



## KOM Monthly Report

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Comments & Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By the time of this meeting, KOM will have started. To date we have just under 300 (260) participants; we likely will have less this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pinawa seems to be a bit down as they feel the KOM program is costly, especially if the kids who choose to not race.</li> <li>Bikes and Beyond is also down a bit as last year he felt over 80 was too many kids.</li> <li>Wolseley Wheels is up due to having more coaches</li> <li>Alter Ego, Steinbach, Portage, Olympia are all on par with last year's numbers</li> <li>Gord's was IN, then OUT, then IN and now I can only assume OUT b/c I never set them up with anything.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We certified a number of coaches again this year; we will work with the office to plan another coaching course next spring.</li> <li>The Youth Cup race series is now planned with 5 clubs taking on the task of organizing. We have determined that the cup races are free for KOM participants, but non-KOM participants will be asked to pay a minimal fee.</li> <li>Stickers and certificates have been ordered and printed for each club. We ordered a 2 year (or so) supply. Thanks to Kevin Braun for creating them.</li> <li>Helmtops have also been ordered and will be arriving shortly. KOM will be selling the helmet 'decorations' at our races.</li> <li>Personally, as a board member, I have also been helping out with the summer games planning with Twila, Ruth, Karin and Paul and working with Mike and Twila on sponsorship info</li> </ul>
Issues & Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KOM program needs to re-evaluate the cost of our program, and potentially split up the cost of race and non-race participants.</li> <li>There has been a lot of misunderstanding among the cycling community, board members and clubs about the KOM program and races. I would like to put out some facts for everyone, in case we get questions from other in the cycling community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be 4 Youth Cup races from April -June which, is the same number of adult cup races.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- 375 - # of kids in 2010 program.
- 140 - # of kids who actually race in the KOM series in 2010.
- 41 – # of KOM kids who actually race at cup events and KOM events. (Of those 41, 13 did not race in all 4 races) in 2010.
- 10 weeks - # weeks the KOM program runs.
- <10 - # of parents of KOM participants who actually race in Cup races
- KOM committee had concerns about kids racing back to back weekends and days over the 10 week period. Some kids suffered burn out. For those individual who do not 'believe' in long term athlete development, I have attached a breakdown to review. I would be willing to discuss this further with anyone else.
- The kids portion of a cup race was generally thrown together quickly (at least for u13, u11, u9, u7) and when all KOM program racers showed up a MB Cup event, organizers were overwhelmed were unwilling to work with us.
- For the more competitive kids, other organizers can choose to have a kids race, there just will not be MB cup points allocated to that race. Organizers can also choose to prize accordingly.
- Our KOM committee reviewed all these facts, and took into account the current schedule of available weekends and were not able to find other dates so our solution was to amalgamate
- By amalgamating the KOM series and the MB cup series we feel we have accomplished the following:
  - Enhanced competition at Cup races for all U17 racers
  - Enhanced race course function for all racers i.e. more time allocated to create a better race experience
  - Fewer back to back competitive races for the kids
  - Less impact on volunteers and commissaires in the cycling community (who are mostly our coaches and parents)
- The KOM committee feels that this is the right way to proceed as our KOM program continues to grow.
- We will evaluate this structure for 2012 as well as look at our internal structure for the program.
- Everyone says to me "KOM is great, we need KOM, and we need to focus on the kids" so my response is: **"Trust the KOM committee to make the right decisions for our program. Our program feeds the provincial team and creates athletes for life"**
- People also need to keep in mind, KOM is more than racing, as you can see less than 1/2 of the kids races, even fewer are competitive riders, and fewer yet transition to the provincial program. If KOM continues to get shafted there will be even less kids to feed other programs.
- Coach Denial appeal process – as aboard we still need to address this, it will be a separate

agenda item

- Coach standard compliance concern – to date, we do not have many coaches will all require documentation into the office. This will be another agenda item.