



Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado

BRAC Board of Director's Meeting May 14, 2013 Peak to Peak Training

Meeting called to order 6:33 pm.

Present: Peter Ismert, Clint Bickmore, Susan Adamkovics, Sue Lloyd, Vic Williams, David Newcomer, Tim Lynch. **Staff:** Yvonne van Gent, Chris McGee. **Absent:** Chris Case, Rachel Scott, Lynn Taylor

1. Approval of April Meeting Minutes. Minutes approved by signature.
2. Approval of financial documents. In April there were a lot of payouts, so the account is lower in May than normal, but will rise with expected income by the end of June. BRAC has purchased new podium blocks made out of metal with replaceable fronts for sponsor names. Cost was about \$200. Some bike rack A-frames and new BRAC caps were also purchased. Financial documents were approved.
3. Junior Camp: over 90 kids attended the camp. All levels were present. In future years there might be a need for a rookie camp because of so many beginners. Another comment was that the venue should be improved for this amount of participants. This year's location was very good for safety. Everyone worked hard and it was a very successful camp.
4. Women's Camp: The camp was successful and lots of positive feedback. Katie Macarelli did a great job as camp director. The camp included bike handling drills and criterium practice on the old Sara Kay course. 42 women participated. The Woman's Program has grown since Kayla Thomason and Carol Kauder initially started it years ago. They should be thanked for their efforts in contributing to women's cycling in Colorado.
5. Recent races:
 - All recent races have had very high racer numbers. For example, 600 at Kop, 640 at Weld, 900 at Haystack, 600 at WOT.
 - Collegiate races are seeing 300 riders. There also has been good coordination between BRAC and RMCCC at the collegiate races. Pairing a college club with a BRAC club is a good model. Yvonne and Chris will attend RMCCC meeting in October.
 - KHMTT has been extended to May 29th. A racer appreciation party will be held tomorrow night.
 - Glenwood Springs road races have been cancelled due to road washout problems and city permitting problems.
 - Louviers RR cancelled, but might be converted to a TT.
 - North Boulder Park will be a yellow crit and be Silver for Cup points. Thanks to Clint for working on the race day schedule with event director.
6. Track: Colorado Springs track is open and the fees are the same as last year. Races scheduled for Tuesday and Friday nights. No update on Erie track. Rain has caused some delay in construction. Erie tentatively has the State Championships. Training classes are being explored for the track.

7. Category Discussion: Chris provided a little history for needed changes. Thirteen people were on a committee to address possible changes for masters' categories. We currently offer 24 distinct categories on the road, 24 on the track, and 22 in cross. The membership has asked for, and been given, these categories in an effort to improve the racing experience for all racers, regardless of age, skill or experience. This is a noble goal, and one that touches the core of our mission to support local amateur racing in our area. We face, however, significant problems with the complexity of our category system, including the challenges of limited daylight, the variability of course design and the ability of a course to support safe and competitive racing, the capacity of officials to accurately score large, mixed fields, and the imposition that long race days place on our event directors and host communities.

The manner in which we structure categories has a direct impact on the creation of race day schedules, and as we attempt to balance the number of opportunities for our categories to race throughout the year, our category choices impact the creation of the season-long racing calendars. Our race days are very complicated, long, and challenging for event directors, officials, and host communities.

The Board was presented with a category option developed by the Masters Committee. Other options were also discussed. A decision wasn't made on the preferred option, but the board agreed that the ED will prepare a summary of needs and options for further discussion.

8. Briefly discussed upcoming events and activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.