

Kids of Mud Committee Meeting

May 7th, 2012 7:00pm Sport for Life bldg

Present: Karin McSherry, Phil Roadley, Moni Roberston, Melanie Ferg & Jon Thompson
(teleconference) Regrets: Charlene Guenter, Vivian Hayter, Don Page

1. Races
 - a. All feedback from Race #1 (Grand Beach) has been positive. ~110 KOM participants.
 - b. The \$375 to each Cup event will be dispersed at end of season from MCA office.
Action: Karin to initiate this process with Twila.
 - c. Updates to Cups #2 - #4 – Phil working out course details for Pinawa event. Cup #4 will be a 2 day event with the U17 & younger racing on the Saturday – will also be a U17 Bring-a-Friend.
 - d. **MB Games** - Karin asked everyone if low registration for MB Games is due to lack of adequate information or lack of interest. Most cited the mid-summer date of the Games as a deterrent. Honourable mention goes to the “same kids winning all the time” syndrome.
2. Program Materials
 - a. None of the clubs needs certificates printed or to purchase skill stickers this season.
 - b. General discussion on how each club is or plans to manage the certificate/sticker program. Alter Ego had thought to issue certificates one time only when riders enter the program then have riders earn the stickers over a number of seasons. Most others are or plan to issue certificates and distribute the skill stickers annually as riders earn them and base the earning requirements on the age/stage of the rider i.e. a U7 rider’s “Slurpee Hill” is a much smaller hill than the U15 etc.
 - c. **Action** Karin to update the KOM Programmer’s Guide.
 - d. We have a lot of *Helmtops* left in inventory. Clubs are able to purchase at cost to sell or give away. *Helmtops* cost \$1.50 each. Melanie will purchase 32 for JYD. Karin to bring to Sandilands race.
3. 2013 Budget review – tabled to next meeting
4. Coaching Development
 - a. Minimum Coaching Standards
 - i. Karin shared some “lessons learned” re: obtaining Crim Record/Child Abuse registry checks. For Criminal Record Checks in Winnipeg she found applying in person at one of many Community Service Centres was super convenient. Open 8am – 9pm, 7 days a week, cheaper than applying online. For Child Abuse registry – this one is free if you use the form obtained from MCA Office or Jayson Gillespie. Several people have been able to obtain Standard First Aid, CPR C certification in a 1 day course (normally 2 days). There are professionals out there who can customize the course and get you certified in 1 day. Cost: ~\$100.
 - b. Coaches workshop
 - i. Everyone would like to have an Expert Coach visit us for a weekend workshop.
Action Phil Roadley to source out and coordinate an expert visitation for sometime this fall.
5. LTAD
 - a. KOM Committee to start work on a U17 Competition Model for Manitoba. Considerations to include appropriate race times, courses, formats & prizing.
 - b. Ideally we would like to see a resurrection of the U17 Expert category and introduction of U15 Expert. Provincial team coach to be consulted.
6. New Business
 - a. Email sent earlier to all KOM Program Coordinators (i.e. KOM Committee members) to be forwarded to all club coaches re: ensuring all bikes have bar end plugs and all helmets are checked for proper size and fit.
 - b. As well – all kids bikes should be assessed for proper size. One U9 girl was observed at the start line at Grand Beach on what appeared to be a much oversized bike. What is the “proper size of bike for a child”? Good question. Many answers. **Action** KOM Committee to create a definition for posterity.
7. Date & Time of next meeting – **before September long weekend**