

SCNCA Annual Scheduling Meeting & BOD Meeting Minutes Sat Nov 14, 2015 @1:30PM

Board Members Present:

Jan Luke
Jeff Shein
Julia Cross
Jim Allen
Sam Ames

Board Members Absent:

Heather Allen
Greg Aden

Member(s) at Large Present:

See Attendance Roster

Call to Order => Jan Luke called the meeting to order and identified the purpose of the meeting which is twofold: (1) a Board of Directors meeting, and (2) the 2016 Race Scheduling Meeting. The meeting is a regular meeting of the Board of Directors and notice was given to all Board Members. A quorum of Board members was determined to be present.

Introductions => Jan provided everyone in attendance the opportunity to state their name and club affiliation. See attached Attendance Roster.

2016 Race Schedule => Jan initiated a discussion indicating the race calendar would be the focus of the meeting and that once finalized the 2016 schedule would be published on the SCNCA website. Race participation was identified as down in 2015 and efforts to increase racer participation and retention were identified as goals for 2016.

So Cal Cup => Jan next addressed the So Cal Cup competition and the need for change based on community feedback with the goal being to help the SCC increase racer participation. She outlined the ongoing BOD discussions related to reduced rider experiences and how the SCC could be redesigned into allow for separate criteria and rewards based on race categories. Jan indicated that the current SCC divisions were comprised of Elite, Masters, Women and Juniors and proposed that each of these categories would form their own Committee of stakeholders to increase participation by identifying criteria important to each category and developing their own "guidelines" for race inclusion and rewards.

Elite SCC => Justin Williams spoke regarding goals and rewards for the Elite SCC. He suggested Elite racers value a Leader's Jersey and targeted 10-15 events in 2016 including 4-5 Road Races, with the balance Circuit Races and Crits.

Masters SCC => The Masters committee will be headed by Charon Smith and Matt Wikstrom, neither of whom were present. They will identify the races for inclusion in the Masters category and the desired rewards and report to the BOD.

Race Promotion & Quality => Jan then raised the issue that RD's and Clubs who sponsor races be able to earn a profit or at least break even when they host races, or else quality races would cease to exist.

Many participants who sponsor races indicate that they did not make money in 2015 and ideas were discussed to help change this situation. Jan indicated that the SCNCA is interested in and offering resources to make help races continue and to help them not suffer financial losses.

The issue of race length was addressed and short criteriums were identified as a problem impeding race participation as was the lack of road races. These two factors were perceived to have harmed results of local racers and national level events. Chris Daggs and others suggested fewer but better quality Junior level races.

Chris Lotts identified USAC costs, particularly regarding the requirements for officials, as reducing the number of races that promoters can offer. Marilyn Allen explained USAC's national policy regarding the minimum number of officials required. Suggestions to improve racer participation and retention included (1) podium presentations and social media posts of pictures of winners for every race category, and Jan suggested each SCC Committee could assist with this process; and (2) providing timely and accurate race results utilizing electronic registration and data collection.

Break => Attendees voted for a brief meeting break a@2:25PM and Meeting reconvened @2:40PM.

Race Promotion => Sam Ames identified the goal as quality local racing and permitting local racers to excel on a national level and discussion ensued.

2016 Race Calendar => See attached Calendar. There was general discussion as the membership worked through the race calendar week by week. Issues regarding the small number of officials and the way to increase the number of officials was discussed as affecting the calendar. The Board voted to approve the initial race calendar, subject to further revision.

Calendar discussion concluded @3:40PM

Race Officials & Training => Marilyn Allen explained USAC's policy regarding staffing and licensing of race officials and how this affects racing including in SCNCA. Marilyn identified risks from not having enough officials, including the possibility of race cancellations. Participants agreed that helping increase the number of officials should be a goal of the SCNCA and suggestions were offered. Marilyn tentatively agreed to host another Officials Training Day on Jan 9th. It is up to the SCNCA Membership to fill this class. The Board agreed it would consider methods to subsidize training of new officials.

Annual SCNCA Meeting & Elections => The Board discussed Jan. 5 as a possible date for an annual member meeting, but a vote on this date was deferred to the next meeting. Election information will be going out soon as nominations for trustee/Board of Director seats are expected to open in late November or early December. Further election issues to be discussed at the next meeting.

Financial Report => No financial report was made as Heather Allen was not present. The current financial report will be distributed to the BOD when complete. The Annual Financial Report for 2015 will be posted on the SCNCA web site when complete.

This meeting was adjourned @4:50PM

Next BOD meeting will be determined at a later date.

ATTENDANCE ROSTER:

Name

Jay Szczypiorski
Christopher Lotts
Sam Ames
Bud Stratton
Justin Williams
Sean Wilson
Fred Zhang
David O'Brien
Carl Moler
Edward Keck
Rich Savitt
Omar Lozano
Kathy Cheiney
Marilyn Allen
Alfie Sanchez
Bill Pullano
Jay Simmons
Ramon Gonzalez
David Miller
Rino Barbagioyanni
Eric Reiser
Tom Fitzgibbon
Judy Biusslan (sp??) B??sslan
Steven Barnes
Ralph Elliot
Jeff Shein
Chris Daggs
Julia Cross
Jan Luke

PRELIMINARY 2016 RACE SCHEDULE

(posted at the SCNCA.ORG site: <http://scnca.org/2016-preliminary-schedule/>)