**BRAC CX Promoters Meeting Minutes, 02/27/2019**

**Agenda**

• Introductions Shawn Farrell

• Policy Changes and Propositions Shawn Farrell

• Race Kit update Shawn Farrell

• 2018 Issues General Discussion

• 2019 CX Calendar Yvonne van Gent

**Meeting Began at 6:35 PM**

***Board Members present:*  *Staff present:***

Shawn Farrell (Executive Director)

Lynn Taylor Yvonne van Gent (Membership Manager)

Damon Brandt

John Haley

Andy Johnson

***Race Directors Present:***

Mark Stookesberg PEDAL RACING

Karyn Abraham PEDAL RACING

Lee Waldman FEEDBACK SPORTS

Aaron Zoerner ALPHA GROOVE SUBARU

Pete Webber BOULDER JUNIOR CYCLING

James Scott FCCT RACING

Glen Cratty WITHOUT LIMITS

Clint Bickmore BOULDER JUNIOR CYCLING

Shawn Farrell Introduced Board Members and race directors introduced themselves.

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**Policy Changes**

Shawn discussed the policy changes below:

**2019 CX Policy**

**Gender Equity**

Gender equity statement added – **No discussion all agreed**

**Course Preview**

Course preview section expanded and clarified, also to include a summary statement of the preview policy to be included on flyers and email blasts to reiterate before and during season - A**ll agreed – It was discussed and recommended to have a designated sweeper after each beginner category’s last lap to prevent the course preview riders from overtaking racers still on course.**

**Start Grids**

Start grids are mandatory and the corral start option removed from the policy - to be left to discretion of RD and CR

Start grids should be 6 meters wide and have 8 lanes for at least the first three rows. **All agreed – Pete Webber discussed having the start straight 6 meters wide for at least 100 meters. (Board should Discuss)**

**Cup awards to be added for Men 70+ and Women 60+ to match Road Cup**

Both are recognitions at year end only—will be pulled out of Men 60+ and Women 50+ respectively

Both groups still accrue points in Men 60+ and Women 50+ respectively; i.e. a Women 60+ may be awarded 3rd

place Women 50+ and 1st place Women 60+ No Discussion – **All agreed**

**Race group Combo discussion**

Table in Policy is preferred combinations; RD’s still free to suggest their own

Move SSW to Women Open—they raced most of the year here in Without Limits races

Suggest SS 4-5 start after Men 4 and in front of Men 5 as they passed most of the Men 5 in most races in 2018

Move Women 50+ to Women 3 /Women 4 start group, to start after Women 3; will lessen the number lapped

State Championships

Collegiate A races changed to Collegiate Open –encourage more collegiate participation because there is no

reason to limit to A level riders since State Championships are not used as a qualifier for Nationals (which are

restricted to Level A)

Juniors 15-18 and Collegiate Women to start in front of younger juniors

Collegiate Women closer to Collegiate Men start time so teams don’t need to wait around as long

Allows easy reconfiguration of course for 9-14 yr. old juniors without having to switch it back for other groups

**All agreed**

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**Discussion on Cup points**

Incentivize racing later in the season?

Explore other incentives, i.e. Winter Warrior for bad weather days

Leave points the same for 2019 No Discussion – **All agreed**

**Women P-1-2 and Men P-1-2**

Cash payout minimum of 3 deep for both (changed from 5 for Men, 3 for Women)

Amount of payout up to RD No Discussion – **All agreed**

**New topics discussed**

Move states to One day as opposed to Two in the present policy A two day schedule dilutes the energy and community excitement.

Spread out the states races by category over the course of the season like the road policy

Pete Webber brought up the removal of the 9-10 Categories at the State Championships due to the low participation rate, and kids that young should be racing for fun.

Mandatory Club Row, reservations allow clubs to avoid “first come first serve” and the need to arrive at 7 am, help create atmosphere

If you are planning to use junior shortcuts in your course:  
        - should be taped and marked with a sign “Jr 9-10 & 11-12 Cut Off”  
        - should be fully marked at beginning of the day, not added mid-day  
        - adding short cuts at last minute should be avoided   
        - too often the short cuts are added following pre-ride, which is totally confusing to kids/parents

Course Marking Upgrades  
        -use durable course marking materials in areas prone to damage, such as sand pits, u -turns, steep hills, off cambers.  
        - plastic stakes at 15 foot intervals are NOT sufficient in sand pits, on icy run-ups, and other places with frequent damage.  
        - suggestions are steel fence, barrels, wooden stakes.   
        - if you must use plastic stakes, use 3x the normal amount

Event flyers should explain if combined groups will be started with one whistle or separate whistles.

On sections of course with two way traffic, course must be separated with snow fence, or else provide a buffer of at least 5 feet between course segments (also serves as a pedestrian refuge)

Include constructed course crossings in areas of pedestrian traffic.

Course preview videos are helpful, make a standard for all Cup races

Need to compress race day there are too many starts

**Adjourn**--Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm