

2007 WCA Annual Meeting, February 4, 2007

Those in attendance:

NAME	TEAM/CLUB AFFILIATION
Michelle Ericsson	Capitol Velo Club
Brooke Baldwin	Capitol Velo Club
Peter George Tampa	none
Karen Larson	Endeavour
John Larson	Endeavour
Tori Jennings	Capitol Velo Club
Kristin Wentworth	Team Kendra Tire
John Ericsson	Brazen Dropouts
Christine Czarnecki	Alterra MTB
Amy Plato	MARS
Brittany Nigh	Team Pedal Moraine
Mary Coats	UW/Endeavour
Yvonne Schummacher	UW/Endeavour
Amelia Barber	Brazen Dropouts
David Schimp	Mach Schnell/JDRD.org
Mike Mandli	Mach Schnell/JDRD.org
John Van Susteren	Mach Schnell/JDRD.org
Tony Phillips	Mach Schnell/JDRD.org
Kurt Otter	One Percent More...
Jeff Littmann	IS Corp
Bill Ochowicz	IS Corp
Jerry Pearce	Hampshire CC
Rich Weiss	Finish line service
Chris Setter	Lake Country Endurance
Mike Hanley	USA Cycling
Scott Thistle	Velo Trocadero
Casey Masterson	Velo Trocadero
Aaron Schindler	Chiropractic Partners
Anthony Bertram	Chiropractic Partners
Aaron Duston	Chiropractic Partners
Chad Wilsing	Fond du Lac Cyclery
Maciej Nowak	Fond du Lac Cyclery
Marcin Nowak	Fond du Lac Cyclery
Douglas Allen Pietz	Fond du Lac Cyclery
Thomas Leong	Fond du Las Cyclery
Brian Janessen	Café Hollander RDC
Steve Roeder	Café Hollander RDC
Lowell Kellogg	Team Hobby Racer
Barbara Hamill	IS Corp
Bob Schueler	Hampshire CC
Craig Heywood	Official
David Knauf	UW-WW
Ben Milano	UW-WW

Gregg Coroleuski

Otto Wenz

Heidi Mingesz

Gordy Paulson

Amy Miller

Beans and Barley

WCA

WCA/CVCC

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Plus others that chose not to sign in.

The meeting was called to order at 1:20, and G. Paulson introduced the head table

WCA Dues

A. Miller verifies which teams are in good standing, and collects annual dues from teams that had not yet paid.

Board Election

The first item of business was the election of the Board. Teams in good standing (with dues paid for 2007) had one vote.

Those teams/clubs approved the board officers and at large members.

The 2007 Board of Directors is:

President: Gordy Paulson

Vice President: Rebecca Anderson

Secretary: Larry Kilduff

Treasurer: Amy Miller

At Large Members: Nick Holbus, John Ericsson, John Van Susteren, Krisitn Wentworth

WCA Road Guidelines

H. Mingesz went through the proposed changes to the guidelines including:

1. Remove the year from the title – revise to read, Wisconsin Cup Guidelines
2. The following year's events should be set no later than December 1.
3. Category 45+ needs to be revisited (DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW)
4. Add scoring for Category 3 women and Category 4 women 40+
5. Cyclocross points should be removed from the ROAD guidelines since Cyclocross has their own guidelines.
6. Unattached riders' points can be transferred to a team's total when that rider becomes a team member up to June 1st.
7. Riders who transfer from one team to another during the season, DO NOT transfer their points to their new team.

Chris Setter moves to accept the changes to the guidelines

Bill Ochowicz seconds and the members present UNANIMOUSLY approve the changes

Cat 4 Women/45+ Men

G. Paulson spoke to the participation rates of the newly implemented 45+ Men's category. (About 13.5 riders per race.) And the desire of Women to have a new, separate category 4 race. With only so many hours in a day, promoters have to decide (because the WCA can suggest, but NOT mandate) which events they choose to have during their event.

J. Van Susteren felt the lack of participation was due to the time slot it was generally in. With hours separating it from other races those participating could do, scheduling probably had a lot to do with its limited participation

M. Mandli said he and others were unaware of their ability to compete in this event. Knowing what they know now they are looking forward to participating this next season.

G. Paulson said we (the WCA) don't dictate what promoters offer, but we can recommend – Six different races minimally.

B. Ochowicz shared that while planning their event there are things they have to consider including; attempting to keep the overall schedule under 8 hours (his club has to begin paying police coverage double time after 8 hours), plus the city of Elkhorn prefers not to have their city center shut down for 10+ hours.

G. Paulson - additional category request of Cat 4 women. He suggested instead of a trade-off, loose 45+ and replace it with Women Cat 4, he'd rather like promoters to recognize that both are entry level races, and that's how the collective "we" grow the sport. By providing the beginners in our sport their own event, we benefit everyone; proof positive is the great success for the Cat 4/5 category.

H. Mingesz – last season half of the events supported both races, Men's 45+ and Women's Cat 4, it can be done.

J. Ericsson would like to see both happen consistently

J. Littmann – what if we would combine the 2's and 3's since the smallest event of the day is often times the Pro 1/2 field.

H. Mingesz spoke to the issue of safety, the Cat 3's are beginning to learn to ride as a team, and truly need their own event.

K. Wentworth entered the conversation to advocate for the inclusion of a Cat 4 women's event. She returned to the growth potential, provided promoters provide the women with this event. It will be a lot more welcoming to the beginning women. (The statistics from last year are, 96 licensed women riders, of those, 63 are Category 4.) Additionally she spoke to the outside funding source to compensate promoters who hold a Category 4 Women's event (it is estimated to be between \$100-150 for each event) to offset the cost of an additional event. Last year GDVC held this event and had between 20-25 women race. For the events that had a separate Cat 4 event, twice as many Cat 4 women showed up.

G. Paulson asks for a motion to recommend that promoters add an additional Category 4 women's event.

H. Mingesz reiterates that the Women's Category 4 has been scored separately, and would continue in the same way, with their own race.

B. Baldwin moves to make that motion

J. Van Susteren seconds the motion and the members present UNANIMOUSLY approve

J. Ericsson suggests that the WCA define for participants what the category names mean, "Open", "Category 4", "Juniors", etc.

G. Paulson agrees this would be valuable, necessary information to be shared via the web site as well as to each teams' contact person.

2007 Road Schedule

H. Mingesz informed those present that race permitting is completely an on-line process. Flyers still need to be submitted to her prior to applying for an event permit with USAC.

The calendar is set, with no more events to be added, but promoters have the discretion to change their event's date and/or venue.

And although the series events can't be expanded, we can include other road events that are not part of the series.

(SEE THE WCA WEBSITE FOR THE 2007 ROAD CALENDAR.)

State Championship events will scored with points earned NOT being applied to the WI Cup Series.

H. Mingesz – hopes that all promoters will agree to have their Junior events categorized as LAJOR’s events. There is no additional cost or paperwork. It allows those Juniors participating to earn points to be applied towards attending training camps. It will draw riders from Illinois too. Anyone NOT interested in participating should let Heidi know, otherwise she will take care of the paperwork needed for all promoters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Track Update

H. Mingesz in Nick Holbus’s absence spoke about the goal of bringing the Kenosha track into the WCA “family”. J. Thompson and N. Holbus are advocating on the WCA’s behalf. Working towards having our website be inclusive, including the track results and information.

Cyclocross

J. Ericsson spoke about the growth and success of the season. There were 8 races in 2006, with about 150 riders (some with over 200) at each event. For a lot of the beginner racers, it was an introduction to the WCA and many shared their desire to try the road in the spring.

Midwest Crit Championship

G. Paulson related the desire to create a Midwest Crit Championship between WI and MN. Criteria not yet established – could take the form of a “Border Battle” to include IL, other states? Benefits include, race in different venues, against different people, to say nothing of “bragging rites”. It may happen this year, be aware of the possibility.

Website Updates

Miller requests that teams update their team information and forward to her. Currently there are three different team/member pages. The initial page off of the ABOUT WCA icon on the sidebar will read: Wisconsin USCF Clubs (to include all WI teams). Under the WI Cup icon is where we will include the individual MEMBER team information. Updates will be compiled and completed within the next few weeks.

Bike Racing School

G. Paulson discusses the desire to again host/sponsor a bike racing workshop this spring, April 14, 2007. It’s the same day as a GDVC event, but worthwhile and informative to those new to the sport.

K. Wentworth discussed the topics covered last year including: Women, Juniors, and nutrition and bike maintenance.

Other Business

B. Ochowicz suggests the WCA investigate on-line registration for the promoters.

K. Otter shared his experience with using Sport Base Online last year – generally speaking it was good. It wasn't cost prohibitive; he recalled \$1.50 per registrant. M. Hanley points out that USAC has a sponsorship/connection with this company. His understanding was that a kickback of fees collected would be returned to the Local Associations (the WCA).

G. Paulson agrees to look further into this technology ASAP.

C. Setter requests that the WCA compile a document they (team contacts) can provide their sponsor bike shops with to include:

- Junior gearing (new this year, in ALL events Juniors must use Junior gearing)
- Categories
- Bike School
- Cross Info

With the benefit of sharing the information with those who are often ill equipped to answer specific questions as well as provide our members with something to share with their sponsors from the WCA.

H. Mingesz – 2008 all bikes must pass UCI regulations if competing at Nationals for Juniors 17-18, Elite, and Masters and at all NRC events.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by A. Miller.