



**Allegheny Cycling Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting #2 (and auxiliary votes)**

**March 5th, 2018
Atria's, 1374 Freeport Rd
6.30pm-8.30pm**

“The Club shall be called the "Allegheny Cycling Association" and its aim is to conduct and organize bicycle racing for riders of all abilities within Western Pennsylvania and to encourage nationwide competition of its members.”

Board of Directors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Colleen Grygier, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shequaya Bailey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Josh Friedman, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Popovic |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E.J. Hubstenberger, Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Shawn Litster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Helbling, Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Elise Rowe |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Al Meder |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Kara McClain |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Neyer |

Agenda

- 1. Financial Update:** EJ to provide. Now that the website is back up, memberships drive is also back on (currently at 32 members and 9 season passes, compared to 169 members last year. Memberships is the way the ACA funds itself to pay for permits, officials, prize money, etc.)
- 2. Essential Racing Needs**
 - USAC Permits – in progress, will be finalized this coming week, managing scheduling conflicts with USAC rep
 - Pittsburgh Special Event Permit – submitted and paid
 - Officials: Will need 1-2 additional officials on Weds nights. One official has withdrawn from officiating this season, a second official may not be available during August (to be confirmed)
 - Elise Rowe has a sister interested in becoming an official.
 - Others interested in becoming a licensed official may reach out to the ACA. The ACA would cover costs of materials, exam and background check for new officials.
 - Race Format for 2018
 - 1) Format for Tues night races**
 - C, Women 3/4/5 and Masters: order of races, length
 - 18-20 laps for C in the beginning.
 - Masters and women's alternate shorter races.
 - Women placing in A &/or B races, get paid and earn points for both races.
 - Sprint races may be 15 laps, but the final call is up to official.
 - We discussed timed races as opposed to laps. This idea was voted down.
 - Clinics for C racers start at 5:30, every other week starting on first week (April 10).
 - We will add the bullet course to Women 3/4/5 race in June, July and August, on the same night as Masters. This is the third Wednesday of the month.

2) New format for U16 Juniors races

- Conversations, email correspondence have yielded interest from ~48 U16 youth to race at Oval in their own designated races
- Proposal: 4 races, Weds nights b/t B and A races, around summer solstice (June 20 and 27, then July 11 and 18); 12-15 laps in length
- Gives U-16 juniors racers option to also race Women's 3/4/5 and C races (as appropriate) on Tues
- One-time clinic will be offered before first race on June 20.
- volunteer marshalls needed, EJ and AI to follow-up.
- Our e-mailed vote established that there would be 4 junior races, solely for 10-15 yrs olds (M/F), before the B and A race. A proposed 10 lap race.

3) Points for all races (other than U16 juniors) begin after Memorial Day (June 5 & 6, 2018)

- proposal raised by ACA member to drop 2 races so best of 10 race results used to provide final scoring and standings; to accommodate family vacations and other summer travel.
- One race drop for individual results approved. Team points not affected, i.e., all race results will be used in calculating team points and final team standings.
- proposal raised by board member that team eligibility be conditioned on a team putting on a race event separate from the ACA races. This was voted down.

4) Alternative courses to standard oval

- Re-introduction of P course for B and A races. P Course, with safety modification, will be given a trial run on May 16 for B and A races only. Safety modification will be a chalk border added to the hairpin as a guide to help make it safer. Feedback from racers will be solicited after the May 16 races.
- Bullet course – which races to be determined after May 16 P course feedback
- Set nights for bullet and (if approved) P courses to be determined after May 16 P course feedback

3. Non-Essential Race Considerations

- a. Committees formation: identify deliverables, timeline: Work by many committees already underway; all committees, deliverables and timelines to be discussed in detail in next meeting set for April 9, 2018
 - 1) ACA Charter review, corporate formation: *Chris Popovic, Colleen Grygier*
 - 2) New storage box: *Chris Popovic*
 - 3) Picnic – July 3, 2018; food and primes planning: *Al Meder, assistance from John & Margie McLaughlin*
 - 4) Banquet – standardize date, select location and menu: *Chris Helbling, Shawn Litster*
 - Kara brought up that Opus One would be willing and able to provide more of a standard banquet experience if we booked sooner.
 - 5) Awards – number of categories, source, cost: *EJ Hubstenberger*
 - 6) Logo competition: *Jack Neyer*

Jack has solicited help since the meeting with no results reported.
 - 7) Website update – 2018 officers and board members, space to post BoD meeting agendas and minutes, etc: *Jack Neyer, Shawn Litster*
 - 8) Social media campaign: *Shequaya Bailey, Kara McClain*
 - 9) Proposed capital improvement(s): *Josh Friedman, Colleen Grygier*
 - Short-term: Piping over top of portions of fencing
 - Long-term: additional paving (small portion) to adjust P course, lights
- Local, regional race support – guidelines:
 - 1) USAC-permitted events (cash, non-cash) vs non-permitted events (non-cash)
 - 2) Determine if any amounts available

- Funds not available, but we discussed the possibility of adding a donation button for supporting other local racing on the ACA membership page.
- 3) Caps on amount available per event basis and in aggregate on annual basis
- 4) Establish conditions to making grants available – use of ACA logo, etc
 - We did not get through this clearly except to determine that the ACA does not have funds to apply at this time and is in fact thinking of applying for a grant with the PCA to help with Junior racing.
- USA Safesport update
 - no update provided at meeting; update to be provided via email
- Venue of future board meetings - Atria's vs private homes
 - A vote was taken to determine if the Board meetings could be held at Panera in their private room to be self-paying in order to conserve funds for local racing. It was approved to move to Panera and confirmed in a post-meeting email vote.
- Consider whether need to publish protocols for raising issues relating to or affecting the ACA
- Other topics
 - Local Chiropractor offered volunteer services at the track, could provide medical assistance, help w/ any injured persons, provide soft tissue work, taping or stretching before &/or after races; on medical staff for Pittsburgh Vengeance hockey team; Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Responder (similar to EMT but does not transport patients)
 - Fellow ACA member requested to put up a tent in the infield to pass out bottles of water and (maybe) Margie Bars for people; not going to sell anything, just give away free stuff and have some primes from his company Ride In Ride Out.
 - Because of the additional information, details and conditions required by local and USAC permits to enable promotional tents, services and goods, these proposals were voted down.