



Sport Manitoba – 200 Main Street
August 21st , 2006: 6:30 p.m. Meeting

Present: Dave Johnston, Bruce Hardie, Dave Benson, Larry Argue, Bill Ralph, Richard Nichol, John Hawranik, Drew Hawranik: Staff Jon Benson
Regrets: Cabrel Boucher, Karin McSherry

1. Call Board Meeting

2. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Richard Nichol and seconded by David Johnston: Carried

3. Approve minutes: Matters arising from the minutes: Moved by Bruce Hardie and seconded by David Johnston: Carried

4. New Business:

4.1 Resignation of Wonda Case: Director at Large

Moved by John Hawranik and seconded by Richard Nichol: That Wonda Case's resignation as Director at Large be accepted. Carried

4.2 Office Staffing: Plans for September 1st. Bruce has received an email from Mike outlining a proposal for his re-entry to the workplace. It would provide a schedule that would see the office manned for Tuesday to Friday by Mike and Jon. Monday the office would be vacant. Jon was asked to take leave from the meeting as we discussed staffing. Moved by Bruce Hardie and seconded by Larry Argue: That we accept the 2 month plan pending a written agreement recognized by The Employer, The Employees and Blue Cross and that the effectiveness of this program be assessed monthly until October 31st, 2006. Carried.

The Admin. Committee (Bruce, Richard, Karin, Larry) will meet within the next two weeks and present a completed first month assessment at the next Board Meeting.

4.3 Bicycle Helmet Legislation Committee. That the MCA would be willing to host a meeting and that we encourage the Recreation and Transportation Committee to become involved. We will suggest the committee seek a chair from within their group.

4.4 AGM Committee Report: The Committee will follow up with a recommendation on a location, likely for December 2nd.

4.5 Notice of Motion I: John David That the MCA write a letter, similar in format provided to the WRHA to the Ministers noted in the Sport Director's report. Jon please prepare a letter for the President's signature

4.7 Notice of Motion II: That the MCA support the costs of sending Dave Benson to the Road Commissaire Course Conductors Course in Ontario September 29th to October 1st. Moved by Bill Ralph and seconded by David Johnston. Carried

4.6 Recreation and Transportation Committee: Volunteer Gareth Simmons is interested in serving as a R and T committee co-chair. The Board is very interested in representation by the committee and encourages Mr. Simmons to make a presentation at the AGM, recommending a Co-Chair possibility

4.7 Nomination Committee: Bill Ralph and Dave Benson to coordinate the nominees and slate of officers for the AGM. Dave to prepare a notice for the website.

5. Reports:

- **Presidents Report (Attached)**
- **VP of Finance** Bruce to follow up with Credit Cards survey tomorrow. Bruce to prepare a motion to discuss fiscal year end change of date
- **Recreation and Transportation Coordinator (Vacant)**
- **Road Coordinator**
- **Mountain Bike Coordinator**
- **BMX Coordinator**
- **Provincial Team Coordinator (Attached)** David also noted that there have been updates since his report was submitted. The committee has met to discuss criteria for Western Canada Games Team Selection for 2007. Those criteria were then reviewed by Greg Guenther and Coaches Association of Manitoba and they have endorsed them. The criteria will be presented to the board when they have been finalized for approval. David also mentioned that our provincial coach has almost completed all aspects of Level III training. This certification will allow us to re-apply for a Sport Manitoba High Performance grant. Sport Manitoba encourages PSO to have full time coaches on staff and pay up to .333 of the salary.
- **Sport Director (Attached)**
- **Athlete Rep's :**
 - Road
 - Mountain
- **Director's At Large**
 - Cabrel
 - Richard
 - (Vacant Position)

5. **NEXT MEETING:** September 25TH 6:00 pm Pizza will be served

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Drew Hawranik moved to adjourn.

REPORTS:

Presidents Report: August 2006:

It has been a very busy summer. It is unfortunate that we were unable to meet in late June or early July to follow up on issues that were addressed at our June 10th meeting. In addition to the major concern regarding

our staffing for the fall we must very soon turn our attention to year end reports, recruiting new executive members at our AGM and creating a new plan for the 2007 Cycling season.

Looking back over the summer, I was able to intervene on behalf of athletes who were singled out for \$50.00 fines imposed by the Commissaire College at Road Nationals. The Canadian Cycling Association has agreed to issue notices to these riders in regard to the UCI rules that were not followed. The Canadian Cycling Association has also just this week notified the provinces that Steve Lacelle, the Chief Operating Officer has resigned to accept a new position in the private industry. Steve in his 12 month tenure has made a very positive impact on cycling and we will miss his guidance.

In late June I attended a BMX National Commissaire certification race in Airdrie, Alberta (at no expense to MCA). As a result of volunteering at this UCI sanctioned event I was granted National BMX Commissaire status, which also provides me with certification to train BMX Commissaires at the Provincial level. It is expected that the CCA will offer a Road Commissaire Course Conductors workshop this fall. As a National Road Commissaire I will be eligible to attend and be certified to teach Provincial Road Commissaires. We have not had this ability in Manitoba since Eric Reid moved to British Columbia several years ago. In the past we have relied on bringing in trainers from Alberta and BC. I would encourage the MCA to fund my participation at this event, should the CCA run the course. (likely in Toronto area).

As an official I was the assistant Chief Commissaire at Mountain Bike Nationals in Kamloops and filled the role of technical delegate for the CCA at the final Canada Cup Mountain Bike Race at Mount Washington on Vancouver Island. It was a pleasure to see Manitoba athletes participating at all three National Mountain Bike events in western Canada this summer. Dave Johnston has noted their accomplishments in his report.

The association has been contacted by a number of outside agencies this summer involving cycling related endeavours. They have all expressed their appreciation for the support they have received this year. The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and its committee on helmet legislation continues to seek support and guidance as noted in new business and the Sport Director's report.

We were contacted by a conservation group and asked to support their plans for Assiniboine Park. Although I agree with conservation and environmental issues, we must move carefully and cautiously with groups that look to attach our name and support to their causes. So that we cannot be later held to account or blame and group action against the organization. (ie Critical Mass as discussed in June) We now have before us two groups, one looking to hold a public forum in conjunction with the anticipated civic elections in the fall. Molly McCracken has contacted the MCA to participate in a public forum to discuss recreation and transportation issues with city councilors. Most recently one of most active clubs and stores is looking to host a Public rally on September 6th in support of cyclists rights on the roads. (Olympia's SPIN).

As noted in the Sport Director's report I attended a meeting in Pinawa o August 14th to discuss their interest in organizing a new cycling club and program that may include kids learn to ride and race (Kids of Mud) adult recreation rides and the desire to train officials and coaches. This is an exciting opportunity for the MCA and plans are underway to host a Kids of Mud Bring a Friend activity this September.

Provincial Team Coordinator's Report

Since the last report Provincial Program Athletes have attended at Road Nationals in Quebec City and MTB Nationals in Kamloops. Also, Andrew Nichol has attended at Track Nationals and Tour de l'Abitibi and Coach Marian has taken a number of riders to Super Week.

Of particular note is the fact that Leah Kirchmann is the new Under-17 Female National Mountain Bike Champion. Also, Paul Benson finished the MTB Canada Cup Series ranked #3 overall and Andrew Nichol placed second in the Junior ITT at Road Nationals.

Between the writing of this report and our scheduled meeting the Provincial Team Committee will be meeting. The main agenda items will be;

- Review of the 2006 season
- Development of the 2007 season program
- Review of provisional budget projections for the 2007 season
- Continue planning for the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games

At this point, based on my own accumulation of figures, I believe that the Provincial Program will be within budget for the 2006 season. However, that won't be known for sure until such time as accurate and detailed financial information is made available.

Sport Director's Report for August 21st, 2006 Board Meeting:

It's been a long while since the last meeting; I have several issues that have been dealt with:

On June 28th, I attended the Bike Helmet Legislation Advocacy Group meeting at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) building on behalf of the MCA. Much was discussed, however only a few things relevant to the board.

- A letter has been sent out to key government figures (Theresa Oswald – Minister of Healthy Living, Tim Sale – Minister of Health & Ron Lemieux – Minister of Transportation and Government Services) encouraging the legislation of mandatory bike helmet use. The letter was sent by WRHA using results from a survey done in August of '05 (I have copies available for anyone interested) which gave a strong indication that such a law would be supported and similar follow up letters have been sent by IMPACT and the Manitoba Medical Association. We were also encouraged to send in a similar brief letter, even borrowing straight from theirs if we saw fit to.
- Because of the nature of their relationship with the government, the WRHA wishes to discontinue hosting these meetings and we were asked as one of a few groups who may want to take over as host of the group. **Is there anyone interested in hosting? Any objections to the MCA hosting such a group?**

There is now an open position of Bingo co-coordinator since Wonda has resigned from the board. In the mean time, Dave Johnston has been taking care of the Provincial Team bingos and I have been dealing with the club Bingos. Pending on my status with the MCA come September, I can continue holding this position.

In the past month or so, I've been speaking with Carol Randall, a Pinawa resident who has shown a keen interest in getting a kids racing series going on out there as early as this fall. It seems to be a welcome idea out there as several people have jumped on board creating the beginnings of Mountain Bike course as well as several parents/volunteers who are interested in becoming coaches and commissaires so that they can officially hold MCA sanctioned races. The MCA President and myself met with the group on August 14th to ride their course and offer pointers on how to turn it into a race course as well as explaining what the MCA has to offer with our affiliation (insurance, advertisement etc...)

Road Provincial Championships in Wawanesa went well despite very hot conditions. The MCA van was brought out for exposure as well to haul out the necessary equipment for the race organizers (Greg Mayberry from A&L who did a great job)

Gareth Simons, an avid cyclist and MCA member has contacted me about hopefully taking a position on the R&T committee, however only if it can be jointly run. I told him it would be discussed at our next meeting and that I'd get back to him afterwards.

As well, myself and Paul Benson volunteered at the recent 'Quinn's Quest for a Cure' Fun Run event at Birds Hill Park this past Sunday (August 13th). The race organizers contacted the MCA looking for some volunteers to help lead-out and follow-up the 3 KM race. There were several hundred runners/walkers in attendance who were there to raise money for Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

And finally, we currently have \$150 from one-day licenses which are to be put into the Site Development Fund. There is also another \$60 that is still pending from the Team Time Trial August 9th (although it's doubtful that any of those will be followed up on this late in the season)