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Comments & Updates:

Since the last Board meeting, I have had nearly daily contact with the ED and Provincial Coach. Communications with other entities - Sport MB, CCA, BC Cycling – along with other persons have kept my incoming emails at about 30 per day, and an estimated time input of 2 hours per day, minimum.

Since the announcement of the possibility of Mandatory Helmet Legislation (MHL), and the tragic fatality of a WCC member, I have taken on more involvement with advocacy matters. Along with MCA's partner, Bike to the Future (BttF), I have attended one of their monthly meetings, a meeting with the Director of Regulatory Affairs from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, and a meeting with the Minister of Active Transportation (Ron Lemieux). Discussions have centered on efforts to improve the main cause of serious injury and death to cyclists: driver behavior. I have encouraged BttF to go forward with a "1-metre please" ad campaign, intervenor status before the Public Utilities Board regarding MPI expenditures on social marketing for attentive driver behavior toward cyclists. Meanwhile, a second draft of a MCA Position Statement on MHL has been drafted - as leaders in the cycling community, MCA has a social obligation, in my view, to come to a decision on this subject.

Implementation of the CCN program for licenses continues to be a challenge despite the heroic efforts of the ED and Christine Prendergast. Although the process is going smoothly, a typo will require the re-issuing of some licenses as a secondary project after the first round of licenses are set out to members.

The Race Calendar (RC) meeting happened on January 9th. The calendar was approved by the Board on Jan 27th, and an Ad Hoc Committee on urgent changes to the calendar was set up at the last meeting. In the meantime, Arlene Woodcock and the ED met with officials from BHP regarding usage of the park. Because the campground opening date was moved up, the stage race had to be moved as well. This change was conducted via an electronic vote of the Board. Similarly, the Whitemouth race which is close to Whiteshell Provincial Park and uses Hwy 44 extensively, had to be changed due to the opening of the campgrounds on the same dates. Accordingly, that race date was changed by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Hal Loewen is the MCA's current webmaster. Hal has been trying for years to get more people interested in taking over this task, and to get more people involved in the upkeep of the site. A meeting was arranged by Hal to instruct a number of people on the mechanics of updating the Google Calendar version of the Race Calendar, which will easily allow linkage to the Race Bibles developed by the organizers. Discipline chairs should assist their race organizers in getting the information required by a template and getting the necessary information onto the

web calendar.

Regarding the contract for a Can-Bike instruction video, Tetro Designs Inc. has provided a revised script for Phase 1 - the helmet video - and has begun shooting and production. The final product is targeted to coincide with the delivery of helmets from HLYS to participating schools on April 30th. Phase 2 - the finish editing of the remaining Can-Bike chapters - will begin after that.

Meetings with MCA staff have concerned the final budget. As discussed in the Jan 27th Board meeting, the preliminary budget was submitted and can be considered an "ask" budget. Sport Manitoba notified the MCA on _____ that a 3-5% reduction in grant funding could be expected. The overall reduction has turned out to be _____%. The administration is currently working on a fair method to allocate this reduction among the programs.

Nevertheless, the message from Sport MB remains clear: to sustain financial health, the MCA must align its programs with the LTAD as much as possible, and design new ones with the same emphasis.

Grant funds have been obtained in order to hire Lindsay Argue as an Assistant Coach for the 2012 season. Everyone who has had contact with Lindsay at the Penticton camp or at other training sessions is very impressed with her. The grants provide approximately 75% of her expected wages for the summer; the remainder will be funded through additional bingos, sponsorship funds or NSTF funds, or from reallocating budget funds. Since the Provincial Program has grown to at least 40 members, in addition to 3 high performance members in other jurisdictions, and assistant coach is absolutely necessary to continue to provide a high quality program. An employment contract is being finalized.

As mentioned in the last report, planning was underway for a Commissaire General Meeting in which all commissaires, regardless of level, discipline or activity level, would be invited to meet to discuss organization, development, and bottlenecks. Due to the threat of further disputes, the meeting was put on hold. Instead, a meeting of the road commissaires was planned for April 14th, along with people interested in possibly becoming commissaries. However, the meeting was cancelled by Arlene Woodcock, apparently due to lack of interest. No further information has been provided on plans for further development of road/cross commissaires.

An information session for the Training Crits was held on April 17th. Although the meeting was primarily set for the PP parents who constitute the host club for this series, the invitation was extended via the website to the entire membership. Attendance was quite good despite the rain. This series has been commended by CCA both for an excellent athlete development opportunity, and as an opportunity to develop commissaires.

Conversations with CCA also concerned the provision of D&O insurance for the Board and for clubs. An invitation to clubs to contact Marsh for this type of insurance has been drafted. A

general outline of all insurance products available through CCA's National Insurance Program is being developed for clubs.

Further discussion with Sport MB regarding the NSTF application were conducted by the ED. A revised application will go before the Board for approval.

Issues/Concerns/Recommendations:

Committee Member Name	Club	Date of Last Contact	Contact Type: E = email P = phone M = meeting	Other Notes
Twila/Jay	MCA	Daily	E/M/P	Re: everything.
BttF members	BttF	April 16	M	Advocacy
			M	Club Support
Brett Stewart	CCA	April 17	E	Insurance
Minister responsible for Active Transportation (Ron Lemieux)	Government	April 16	M	Advocacy
Director of Legislative and Regulatory Services for MB Infrastructure and Transportation	Government	April 4	M	Advocacy