# **<u>Draft</u>** Minutes – ACA Meeting, August 17, 2009

Members present: Clint Bickmore, Scott Christopher, Stephen Haydel, Harry Hilgers, Eric Perryman, Henrik Petersen, Lynn Taylor, and Ann Trombley

Members absent: Bill Barr & Michael Caterall

Staff present: Jon Tarkington & Yvonne van Gent

- I. Call to Order 6:30 p.m. and approval of minutes of July 2009 meeting (Scott Christopher VP)
- II. Best Cyclocross Rider/Best Cyclocross Team (Jon Tarkington)
  - a. A number of permit applications were received on or before the deadline of August 11, 2009
  - b. Discussion: whether BCR/BCT designation requires a course to have been used previously (not a new course) or whether prior use is one factor that weighs in favor or such designation
    - i. Consensus: prior use of a course is only one factor in BCR/BCT designation
  - c. Discussion of suggestion that emerged from member meeting Jon Tarkington led regarding BCR/BCT issues: that the cyclocross ("Cx") season should not officially begin before October 1
    - i. On the one hand, racers who have raced the Road Season may prefer a break before beginning the Cx season
    - ii. On the other hand, racers who race only Cx are eager to begin racing early
    - iii. Moreover, the Brecktober Cx race has opened the Cx season for several years now; and delaying that race increases the chances that bad weather may interfere with the race

- iv. Consensus: denying BCR/BCT status to races held in September 2009 would be unfair to promoters of those races, but in 2010, BCR/BCT status will not be awarded to races earlier than Brecktober Cx; in 2010, the first BCR/BCT race of the Cx season will go to Brecktober Cx
- d. BCR/BCT will be awarded to 18 races in 2009; as in 2008 season, only the top 8 races will count toward BCR/BCT
- e. In 2010, no permit applications for Cx races will be accepted before June 1, 2010. Race flyers will be required to be submitted no later than 4 weeks before a race.

### III. Executive Director's Report (JT).

### a. Website development

i. Development of the ACA website is continuing, albeit more slowly than hoped. The database upgrading is proving more time intensive than expected, but the developer is proceeding thoroughly

#### b. BAR/BAT

- i. Bumpy start to the new BAR/BAT program
- ii. Many racers not pleased with new color-coded system
- iii. Closer evaluation of the new system will begin when road season ends and the data from all races can be examined

#### c. Finances

- i. ACA finances are better off this year than last
- ii. See <u>Profit/Loss 08 Comparison</u>, <u>Balance Sheet Comaprison</u>

- d. State of the ACA & Future Legislation
  - i. Deadline for submission of proposed legislation will be somewhat later this year than last: stay tuned for details
  - ii. How to increase number of road races? Are there legislative proposals that address this issue?
  - iii. On the horizon: consider the finances implications of reuniting the ACA with USAC
  - iv. Consider the possibility of adopting a chip timing system for ACA races?
- IV. Junior Development (JT)
  - a. Proposal: create a paid position (roughly \$700/mo.) for Junior Development Coordinator to begin sometime after the Junior Cx camp (subject to negotiation)
  - b. Motion seconded and adopted
- V. Request for ACA to donate to Raisin Hope Foundation and Valmont Bike Park
  - a. No dispute as to the worthiness of each of these requests, but the Board was not willing to fund these requests since the ACA itself is a charitable institution
- VI. Insurance coverage for spectators at Boulder Cup Cx
  - a. The ACA Board declined to pay for insurance coverage of spectators attending these races
- VII. Report: Technical Committee (JT and Lynn Taylor)
  - i. Date for next meeting of the Technical Committee will soon be set
  - ii. Tech Committee minutes 7/14/2009

## VIII. Old/New Business

- a. Clint Bickmore reported that a number of parents of junior racers were concerned with what they saw as diminished opportunities for juniors to race this year
  - Response: when the season is concluded and the data from the entire season are available the Board will consider this along with the new color-coded BAR/BAT program
- IX. Adjournment 8:55 p.m.