

**DRAFT ANNOTATED NOTES
MANITOBA CYCLING ASSOCIATION TOWN HALL MEETING
17 October 2011, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Meeting Objectives:

- **MCA members have improved knowledge and understanding of the milieu within which MCA works, what is currently on the plate of the MCA, what the member survey revealed and how the organization does its work**
- **The MCA Board and staff have an opportunity to understand the perspectives of the membership on what has worked and what has worked less well in the organization and thus be better able to interpret the survey results**
- **The MCA Board and staff obtain sufficient information and inspire sufficient interest and participation among the membership to be able to develop a plan for the organization to improve and move forward.**

Notes/Actions from Town Hall

- **Mtn Bike Cup Races response – need to analyze the data of who responded to which option.**
- **Additional positives to add to the list:**
 - **Very concise data and firm commitment by the Board to get to the point of the issues**
 - **Kudos to Twila to come up to speed and doing the support she provides**
 - **The race officials are doing a good job**
- **What needs to improve**
 - **Stronger delegation of the committees being able to spend**
 - **It was noted that the Policy was amended for expenditure within budget; approvals required for spending above the specified limit**
 - **Volunteer recruitment and appreciation is an ongoing problem**
 - **Suggest a volunteer or paid position for volunteer recruitment**
 - **Clubs should be accountable for providing volunteers/officials**
 - **Standardization of volunteer job duties (eg. Document what is required at each venue and what each volunteer is required to do)**
 - **Example given is swimming.**
 - **Example of triathlon; requires triple the volunteers and very structured as described for swimming. A requirement of the club that they volunteer at a certain number of races. (club administered) Lots of ways to motivate volunteers; warning to not permit volunteers to buy their way out of their requirements.**
 - **Towns will often provide a volunteer base**
 - **Majority of clubs that have put on races have 2 or 3 active members that do all the work, so the Triathlon model would not help**
 - **Club strategy – if you strengthen the clubs, you'll strengthen the MCA**
 - **The clubs should have a dedicated position that looks after the volunteers**
 - **Mtb Cup is structured that commissairing still receives average cup points**
 - **Race Calendar**

- **Suggestion that there be less races and more club rides (mtn)**
 - **Triathlon MB requires that all clubs mandate their clubs to put on races**
 - **Learn to Ride/Learn to Race programme would be beneficial**
 - **In BC and Ontario, each club is required to put on a race; reminder that these jurisdictions are far bigger and have greater membership to draw from**
 - **Out of town clubs (Portage, Brandon, Swan River) do not feel they get the respect of the MCA membership to attend their events**
 - **Suggestion to weight the points for out of town races to encourage participation**
 - **Question if the Cup series works? Comment that it's not a motivator.**
 - **Great disappointment in races that were cancelled this year**
 - **Cup races seem to be concentrated in the first 3 months**
 - **The absence of the Crit Series is a loss of a 'fun' race that is not so serious**
 - **It is very difficult to put a calendar together, the problem is not that we are doing our best on this and perhaps not communicating effectively**
- **Venues**
 - **Strategic plan to choose the mtb courses that will be maintained (too many to maintain at this point)**