

ACA Board Meeting
Dec. 15, 2009
Minutes

- Brief review of annual meeting
 - Raised issue of “How do we both preserve our sport and get new people interested?”
 - Put strategic planning on the agenda
 - Would be great by the end of the winter to have some kind of mission statement and 5-10 year goals
 - Carol and John will meet to come up with a strategic agenda for a board meeting in January or February
- Brief discussion of confusion over cycling vocabulary to newcomers
 - Some information on web site
 - Discussed possibility of taking booklet created by Thomas Prinn and putting a PDF on the web site
- Policy discussion, P1: 5 members for the price of 4
 - Discussed variations as options
 - Get rid of 5-for-4 and replace with an early bird special this year
 - Problem with early bird license is printing license in the fall and again for the new year in January
 - “Sunset:” Have a transition period where 5-for-4 is still valid at start of 2010 but then goes away in 2011
 - The board votes to affirm the policy as written, with a sunset clause for 2010 (and no early bird discount for 2010)
- Policy discussion, P2: ACA Website
 - Vote to pass as written
- Policy discussion, P3: Upgrading procedures
 - Discussion about minimum upgrade points counting over 16 months as well; currently only written for the maximum auto-upgrade
 - Some board members expressed concern about forcing racers to do something (i.e. upgrade)
 - Others expressed not forcing – “encouraging sportsmanlike behavior”
 - Should it be committee that resolves upgrade issues, or just Yvonne?
 - Let’s try it as is for a year and see if there are still issues
 - The board votes to accept the policy as written
- Policy discussion, P4: minimum time standards
 - add SM 65+ minimum 40 minutes – no change
 - same for 65+ women – 40 minutes – no change
 - SW 45+, . 55+, 65+ – 40 minutes, no change
 - SW 35+ – 45 minutes, no change
 - clarification that there are upgrade points within age group races
 - vote to accept with above amendments
- Policy discussion, P5: Junior upgrade procedures
 - vote to accept as written
- Policy discussion, P6; upgrade procedures
 - change language to “may be upgraded at the discretion of the district representative” to prevent some upgrades that really shouldn't happen
 - vote to accept with above changes

- Policy discussion, P7: ACA state championships
 - no vote, no changes to current policy
 - issue with juniors racing up in older categories where they have no competitors
 - can we say, you can't race up into an empty category?
 - change it to: In the junior categories, you can only win a medal/award in your own age category. You can race in older age categories at state championships but you cannot win medal/award in older age categories. Will treat it like out of state racers, two podiums.
 - Also applies to BAR award. Cannot get a BAR award in an older age group
 - does not apply to races that are not state championships
 - what about riders that race all season in an older group? Can we have upgrade points from one junior age group to another age group?
 - Official language: In junior categories, racers are eligible for prizes and awards only in their licensed junior age group.
 - Vote to accept above language
- Policy discussion, P7: Colorado BAR/BAT program
 - BAT should include TTT
 - should team members be same category?
 - should one day people be allowed in a TTT?
 - 1-day license person can be on a team, but the whole team cannot get BAT points (team can buy that person a license)
 - can riders from another team be part of TTT just for that race?
 - Yes, but it does not count toward BAT
 - a composite team has to wear matching jerseys
 - no discussion about getting rid of BAR for 4s
 - discretionary upgrade for top three BAR at end of season
 - flyers must be posted 30 days in advance of race date to remain part of the BAR program?
 - Is the board willing to pull BAR/BAT status from a race that does not abide by this rule?
 - No one gets insurance certificates until they have flyer, and that needs to be 30 days in advance.
 - Allow room for exceptions in the case of extenuating circumstances?
 - Leave language as “must”
 - tech committee grades
 - ambivalence at annual meeting
 - make it part of not only BAR/BAT but also priority on the calendar
 - give marquee events double points? Tiered points system?
 - Can we post grades to web site?
 - Just for the board
 - grades to be used in consideration of BAR/BAT, promoter has a chance to fix any issues for next year
 - proposed schedule
 - should “option” categories that are not BAR/BAT be required?
 - is race day still too long?
 - Officials say that the 15 minutes between races and mandatory midday break mitigates the issue
 - revisit officials in general
 - John will update with changes discussed and board will vote yes or no

- sticking with “strongly suggested” the categories in one or two
 - suggested time of day? Suggest juniors race at beginning of the day?
 - BCR/BCT will come later
 - Discussion about using tech committee grades for BCR/BCT
- Timing system proposal
 - The problem: numerous races where AI can’t work or the promoter doesn’t want to pay for finish line camera, complicates lives for officials
 - Sometimes there simply isn’t a high-speed camera available
 - Supposedly required for all BAR/BAT, but you can’t require it when it’s not available
 - Possible solution: opportunity to purchase equipment and chips, contract with AGR to operate camera and timing system
 - Total cost of implementing = \$80,000
 - Will require staff time
 - Long implementation
 - Increase in postage to mail chips
 - Contractor mileage?
 - Surcharge increase per rider, per day = \$2-\$3
 - SEE JOHN’S PRESENTATION FOR COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL
 - Board discussion
 - Can we negotiate a trial period so if we are unsatisfied with it, we are not committed financially?
 - An issue with the current product is that the range is 24 meters (as in, the finish line width cannot be more than 24 meters). For reference, a typical Colorado finish is 30 meters
 - It sounds like it would work fine for TTs and even road races, but could be problematic for crits.
 - Topics to bring up with vendor:
 - Discuss warranty
 - Can we put funds in escrow until we are confident the product will work? (do we want to do that?)
 - Can the antennae be crushed (i.e. wide truck on farm roads)
 - We need to see the system in action to evaluate it. Can we send someone to a race in Australia?
 - Discussion about the need to acquire a new camera, with or without a timing system
 - John will talk to the vendor about getting more concrete evidence this will work for bike racing (proven in tri and running, not so much in road racing)
 - Board will follow updates on the forum and come to the next meeting with ideas
- Technical committee will be wrapping up cross season later this week
- Calendar issue
 - Can we have a cross race and a crit on April 3?
- Online vote will be recorded and approved at the next meeting

Jan. 10, 2010

ONLINE VOTE TALLY FOR BAR/BAT POLICY

With online voting, the board votes to affirm the policy as written

David: Yes
Kayla: Yes
Lynn: Yes
Leigh: Yes
Bill: Yes
Henrik: Yes
Scott: Yes
Harry: Yes
Carol: Yes