

## **ACA Meeting January 18, 2010**

ACA Staff present: Jon Tarkington, Yvonne van Gent

Board members present: Clint Bickmore, Harry Hilgers, Bill Barr, Leigh Singleton, Carol Kauder, Henrik Pedersen, Scott Christopher, David Newcomer, Lynn Taylor, Kayla Thomason

- Minutes from December 15<sup>th</sup> reviewed and approved
- Review of Financials
  - Balance sheet: Question by Bill Barr on item 2110. Mislabeled account state withholding that should be zero balance? Actually represents federal taxes with a monthly deposit that are paid quarterly. Will go to zero at that time. Two other items with similar timing issues. Resolved.
  - Membership totals not yet reflected in financials. Very close to last year's numbers for this category.
- Meeting Schedule for 2010
  - Plan monthly Board meetings to ensure we have the dates reserved. Will cancel when unnecessary.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month with a target start time of 6:00 p.m.
  - Location TBD – Jon will investigate options and present online prior to next meeting.
- Technical Committee Update
  - Lynn presented idea of a "participant correction factor" to more accurately reflect a race's overall quality rating based on challenges of size of participation. A small (2 or 3) percent of total riders will be added to the race's score, ensuring that larger efforts are not inadvertently ranked lower due to scale.
  - Working on rest of CX results
  - Still working on revising CR and CJ reports
  - Technical committee findings will be used by the Board in determining BAR/BAT status as voted in the previous BOD meeting.
  - Officials Meeting in March
  - Discussions to address CX issues with riders warming up on course during racing causing course congestion and "false" finish line crossings. Preliminary thoughts include warm up free zones on course and prohibiting warm up on courses during the first 1-2 laps of racing.
- BAR/BAT designation
  - The Board decided to apply a one-time grace period for four late BAR/BAT applications received after the deadline (1/14/10), but before the following Board meeting, where designations gets awarded.
  - The Board voted on BAR/BAT applications, taking the prior year race ratings as developed by the Technical Committee into account. Voting outcome for closed and open courses is reflected in the now published ACA 2010 Race Calendar. This includes the color designation for closed courses.  
Board member Harry Hilgers requested that his minority vote in support of awarding BAR/BAT status to the Frostbite TT and Wheels of Thunder crit be recorded.
- Strategic planning
  - Staff will drive a strategic planning session with the Board to develop proposals and ideas for the ACA mission and priorities going forward.

General agreement that the organization is now stabilized and healthy, and it is time to discuss the future role of ACA together with the membership. Staff is looking into potentially contracting an affordable external consultant to help with the discussion and planning process.

- Membership update
  - Staff outlook is that membership numbers will stay flat year-to-year
- Program update
  - KHMTT: Several updates to the format in response to Park Services' requirements for continued use. A park pass or paid entrance fee will be necessary for race participants. Registration expected to open 3/1/2010.
  - Awards parties: Planning and arrangements are being finalized
  - Juniors: All is well. Junior state race planning is progressing nicely.
  - Timing/Camera system: Chip timing company will be in CO March 13-14 to demonstrate and test their product. Camera purchase decision is expected to be put to the Board within 1-2 months.
  - Website: Front-end is now working, but there still some issues with the back-end being worked thru. Staff has seen some reduction in manual keying with more to come. A significant portion of the membership have purchased licenses online, and Staff expects that the end result will be that only 10% of the 2010 licenses will be mail-in purchases. A future team registration option was briefly discussed as a good candidate for the improvement list.
- Old/New business
  - Staff had received a request for a donation to financially support a CO junior CX racer selected to the US worlds team. The Board voted to not make a donation on the principle that ACA donations to individuals are considered inappropriate.
  - The Board agreed that the ACA website forum is not the right avenue to attempt to contact ACA Staff with questions, and that it would help set expectations by posting a message, with email contact links to Staff, on the forum index page.
  - Oversight: As Mike Caterall and Ann Trombley have left the Board, David Newcomer and Carol Kauder will be new signatures to the ACA checking account. Continuing signatures are Bill Barr and Jon Tarkington. Electronic transfers and online statements will be reviewed monthly by David, Bill, and Carol.
  - Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for 2/15/10. Location tbd.