

**KANSAS CYCLING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 OPEN BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was attended by KCA Board Members Steve Songer, Jeff Lively, Allison Adams, David Romisch and Sherri Hahn. Also attending the open board meeting were Bill Anderson, Chuck Procner, Official's Coordinator Art Berger, David Wamsley, Roger Harrison and Jack Mason.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jeff Lively presented the Treasurer's Report to date which was approved by the Board.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:

Bill Anderson updated the group on GP Velotek's current activities to develop junior racing in Kansas. GP Velotek is leading weekly clinics for beginner riders at East Hills Business Park in Lawrence. Juniors from all clubs and unattached are meeting to discuss how to develop junior racing. Juniors interested in meeting with this group should contact Jim Whittaker at velotek@aol.com. Brendan Sheehan had high attendance at his Late Night Under the Lights kid's race in Lansing which continues September 28. Lawrence High, Free State, Lansing and Leavenworth High Schools are all discussing sponsoring racing teams. Discussion that BMX and nearby velodrome are instrumental to growing junior racing.

KBAR/KBAT and KBCXR/KBCXT:

- 1) Discussion re allowing out of state racers to participate in series. The series rules were originally written to include out of state racers to grow attendance at Kansas races, especially those close to state lines. The board believes this has increased attendance and voted to continue to allow out of state racers.
- 2) Discussion re including category 1 and 2 men in series master's competition. The board voted to change the 2012 series rules to allow this. The 2012 series rules will also state that a racer can only win one category in each series.
- 3) Discussion re separating junior male and female racers in the series competition. Hoping this will grow junior racing, the board voted to separate male and female junior racers in 2012 and also retroactively for 2011.
- 4) Discussion re changing age ranges for KBCXR men masters competition to start with 30 or 35 rather than 40. Board voted to continue starting at 40 since most 30-39 racers race category rather than age.
- 5) Discussion re adding 50+ and 60+ groups to women's master's competition. Board voted to continue with 40+ only but will re-evaluate this if fields increase.
- 6) Discussion re requirement a racer must race a minimum number of races in series to win award. Board voted that a racer must race a minimum of three series races to qualify for an award.
- 7) Roger Harrison stated that he believes KBAR and KBCXR winners receiving free entry to the following year's series races should still be required to pay KCA and USAC charges. The Board did not vote to approve this.

OFFICIALS:

Official's Coordinator Art Berger proposed revisions to the Official's Incentive Plan which were approved by the Board. The revised Incentive Plan is below. The board also confirmed that the 2011 Incentive Plan tiers are cumulative. The 2012 Incentive Plan tiers are not cumulative. The Board modified the 2011 Incentive Plan to include reimbursement of the cost of the Official's License, in addition to the tiered incentive payment previously approved.

IF YOU OFFICIATE AT:

5-9 races you will receive your license fee reimbursed plus \$50.00

10-14 races you will receive your license fee reimbursed plus \$100.00

15-19 races you will receive your license fee reimbursed plus \$150.00

20+ races you will receive your license fee reimbursed plus \$200.00

Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement:

The KCA will reimburse officials who volunteer (with KCA Official's Coordinator and Event Chief Referee approval) at KCA events .20 per mile for their mileage to and from the event.

A "race" or "KCA race" is defined as a race for which the KCA staffs the officials. This typically is all Kansas races and Missouri races in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Officials may count as one race their attendance at the annual KCA Official's Renewal Clinic. The official does not have to live in Kansas to qualify for the incentive plan, only work KCA races. Officials who volunteer at a race with the Chief Referee's approval and work the entire race day, may include those races on the resume they submit for their incentive.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Board discussed the proposal it received of awarding State Championships for two year terms. Concerns were that leadership turn over in Racing Clubs would inhibit Clubs bidding for two year deals; and a Club that received the two year deal might not meet its obligations under the Request for Proposals for the State Championships or cease to exist. In the interest of promoting an open bidding process that will result in the highest quality of State Championship race, the Board voted to continue to award the State Championships for one year terms. It was also proposed that the Board add the rule that a Club may not promote a State Championship race in consecutive years. Again, in the interest of an open bidding process, the Board voted against this restriction. Roger Harrison stated that the State Championship races should be decided before the bids are submitted by a "gentleman's process" that determines who will submit the only bid submitted. The Board stated that this is not the intent of the process and that the bidding process is open to all Racing Clubs and unattached promoters.

The Board discussed continuing awarding jerseys for KBAR winners and if they should be awarded for State Championships and KBCXR winners. The Board will continue this discussion, especially due to the high cost of the jerseys.

The Board asked Sherri Hahn to check with USAC on allowing Kansas State Races to be held in Missouri in counties bordering Kansas. USAC confirmed that this is allowed as local associations are to be defined by racing communities, not by state lines.

KCA SURCHARGE:

Jack Mason asked the Board to consider increasing the KCA surcharge from \$1 to \$2 per unique racer to build a larger reserve of funds for possible purchase of a chip timing system. The Board voted not to increase the surcharge at this time but to continue to evaluate the need for a chip timing system and the funding of the system.

PROMOTERS:

Bill Anderson requested that the Board post on the KCA web site the rules and tips for promoters. The Board agreed to continue to update the Promoters page of the web site.

EQUIPMENT:

The Board had received requests to purchase heaters for use at start/finish line at CX races and two way radios to use at races. The Board is not purchasing this equipment at this time but will continue to consider these requests.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

The Board asked David Romisch to research the Board's use of Twitter and Facebook to communicate.

CALENDAR COORDINATOR:

The Board appointed Allison Adams as the 2012 Calendar Coordinator.

BOARD ELECTIONS AND POSITIONS:

The Board was asked to clarify that the Member Clubs elect the Board Members and the Board Members elect the officers. The Board was asked to create a communications position on the Board that would focus on marketing cycling.

MASTERS RACES:

The Board received requests to encourage Promoters to have wheel trucks for the 50+ and 60+ racers in addition to the 40+ racers. Jack Mason stated that Promoters recognize the importance of this but have difficulties recruiting volunteers. Jack stated his concerns with the expense of promoting a quality road race. The Board was asked to continue to work with Promoters to include Master's Women and 60+ Masters Men fields in races.

KCA HALL OF FAME:

Bill Anderson requested that the Board add a KCA Hall of Fame page to the web site and keep it updated. Bill volunteered to obtain information for the Hall of Fame.

The open meeting was adjourned and followed by a closed Board meeting.