



Sport Manitoba – 200 Main Street
October 27th, 2006: 6:00 p.m.
Special General Meeting

Attendance: Dave Benson, Dave Johnston, Bill Ralph, Cabrel Boucher, (Bruce Hardie by phone)
Richard Nichol, Karin McSherry
Staff: Jon Benson
Members: Kevin Miller, Arlene Woodcock,

Regrets: John Hawranik, Drew Hawranik, Larry Argue

1. **Call Special General Meeting to Order: 6:05**
 2. **Approval of Agenda: Special General Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting**
 3. **New Business:**
 - 3.1 **Approve Constitutional Amendments:** Moved by David Johnston, Seconded by Bruce Hardie. That the MCA membership approves the Constitutional Amendments proposed by the Special MCA Sub Committee and as posted on the MCA Website. Carried.
Amendment to the Motion: Moved Bill Ralph seconded Dave Johnston. That Cyclo-Cross remains under the Road discipline. Carried
- Adjourn Special General Meeting: David**
4. **Call Regular Board Meeting to Order:**
 4. **Approve minutes Sept 25, 2006: Matters arising from the minutes:** Moved by Dave Johnston, seconded by Bill Ralph Carried
 - 4.1 **Report on AGM and Awards Banquet:** It is anticipated that vegetarian meals are accommodated in a broad offering in the buffet. The Board needs to consider awards for volunteer of the year and special recognition awards. Notice of awards criteria be posted on the website for membership input. Deadline Close on the 5th of November at noon. Board to review input and confirm awards via email.
 - 4.2 **License in Process:** Concerns were expressed about the coverage provided. After discussion it was determined that the procedure would remain as described and the new Board could review the protocol. In the meantime, the MCA considers an application to be an application in good faith and we consider the applicant to be a member until the grace period to complete the application expires.

4.3 BMX Interest: There is a contact in Sport Manitoba who is very interested in building a BMX Track in Winnipeg. This could make an exciting winter project for the new Board. In our new structure the BMX discipline will be monitored by the Mountain Bike coordinator.

5. Reports:

- **Presidents Report** (see below)
- **VP of Finance Draft audit provided today.** Please review and provide feedback to Bruce as soon as possible. Bruce already following up on Site Development Fund and Directed Funding Account receivable items.
- **Recreation and Transportation Coordinator (Vacant)**
- **Road Coordinator** (see below)
- **Mountain Bike Coordinator** (see below)
- **BMX Coordinator**
- **Provincial Team Coordinator** (see below)
- **Sport Director**
- **Athlete Rep's :**
 - Road
 - Mountain
- **Director's At Large**
 - Cabrel
 - Richard

5. **NEXT MEETING: AGM.**

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by David Johnston

7. **IN CAMERA SESSION:** To discuss the Provincial Team Coordinators Report circulated via email presented as a Director.

REPORTS:

Presidents Report:

I attended the CCA Events Committee meeting in Ottawa on the weekend of October 13-15, 2006. There were many discussions around the National Championships for 2007 and other National Series events. The CCA Staff are attempting to finalize the schedule prior to the CCA AGM in November. I was also involved in a CCA Conference call this week to discuss the progress being made in the new NCCP model. It is anticipated that the first component may be available in the Spring of 2007 and it is hoped to be fully implemented by Spring 2008. The Issues about transfer of certification for coaches and of course conductors and equivalent levels in the new NCCP is still being reviewed.

Road Coordinator Report:

#1. – Update on “Level I Coaching Course” – Andy Holmwood from Alberta coming to Winnipeg on Oct. 28th/29th.

- We currently have 11 people confirmed. .
- Andy arrives at 8:45 on Friday and leaves at 7:55 on Sunday
- Staying at the Hampton Hotel on Main St. just down the street from 200 Main.
- Course instruction room is prepared and bike storage arranged.

#2. – AGM date is Nov. 25th – Harbourview Complex @ 1867 Springfield Rd. – 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- I've given the deposit of \$480. to hold the facility
- \$20.00 per hour rental (for non-profits)
- must guarantee \$400. in liquor sales during evening or cover bartender at \$14.50 per hour
- meal must be selected 30 days prior (Oct. 25th)
- buffet is \$20.00 plus taxes and gratuity (7% + 6% + 12%)
- total numbers must be in 10 days prior
- full payment must be made 4 days prior

Update – Meal has been booked as this was required 30 days prior

- Guest still pending.
- Silent auction/single large item to sell tickets on?
- Pictures of events and riders from the 06 season as we did last year projected onto the walls ?
- Posting on the website soliciting photos for display

Provincial Team Report:

Our committee has not met since the last meeting of the Board, as we are awaiting anticipated Board input in relation to some of the matters raised in the proposed budget, which was presented at the last Board meeting.

The specific direction which we require is as follows;

1) Will we be proceeding with a full-time coaching position?

I realize that it may well be too early for a final decision in this regard; however discussion of the options would be valuable.

Do we want to have both a full-time ED and a full-time coach?

Would a full-time coach, with ED responsibilities, make more sense? Noting that at some times of the year it may be necessary to hire office staff to assist.

Would a full-time ED and the continued use of limited coaching resources make more sense?

Even if we are to continue on an “as is” basis, for another season, are we able to offer an increase from the current level of \$12,000?

2) Will we have funding available for assistant coaching?

It is imperative that we incorporate high quality mountain bike coaching into the Provincial Program. The sooner we know the level of monetary and other support that we will be able to offer to this position, the sooner we will be able to begin to identify the appropriate individual(s) for the position.

Depending on where we go with #1 and the first part of #2 above, the use of an assistant road coach(es) could also prove to be beneficial.

3) What are we doing in relation to a van?

I have explored some options:

- a) The Provincial Program can simply rent for its needs, as currently proposed in the budget. This has a cost of about \$13,000 and the MCA can continue to use the existing vehicle within the Province.
- b) We can lease a new vehicle. A 3-year lease with a bumper-to-bumper warranty would run about \$950 per month, plus taxes, for an annual total of about \$13,000 plus license and routine maintenance.

This would be about the same cost, or maybe even less than option a), and would give us both a better van to use locally and the option of placing decals on the van that we would be using for Provincial Program travel.

- c) I have located a used 15-passenger van. It is a 2004 with 69,000 kms. and it was priced at \$24,500, versus a new price of about \$45,000. I have seen the van, it is at a Winnipeg dealership, it is equipped basically as I would recommend if we were purchasing new and it is in very good condition.

We could purchase extended warranty coverage. I am awaiting details on this.

This would put us in the same place we would be in 2 years, if we purchased a new van this year.

Financing may be an option; however there may be some concern about the nature of our funding, etc. Again, I am awaiting details.

The downside here is that we will have to move soon as there is no telling how long this will be available.

- d) We could purchase a new 2007 van for about \$45,000.

Given option c) above I don't see this making sense.

4) Will we have the funding to purchase a trailer?

We may require the time to special order and it would be nice to have the opportunity to properly decal the trailer to advertise our Province and Program.

Defer discussion until the New Year.

5) Who is going to be responsible for the support of non-Program athletes?

The Provincial Program has specifically identified the age groups and disciplines that it is intending to work with. When requests are received from athletes who are outside of that group are they to be dealt with by the Provincial Program, by the related Coordinator and his/her committee or by the Board.

Also Deferred to future board discussion

The attention of the Board to the above matters is necessary for our Committee to proceed with plans for the 2007 season.

Motion: By Dave Johnston seconded by Karin McSherry that we purchase, if still available the 2004 used vehicle as described above for the price \$23 350.00 by offering a minimum down payment and planning to pay in full over a two year plan. A question about a finance plan was discussed. There was a concern about the exact financial status of the Association. Monthly costs could be expected to be between \$950 and \$1000 over two years. Carried 3-1-1 Recorded vote. David Johnston and Mike McKee have been tasked with negotiating a deal on behalf of the Association in consultation with Bruce Hardie. Dave Benson will represent the Association as required.

Mountain Bike Update:

MB Cup document - no changes were identified. Karin mentioned the possibility of adding a clause to the Event Sanctioning policy that would require any club awarded a Cup race to have at least 1 member that is an active commissaire.

2006 overview - participation roughly the same as last year. The highest number of racers being just over 100.

2007 schedule - we discussed the views of some members that there is too long of a gap between Cup races during the summer. We talked about having 1 race per month Apr - Sep. Birch will not have a Cup race unless they can demonstrate a strong club commitment to host a Cup event. The first 2 Cup races will be Selection events for the Wester Canada Summer Games 2007 team. Premature discussion of the calendar resulted in this very rough and incomplete draft:

April - Grand Beach - Olympia

May - Sandilands - Woodcock

June - Swan River? - TTT and/or Falcon? - Bikes and Beyond would like to host a race - maybe here with Rich Pettit?

July - Beach to Beach? - Oly, a 24 hour race? - Oly

Aug - Provincials - needs an organizer/location

Sep - Fall Classic - needs an organizer/location

We discussed a "Clydesdale" category on the request of one of our members. The committee agreed that such a category could be added to a non-Cup race at the organizer's discretion although we didn't think it had much merit.

We need to arrange another NCCP Technical Level I/II course in April 2007 - Karin to look into this. Karin also to inquire about having a Tech Level III course in MB. Interested coaches are: Karin, Ruth, Dave Johnston, Robin Camley and Allan Scott.

We need to have another Commissaire course - preferably early in the year in prep for KOM season. Karin to look into this.

There is a new KOM club in the province - Whiteshell area
The next meeting is scheduled for November 8th.

Sport Director's Report:

As you all know, Mike is back two days a week so we're rotating at 2 days a week each with Mondays having the office closed. From my perspective the transition has been smooth and we haven't run into any problems with the 2-man situation as of yet.

Following up from last month's report, Al Hutching's request to have the "Share The Road" signs placed along several key routes around Winnipeg was denied by the city so we won't have to make a decision in that regard.

Banquet tickets are now on sale; I've been selling, and will continue to be selling them at the cyclo-cross races, as well at the meeting on Friday for anyone who's interested. I sent out a request for last year's trophies to be returned to the MCA office and have received word from everyone that I will have them by Friday's meeting. I also located the Sportsmanship, Volunteer of the Year and Most Improved Rider Plaques in the MCA office that were not awarded last year (winners were awarded glass plaques instead, not sure if there's a reason behind that or not?)

With spare time I'm also starting to archive results of Provincial Championships as well as previous Award Winners, which as far as I can tell, has unfortunately never been done. I think it would be a nice to have something like that readily available so in the off chance that anyone has results leading up to this year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could pass those along to me.