

Allegheny Cycling Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
7-Jan-2026

A meeting of the 2026 ACA board was held on 7-Jan-2026 at Doug Riegner's place of business (Franklin Interiors) in The Strip. Anna-Lena Kempen, Sara Horsey, Jack Neyer, Steve Bedilion, Bonnie Gilbery, Steve Hunchuck, Doug Riegner and Dan Uhranowsky were present in person. Elise Rowe and Mike Mihalik attended virtually.

The purpose of the meeting was to address items relevant to the upcoming 2026 racing season.

The following items/issues were discussed:

- Financial transition for ACA bank accounts from Brett Stana (2025 President) and Matt Humiston (2025 Treasurer) to Anna-Lena and Sara has been completed. However, transference of bank debit cards has yet to be completed. Sara is continuing to pursue the transfer.
- Sara has been in contact with the IRS with regard to our organization's IRS status. Based on her discussion, it's been determined that we need to file for 501c3 status. Sara is pursuing filing the appropriate forms to complete this process. Our status with the state has yet to be determined, but it's believed that we are registered as a non-profit organization. (Ed. In fact we are registered as a domestic nonprofit corporation)
- Anna-Lena has started the process of filing permits for two nights of racing (Tuesday and Wednesday) with the City of Pittsburgh. Approval is pending.
- Anna-Lena has started the process of registering our races with USAC for the 2026 racing season
- Anna-Lena has investigated re-registering our club with USAC, but has so far found the process somewhat confusing vis-a-vie whether we're a club or a team. She and Elise will continue to pursue the matter.
- Transition from Shawn Litster to Anna-Lena as BikeReg administrator has been completed. Anna-Lena has done some initial investigation of setting up our race schedule on BikeReg but has yet to register any of our 2026 races
- Bonnie has been in contact with the city regarding the repair of the electrical system at the track. Her contact is investigating the situation and repair status, which is somewhat complicated by the City's financial arrangement with Duquesne Light, who is responsible for approving the repairs and Sargent Electric, who is responsible for making the repairs. She is awaiting feedback from her contact.
- Dan has done a preliminary investigation of purchasing new cloth race numbers. His supplier is willing to offer a discount of possibly 50% if the supplier's name appears on the numbers, which was acceptable with all board members. Dan will investigate further.
- Due to the success of four 2025 beginner Women's races (cat 4-5), that were also open to nonbinary racers, the board discussed through our Discord forum, the possibility of adding this category as a sixth race to the 2026 schedule. Due to a recently revised USAC policy that bans nonbinary racers who were not born as female from entering races designated for Women and in order to include the nonbinary demographic in races, the race must by USAC policy be designated as nonbinary. Several issues in this regard were discussed:
  - Rather than adding a sixth race to our current two-night schedule, the question was asked: Why not add a third night of racing and move the two beginners' races to that

night? The possibility that the City may be reluctant to issue us a third permit was brought up. But it was stated that for a number of years, concurrent with our permit, Oscar Swan had a Friday night permit for TT races. Addition of a third night was discussed and determined that it was best to access attendance at the beginners' races before pursuing the third night possibility with the City.

- Anna-Lena was asked if she thought there were any USAC issues, particularly with race insurance, with regard to this category. Anna-Lena stated that she had participated in an online forum with regard to nonbinary racers, that included USAC, and it was determined that there would be no USAC insurance issues with regard to these races.
- Anna-Lena was asked what would happen if a male racer tried to falsely enter the nonbinary race with less than friendly intents and she stated that she has not encountered this experience while running similar events, but if it does occur our Code of Conduct rules will apply.
- It was also pointed out that in our presentation of the nonbinary event, we make it very clear that this is a nonbinary and Women's event and that beginner Women are encouraged to enter.
- Sara presented a financial analysis for the 2026 season based on the following:
  - A lower cost short sixth race for beginner nonbinary and women (cats 4-5) will be added to the schedule
  - The C race length will be shortened and the cost will be lowered by \$5
  - The lower cost for the C and nonbinary races will be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members
  - Based on Sara's cost analysis it's been determined that we need to have an average of 85 racers for 20 weeks of racing to break even. In 2025 we averaged approximately 95 per week that resulted in a positive balance sheet.
- Various race formats were discussed and it was determined that:
  - The A and Masters races would be the longest races and that target race times from 2025 would at least be maintained
  - The W (1-5) and B races would be medium length races
  - The C and nonbinary/W races would be shortest in length (possibly 15 laps or so)
  - In order to attract new racers into the C race, it will be moved to Wednesday evening. This move could possibly entice racers from a popular Tuesday evening group ride in the City. Anna-Lena has agreed to spearhead contact with the group-ride leader.
  - It was determined and agreed upon that the best scenario to achieve the above items is: (1) Tuesday race order: W (1-5), nonbinary/W4-5, A (2) Wednesday race order: Masters, B, C. In other words, A's move to Tuesday and Masters and C's move to Wednesday.
- The following possibilities were discussed but not voted upon:
  - Increasing the number of race payouts to 5 deep if field size exceeds 20 racers
  - The possibility of cash payouts rather than through the labor-intensive and time-consuming PayPal method
  - Moving the race start from 6:15PM to 6PM
- No date was set for a future meeting, but discussions will be continued online.

Jack Neyer, Secretary