

**ALBERTA BMX ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BLACKFOOT INN, CALGARY, AB
OCT 17, 18, 2009**

WELCOME

Meeting called to order at 9:05am by the president, Tim Croft
Welcome and introduction of board

Motion by Fran to waive the Rules of Order. Seconded by Glen Pratt. Carried

CONFIRMATION OF VOTING

8 votes from the board plus tracks (19 confirmed votes)

Lethbridge – present

Coalhurst - present

Medicine Hat – present

Calgary – present

Airdrie - present

Okotoks – present

Cochrane – present

Red Deer – present

Stony Plain – present

St Albert – present

Edmonton - present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

-Added Practice Times under old business

-Added Indoor race under race format

-Added grand date/location under race format

-Added coaching under new business point #23

Motion by Ron Nicol of Calgary to accept the agenda with additions. Seconded by Steve Mysek of Okotoks. Carried

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ross Vickery of St Albert to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pierre Chartrain of Calgary. Carried

TREASURER REPORT – Presented by Fran Duhaime

Ending balance of the General account was \$25,586.71 and the casino was \$32.41. All expenses are paid except for the AGM expenses. We will be drawn for a casino date at the Palace Casino in Edmonton in the second quarter. Draw date is in November, 2009. We are actively looking for volunteers to fill the forms for the key positions. Onus is on the North tracks to supply as many volunteers as possible to keep the expenses down. The casino funds will be received some time between July - September, 2010.

Motion by John Lavorato of Lethbridge to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Marnie Vickery of St Albert. Carried

TRACK REPORTS

Lethbridge

- 53 members
- Good season
- Worked casino, received funds
- Considering paving corners
- Have 2 years left in lease so track renovations will depend on this

Coalhurst

- Great year
- Currently constructing track
- 22 members

Medicine Hat

- New president for the club Angie Lachapelle
- 53 riders
- purchased packer
- Working on track in preparation for the winter

Calgary

- Good year
- 93 riders
- New executive with a new president, Lance Mottershead
- Changes to track like drainage, paving corner next year, possible changes to last straight
- Cougar will likely be back
- Working on getting medical supplies together

Airdrie

- 180 members
- Raising start hill about 8 feet
- If receive excess funds want to do major track changes
- Tim Croft is President
- Canadian champs tentatively scheduled Aug 28
- Great year

Okotoks

- New president elected, Mike Nelson
- Building new motoshed
- Casino scheduled for end of January, 2010
- Successful provincial, 411 riders
- Not moving the track at this point

Cochrane

- New president, Danielle Millman
- Redesign track
- Hope to do great things next season

Red Deer

- New president is Wayne Muttitt
- 105 riders
- Doing track changes, put six-pack back in

- Purchased pro gate
- Gearing up for UCI race next year- tentatively July 3, 4, 2010
- Abbotsford scheduled for May long weekend

Stony Plain

- 103 riders
- Track changes
- Looking forward to hosting western nationals

St Albert

- 140 riders
- Current facility will be gone May 30, 2010
- Will be locating to former football field area
- City have budgeted about \$900,000 for bmx facility
- Have casino next year
- Have not had AGM yet, probably about next 3 weeks
- Will probably sign 10 year lease with city
- Will look forward to building track in 2011
- Mayor is in full support for a fully UCI race track
- Will encourage membership to purchase licenses and part membership so can keep club going
- New facility will have lots of room, parking, huge track

Edmonton

- 180 riders
- Best year to date
- 21 girls, 16 under the age of 10
- Average 85 riders per race night
- did a lot of changes to track
- Widen 6-pack areas
- Added more challenge to track
- Have a new pro gate in
- Hoping to host provincial next year
- Had AGM, executive stayed the same
- Year-end party outside, had lots of fun
- Working on new coaching program
- Had problems with BEM, Darwin was able to help get them going
- Suggestion to maybe have package ready to go at beginning of season to assist the tracks
- Have casino 3rd quarter in 2010
- Track location still on hold for now

HEAD TRACK OFFICIAL REPORT Presented by Jim Negenman

Took some time but Dean Woolman did a good job. Commissaires was down this year, so that was disappointing. Would like to see a lot of us next year out on the track helping out. For volunteering, get lunch and 1 race fee. Commissaire courses usually in held February/March. Need at least 6-10 people to host commissaire course. Having the camera on finish line helped eliminate a lot of hassels experienced in previous years. Need to not only learn the rules but practice at the local track. It has to start at a local level to work at all other levels. There will be a national commissaire course this year, Loyal Ma will be teaching it in February. Dean Woolman did a great job and had excellent communication.

PROVINCIAL TEAM

Massive revamp to team structure. Recruiting coaching and staff late, hope to be different next season. John Cools may be still interested in heading the performance group. Any ideas or suggestions, please email Shane Paterson.

Marni Vickery was Team Manager, experienced some backlash from parents, had no time or preparation, would like to see the expectations laid out early to prepare the riders. Need to revisit the Independent riders, if they can participate on the team. It needs to have a code of conduct that must be followed and honored. There are 2 sections of the provincial team; the Development team consists of 10-14 yr olds and the Performance group. The layout is on the Alberta Bicycle website in regards to team qualifications.

PROVINCIAL SERIES REPORT

Congratulations to all tracks for hosting, rider count was up, 393 in 2009 from 356 from 2008. Fran and I are honored to have helped all the tracks this year and will be there when you need us.

OLD BUSINESSS

PRACTICE TIMES

Riders went up consistently all across the board in all age groups. Changing the groups at this time is pointless. 13 and over is a large group, a lot of pushing around so maybe we could entertain the idea of having our officials set up the staging area earlier.

Discussion ensued about possible shortening the practice times to 10 minutes but doing this will also decrease the amount of rounds a rider will get during practice. Ultimately the fact remains that we need to agree to control the racing a lot better than we have in the past. We can't eliminate a round of practice, and changing the sequences would not do much either.

Motion by Jim Negenman to leave the practice times as is with more organization and policing. Seconded by Ross Vickery.

Discussion ensued.

Tracks need to organize staging to run a smoother practice, and our commissaries need to report to work by 8:00am.

Carried.

Website

The site is going good and Darren is trying to keep it up to date.

Promotions report

Cougar was able to step up to assist us for the series. The economy being what it was this season has made things time but we will keep pursuing the promotion of the Association. Ross is open to any promotion suggestions to promote ABMX. The idea of maybe doing promotional items such as t-shirts and set up a pre-order system with the tracks. The association cannot afford to purchase all of these items on the hope of selling them and being stuck with them all at the end of the year as has happened in the past.

We also need to look into getting a prestige award from Cougar. It was decided to leave this up to the executive.

Elections

President – Tim Croft

1st call

2nd call – Jim Negenman – declined

Ron Nicol - declined

Secretary-Fran Jassman

1st call

2nd call

Rider Rep – Shawn Loewen

1st call

2nd call

Webmaster – Darren Williams

1st call

2nd call

Last call

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New Business

Presidents Comments

We are going to continue to work as a group and thank you all for your support.

Indoor Facility

Steve Mysek along with others is resurrecting the Alberta Indoor Cycling Center. They have just started to work in this capacity and are hoping for great things. There is grant money available to help them through Sports Canada. They are not an official club, just a facilitator. They are currently looking for rider lists from all the tracks to assist them in getting a casino license.

Break for lunch

Meeting reconvened at 1:05

Race format.

Motion by Fran to run the race series the same and remain a 2-day provincial. Second by

Ross Carried

Motion by Fran that the series be best 4 out of 8 plus the grands if there is an indoor facility, if not the series will be the best 3 out of 6 plus the grands. Deadline date for the indoor race will be Dec 15/09. Seconded by Mike Nelson.

1 opposition Carried

Motion by Shane Peterson that if in the event that there is an indoor facility set up and a provincial race is established, the net proceeds will be donated to the AICC from ABMX for the 2010 season. Seconded by Glen Pratt.

2 abstained Carried

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO BMX COMMITTEE

a. 5-6 class separation

Motion by Jim Negenman that we separate 5 and 6 girl classes for Alberta Cup series and AB Champs. Seconded by Mike Nelson Carried

b. 9 rider main to 7 rider or 8 rider

Motion by Jim Negenman that we set the 9 rider main to 7 rider final. Seconded by Pierre Chartrain.

Carried

Darren will be able to adjust the BEM program to have the 9-main shuffle correctly and drop to 7 rider final where as previously it was done manually

c. Riders maintaining earned plate when move up a skill level

Motion by Cherie Helm that we keep this rule as is. Seconded by Kristen Kawa. Carried

d. Juniors Carrying over their points when advance to elite

Motion by Jim Negenman that we allow juniors to carry over their points as long as the junior's points scale is reduced. Seconded by Ron Nicol. Carried

It should also be mentioned that the Amateur riders moving up to juniors be able to carry forward their points as well.

e. Amateur novice girls getting same points as intermediate boys

Motion by Glen Pratt that amateur novice girl's points be the same scale as used for the intermediate boys. Seconded by Ross Carried

f. Shin Pads Ruling

Motion by Ross Vickery that the definition of shin pads be from the top of the knee to the top of the foot as per the down hill ruling. Seconded by Jim Negenman.

1 oposition Carried

g. Shorts Ruling

Shorts must be made of tear-resistance material as per UCI

h. Lane choice for mains

Motion by Jim Negenman that riders who have mains and qualifiers get lane choice based on their qualifier and moto finishes. Seconded by Glen Pratt.

4 against Carried

i. Anti-doping to include Alcohol

Motion by Cherie Helm to amend the UCI anti doping rule to include zero tolerance for alcohol consumption by athletes. Seconded by Mike Nelson Carried

j. One round of practice on Sunday provincial

Motion by Fran Jassman that we keep the same format as it exists now, which is to have registration and 2 rounds of practice on Sundays. Seconded by Fran Duhaime. Carried

k. Camera Results/Protest Procedures

Motion by Cherie Helm that we use the camera at finish line and charge a \$20 cash fee for protests for the camera finish. If their protest is correct, riders will be refunded. Seconded by Steve Mysek. 3 opposed Carried

l. Jerseys untucked as long as there is no interference

Motion by Jim Negenman that we amend the UCI rule to allow the riders to wear their jerseys untucked as long as there is no interference. Seconded by Wendy Vandenhoven.

4 opposed, 1 abstained Carried

Meeting adjourned

Meeting reconvened at 10:10

m. Plate ranking AB higher than C

Ranking of plates is W-N-R-AB

Discussion seemed to lean as leaving it alone, leave the C ranking higher than AB.

Motion by Shawn Loewen that the C be re-inserted in the rankings after the R plate and before the AB plate. Seconded by Steve Mysek. Carried

Motion by Ross Vickery to not recognize the R plate. Seconded by Jim Negenman. Carried

Helmets worn by riders need to be DOT approved, SA approved, SNELL,

Rain out policy for Grands/AB champs

Motion by Deb Hagel that in the event that the Grands are rained out, the race will be cancelled, it will still count as a qualifier, no refunds and we use the best 3 or 4 provincial races for year-end total. If the AB champs is rained out, it will be moved to the following Saturday at the same track. Seconded by Cherie Helm. 1 oppose Carried

Coaching

If there are new individuals interested in Coaching, best thing to do is contact Alberta Bicycle and obtain information from them.

Motion by Steve Mysek that if a rider is registered and does not race at all, their registration funds are kept and the race will not be used as a qualifier, at the discretion of the Chief Commissaire. Seconded by Shawn Loewen.

Motion by Ross if a rider is caught deliberately ghost riding in any class, they are suspended from the Provincial series for the season, at the discretion of the Alberta Bicycle BMX committee. Seconded by Cherie Helm. Carried

Race Dates

Motion by Fran Jassman that as decided at the Aug 8/09 meeting, the Grands will be in Calgary for the 2010 season. Seconded by Fran Duhaime. Carried.

Western National Series
May 22/23-Abbotsford
Jun 12/13 – Medicine Hat
Jul 3-4 Red Deer
Aug 7-8 Ridge
Sept 4-5 – Stony Plain

Provincial Series

June 26/27 Edmonton
July 17/18 Medicine Hat
Aug 14/15 Cochrane
Aug 21/22 Rain Out
Sept 11/12 Calgary

Next year AGM

Motion by Shawn Loewen that Edmonton BMX host the AGM Oct 16/17, 2010 and the south will host the AGM in 2011. Seconded by Ross Vickery. Carried

FYI

There is a position open on the events committee on the CCA – any one interested please go to the CCA website and find out when their AGM is.

Alberta Bicycle AGM

Wendy Vandenhoven has been nominated for the VP of women's committee.
2 positions are also avail on the BMX committee

Close 12:10