

Hi everyone,

Jason asked me to write a report about road for the meeting next Monday which I cannot attend.

What you find below is a summary of what has gone on with the Road Racing division for the last month. Gary is away right now and I am uncertain of his availability for that day but he can add to this as he see's fit. I have been cc'd on all/most of the emails circulating regarding upcoming road races.

1. Provincial ITT/ Provincial Road Race Preparation.

There have been several emails related to ironing out the distance and the course for the ITT in Gretna. It will be a mostly flat course and the registration zone will likely be in a different location from the start location (this has to be done to avoid gravel sections).

The road race will follow the same format as last year out in Holland. There were discussions surrounding both the appropriate distances for the age groups as well as discussions about which age groups should be racing together. Gary and Arlene came up with a compromise, which is below, and includes the option of the first and second group racing together if the numbers are low in group 1.

proposed 2012 Provincials

Category	Distance
Elite M	
U23 M	5 laps/108 km
M30-39	
Junior M	
Elite W	
U23 W	4 laps/87 km
40-49 M	
50-59 M	
60+ M	
30-39 W	
40-49 W	
50+ W	
Junior W	3 laps/68 km
U17 M	
U17 F	
U15 M	
U15 F	

2. Handicap Road Race

I attended the Handicap Road Race as a volunteer and it was a very exciting race to watch. It went off successfully and was won in the end by a Cat 4 racer (Nathan Montgomery). It was

also, unfortunately, crash laden in the cat 5 group. Two crashes affected the race. The first happened about 3/4 of the way through the last lap. The second was at the finishing sprint. No one was seriously injured, fortunately. Rick and I stood at the East Beach/Gate intersection as traffic marshals and informally timed the laps using my watch (the data from that is below). I believe the start gaps between the categories were 8 minutes for Cat 4 and 15 for Cat 3. There was a neutral start for all categories from the East Beach Parking lot to about 200 m up the main road after the right hand turn (essentially at the bottom of the hill there just past East Beach intersection). It seemed given the lap times and the gaps between categories that we had a strong field out there regardless of category. If the crash hadn't happened in the Cat 5 group, it is likely a Cat 5 racer would have won the race. A few riders got dropped in both cat 4 and 5 from the pace.

Handicap road lap times (unofficial timing -- i.e. my watch)

Times through at east beach intersection. (may be inexact). Time 00:00 was approx 30 seconds past when cat 5 passed the start sign.

LAP 1:

Cat 5 17:30 (does not include neutral start time);
Cat 4 20:30 (uncertain time lag);
Cat 3 24:35 (uncertain time lag).

LAP 2:

Cat 5 33:55 (16:25 lap);
Cat 4 37:00 (16:30 lap);
Cat 3 40:00 (15:25 lap).

LAP 3:

Cat 5 51:15 (17:20 lap);
Cat 4 53:40 (16:40 lap);
Cat 3 55:35 (15:35 lap).

Crash reported -- apparently all cat 5 racers stopped for a short time.

LAP 4:

Cat 4 1:10:34 (16:54 lap);
Cat 5 (gr 1) 1:11 (19:45 lap);
Cat 3 1:11:20 (15:45 lap);
Cat 5 (gr 2) 1:11:40 (21:25 lap).

3. Missing Road Results from the MCA site.

Twila informed us this week that numerous results were missing for completed road races and were not yet available on the MCA website. I set about searching and inquiring about all these results from the various contact people listed in the race bibles. This is where we are at for that (I just completed the process last evening).

May 5 Tour of Whiteshell FOG hosted race. The FOG Blog had podium results posted only. Hopefully Gary has the complete results in his files.

Woodcock Mid Week Race series: (May 8, 22, June 5 Crits; May 16, June 13 ITT). I emailed Jeff Ayre who was the contact person listed in the race bible. He responded about an hour later by cc'ing my email to Arlene asking her to send the results my way.

June 16 River Road Stage Race (Bikes and Beyond). These results were located on the B&B website and have since been forwarded to Hal for posting.

July 12 Handicap Race. Rick was emailed and asked to send results to Hal ASAP.

Obviously it is time consuming for Twila to have to field calls from racers looking for the results and takes time out of her already busy day. It is frustrating for racers as well. I don't mind being in charge of ensuring the results get posted in a timely fashion.

Thanks,

Kim