



## **Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado**

### **BRAC Board of Directors Meeting \*September 17, 2013\* Golden Visitor Center**

Board Present: Clint Bickmore, Peter Ismert, Susan Adamkovics, Rachel Scott (via phone), David Newcomer, Lynn Taylor, Sue Lloyd, Tim Lynch, Vic Williams. Absent: Chris Case.

Staff present: Yvonne van Gent, Chris McGee

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.
2. The August 2013 meeting minutes were approved via signature.
3. Financial documents – August 2013 Documents: Checks from USAC are a little delayed, reflecting a reduced income for the past month. This is mostly due to timing from when balance sheets are prepared and when checks arrive from USAC. Surcharge income is down due to cancelled races (weather related). BRAC is still “in the black” and has not had to utilize savings account. Money is being managed appropriately. Pre-reg for upcoming cross races indicates that there will be very large turnouts. This should make up for the recently cancelled races. Junior participation is down somewhat. The track coordinator was funded by CVA. For 2014, this will not be the case. Alternative funding will be needed. A motion and a second were made to approve the financial documents. All voted in favor to approve.
4. The Women’s Cross Camp was very successful thanks to Ann Trombley, Margell Abel, Katie Macarelli, and the Tough Girls team. Both women’s events sold out. Future camps will build on the success of this year’s camp. There also was a suggestion that a men’s camp might be successful as well for next year.
5. Clint has been working with Maxine on a website that incorporates the race-day registration spreadsheet. This would make for an easier and timely interface with USAC member information for registration. Training of volunteers also needs to be addressed to have successful race-day registration.
6. Upcoming meetings: See agenda for list. Annual Meeting: Draft agenda is being prepared and budget is being developed. Road promoters meeting: will try to focus on road events and take care of as much as possible prior to Annual meeting. Sept 20th is the day promoters need to get in their requests for 2014 road events. Schedule will be worked on after that date. Requests are slow coming in this year and may cause a delay in finalizing of schedule. Also, NRC race dates will not be known until later, further complicating the schedule development. Dead Dog might be cancelled. Promoter has not gotten commitment to receive help in planning and preparing for the event.
7. Category Change Guidelines: The Board discussed the pros and cons of guideline details (see draft guidelines attached to agenda). The board discussed the minimum racer numbers needed to petition for category removal and creation. It was agreed that for category creation, there should be a valid prediction that 30 racers would participate in the new category and that 30 racers would still be left in the original category. For category removal, 20 racers or less for men’s events and 15 racers for women’s events

would be the criteria to initiate a petition for removal of a category. It was also agreed that these numbers are only the starting points for category changes. A full evaluation of a petitioned change would then be undertaken. Separate guidelines for this evaluation process will be developed by staff for Board approval. The related topic of the race-day schedule was also discussed. Managing which BRAC Cup categories can be offered at a particular race was discussed. This is already done for crits (blue and yellow race days). The need for category creation or elimination would be informed by the ability to manage the race-day schedule.

8. The Board then began discussing the current proposal by 3 clubs to allow 35+\_3 racers to race with the 35+\_1,2 category. Under the proposal, 35+\_1,2 would be changed to 35+\_1,2,3 and the 35+\_3 category would still exist. Both categories would be separate Cup categories. The clubs would like to include this proposal on the agenda for the annual meeting and have a vote taken on the proposal.

- Concerns were raised about the proposal, including singling out the 35+\_3's as having another race option within their age bracket, combining the two categories at certain races when not cup categories, diluting the 35+\_3 field. It was mentioned that this might disrupt the upgrade process as well.
- Benefits were also mentioned, which included more race options for some racers, increased 35+\_1,2,3 field sizes, and race experience for the 3's when racing with the 1,2's.
- To help inform the clubs that will vote on this proposal, a survey question was prepared. This will be sent out to seek responses from master's racers. The draft survey will be changed by adding a set of anticipated "pros and cons" to the survey. The responses to the survey will then be made available to the clubs to help inform their vote on this proposal at the annual meeting.

9. Executive Director Hiring Process: Peter, Susan, and David agreed to be on the committee to hire a new ED. Peter will be chair. The process is laid out in the agenda for today's meeting. The full Board will be involved in the final interviews and hiring decision.

10. Cross Schedule Change Request: A request was made by BRAC members to change the Cross schedule so that the SW Open race would be held just prior to the SM Open race at the end of the race day. There was initial discussion about the pros and cons of changing the schedule. A motion and second were made to defer the requested change until next year's schedule (2014). More discussion followed. Concerns were raised about changing the schedule since races have already been planned. Racers have already registered for some races under the current schedule. The rationale for changing the schedule so that the SW Open race group goes before the SM Open was explained. This would heighten the awareness and visibility of the race. It was noted that about one half of the events in other regions have the women racing right before the men (taken from a sampling of race flyers across the country). A vote was taken. The motion was passed and this suggested change will be considered for next year's schedule and the 2013 schedule will remain unchanged. It was mentioned that promoters can still request a change in the schedule for a particular race.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.