed.
- 2008 WCA Board  
Gordy Paulson, President  
Rebecca Anderson, Vice President  
Amy Miller, Treasurer  
Renee Callaway, Secretary and Cross Liasion  
Nick Holbus, Track Liaison  
John Van Sustern, Road Liasion  
Dave Eckel, Member-at-Large

## 5. WCA Race Schedule

- Heidi presented the series schedule
- Road series to start on April 5
- Not a lot of change in series except UW Whitewater to move race to July 5/6 to avoid conflict with Grafton and Sheboygan events
- Concern was raised over a lack of Time Trials in the schedule especially given that they can be a good entry into the sport for new racers
- The Chiropractic Partners team requested adding a Time Trial to the WCA Schedule on August 24. Rebecca Anderson made a motion to allow this Time Trial to be part of WCA Cup even though it is past the December 1 deadline for adding races. Motion was seconded by Bill Ochowicz. Motion passed.
- Request was made that there be longer road races for P/1/2 events as some racers think the current distances are too short. This information will be shared with the promoters of road races
- Cyclocross – Wisconsin will have a UCI race weekend on September 27 and 28 at Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie. The WCA

Cyclocross promoters will be meeting in the next month to finalize the schedule.

- Cyclocross State Championships – Cyclocross promoters need to have a discussion of whether the state championship race counts for series points or not.
- Promoters of both road and cross are reminded that it is important to meet the December 1 deadline for inclusion in the WCA series.
- A motion was made by Rebecca Anderson and seconded by John Van Susteren to approve the 2008 WCA schedule. Motion passed.

#### **6. Discipline updates**

- Track – Update by Nick Holbus. Work is taking place to grow track participation and to grow the relationship between WCA and the track events. Kenosha track is currently ATRA sanctioned.
- Cyclocross – Update by Renee Callaway. Cyclocross continues to grow in participation and a very lively race scene has developed in Wisconsin. In addition, Wisconsin was very well represented at Cyclocross Nationals with numerous podiums and 2 national champions. With the addition of UCI Cyclocross races to the 2008 schedule we should continue to see growth.
- Road – Update by John Van Susteren. The Cat 4 Women's series was successful in 2007 and for 2008 Bontrager has signed on to sponsor this initiative.

#### **7. Other Business: Series Scoring**

- Proposal from Team Wisconsin to go to "best of" format.
- An additional suggestion was made to make some races in the series worth more points.
- Discussion included:
  - Counting all the races equally in the series benefits the races that are part of the series.
  - Concerns were raised about current format including some people may discount participating in series if they can't make a few races.
  - Other concerns were raised about pressure caused on families by people trying to make all the races.
  - Is the series a points race or to award the best rider?
  - Past evaluation showed that people who won categories did not attend all the races.
- Action Item: Gather input from racers and race promoters. This could potentially be done through an online survey. Road Liaison will formulate ideas and report back to the WCA Board for discussion.

#### **8. Other Business: Course Selection and Safety**

- Proposal from Team Wisconsin to put together standards for races that are part of Wisconsin Cup.

- Currently Heidi approves the initial race permits which include race information but things sometimes change.
- The Head Official on race day approves the course but they are reluctant to cancel races day-of so try to make things work.
- Any developed standards would apply for WCA sanctioned events only
- Action Item: Expansion of current materials that are available through the WCA website. Consider doing post-race surveying to get racer feedback.

#### 9. Other Business: Master's $\frac{3}{4}$ Category

- Proposal from the Brazen Dropouts to add a Master's  $\frac{3}{4}$  category to the WCA Cup.
- Presentation on the issue was made by David Yu Greenblatt of the Brazen Dropouts
- Discussion Included:
  - How could this be fit into the current race day schedule?
  - Master's not as likely to race the Cat 3 or the Cat 4 race as prefer to race the master's races.
  - Could the master's 3 racers be scored separately in the Master's 1/2/3 race?
  - WCA only recommends categories. It is up to the promoter to decide which to offer and they will likely choose to chop categories with fewer entrants.
  - Could this be non-cup category.
  - Discussion on the small number of participants in the 45+ races.
- Rebecca Anderson made a motion to cut the 45+ race and add the Master's  $\frac{3}{4}$  race to the recommended category list for WCA series races. Motion seconded by Jeff Littman. Motion passed.

#### 10. Other Business: Milwaukee Junior Cycling Team

- A presentation was made regarding the work that is being done to get more kids involved with racing.
- A group of racers is working with the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin through their bicycle education program to find kids who would like to try racing.
- Currently looking for volunteers to mentor the kids.
- Funds will also be needed but particularly need volunteers.
- Action Item: Information will be put on the WCA website when it is available.

#### 11. Other Business: Race Calendar

- Lowell Kellog made a suggestion that the WCA create something like what the Iowa Racing Association does which is make a calendar with all the race dates and photos from the races. This is sent free to all bike shops and sold for \$10 to others.

- Iowa does finalize their race schedule in November which makes this easier.
- Another idea was to do a poster showing the race dates. This could go to bike shops and would be lower cost.
- Action Item: Rebecca Anderson to follow up this concept with suggestions.

#### 12. Other Business: Roles of Liaisons

- Mouth piece from racers and promoters to the WCA Board.
- Oversee banquet and make sure happens.
- Make sure that race calendar gets done on time.
- Report back to full WCA Board on ideas and issues.
- Look out for the interests of discipline as WCA makes decisions and changes.

#### 13. Other Business: Various Issues

- Rich Weiss recommended that all Elite ½ races be Elite 1/2/3 so that Cat 3 races will be able to count on participating in all elite races instead of just some. This will be shared with promoters.
- Suggestion was made that for older Junior girls it would be safer and a better learning opportunity by racing with the Cat 4 Women versus the Juniors. Discussion whether this would reduce opportunities since the girls wouldn't be able to double up with juniors and Cat 4.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.