

Cyclocross - Annual Report Annual General Meeting November 19, 2025

MCA Board Member

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Accomplishments

- At the time of writing this update, we have just completed another successful provincial
 cyclocross championship at Whittier Park and are looking forward to the last two races of the
 2025 season. The 2025 season has seen some exciting heights with new riders at the front of
 races, provincial program members making huge strides throughout the season, new
 community partnerships, and some concerns that could have long-term implications for our
 sport.
- First, a big thank you needs to go out to Bikes and Beyond for sponsoring the Zone4 timing system for the entire cross season. The Zone4 timing system is the biggest expense in Manitoba cyclocross. The sponsorship by Bikes and Beyond of the Zone4 timing system, for the 2025 through 2027 racing season, highlights their commitment to amateur bike racing in Manitoba.
- The first three races of the season saw an average of 118 participants across all adult categories.
 This includes all juniors who raced U13 and Up. This number continues to trend down and is something we will have to spend some time analyzing.

Issues Resolved

- Cyclocross racing needs many things to be successful, from committed organizers and race
 officials to a dedicated group of volunteers, and most importantly, an appropriate and
 challenging venue.
- This year, we faced several challenges with race venues that, in the end, required us to cancel
 two races. In both situations, the race organizers did everything they could to work with the
 venue owner while also searching for alternative locations to no avail.
- This is not ideal, but it is a reality of our sport. We continue to work with our race organizers and the venue owners to offer them as much support as we can so that we can continue to run successful, safe, and memorable races across Manitoba.
- In wanting to finish off my report on a high note, the 2025 season has seen the transition of our senior race official, with Candice Gauthier stepping away from the Chief Commissaire role. This transition presented an opportunity and a challenge to seamlessly bring someone into the role. A big thanks goes to Tim Klassen, who stepped into the Chief Commissaire role and to our other race officials, including Ashley Clarke, Marlis Jabs, Melissa Hyytiainen, Kevin Hartle, and Shanna Chan. Without our race officials, we are all just out for a group ride. Thank you to all those who volunteer their time.



Goals for Next Year

- Review venue options with Cyclocross Committee. Ensure permits are secured early.
- Increase turn around time of information to better support race promotion.
- Identify new organizers that want to mentor with experience organizers, for future succession planning.