

ACA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
23-Jan-2025

A meeting of the 2025 AC board was held on 22-Jan-2025 at Cinterlands Warehouse in The Strip amidst an unanticipated, very noisy Tuesday Trivia night. Brett, Shawn, Jack, Matt, Tyler, Fred, Jon and Steve were present. (Mike and Sara were unable to attend).

The primary purpose of the meeting was the transition to the new board, especially the new President and Treasurer, and identify issues relevant to the upcoming 2025 racing season.

The following issues were discussed:

- Financial transition from Elise and EJ to Brett and Matt has been completed. New ACA Credit Cards have yet to be obtained, but should be completed within the next few weeks.
- Brett has successfully obtained his Race Director/Promoter license from USAC.
- Brett has made contact with the City of Pgh regarding race permits but has not yet received follow up info from his contact.
- It was brought up that previous board members should be eliminated from the Discord forum. However, because Elise is the current owner, that ownership must be transferred to someone else. Steve agreed to look into that and volunteered to be the new owner as well as possibly cleaning up prior years' discussions.
- The board agreed that there should be an AED device at all races. Brett and Fred will pursue obtaining a new or used AED. *Post meeting note: Brett can purchase a new AED for \$700. However, he checked with the Zone 5 Police Station, who indicated we could use the one they have at their station adjacent to the track.*
- It was agreed that we should leverage social media more to communicate with our members, racers and the community at large. Jon agreed to take over as social media administrator and will contact Ann-Lena to obtain all SM login names and passwords. *Post meeting note: Jon has contacted Anna-Lena and begun the transition process.*
- Mikhail and Doug have committed as officials for 2025. Brett has contacted Heather, but has not heard back from her. However, based on feedback from her sister Elise, he believes Heather is interested. John McLaughlin has said he will not be back for 2025, so that leaves us at least one and maybe two officials short. Tyler expressed that he may be interested and Jon said that Colin Mihalik may be interested. The board agreed to pay all test and certification fees for any new officials. *Post meeting note: Colin has confirmed that he is interested. Nik Reinhart has also expressed interest.*
- It was agreed that race clinics would be held on Tuesday April 8 and Wednesday April 9 and racing would begin on April 15 and 16. Racing will continue through August.
- Shortening the number of points races was discussed and it was decided that Shawn will run a poll with two possibilities: 1) Points in June, July and August or 2) points in July and August.
- A picnic date of Wednesday July 2 was selected with non-points races for all race categories.
- Allowing/disallowing Cat 1's in the Masters race was briefly discussed. It is believed that attendance dropped off when the Cat 1's were disallowed in 2023, so the tentative decision was to let them stay in for 2025, but to eliminate head-start for the 2,3,4's.

- Adding additional age groups to the Masters was briefly discussed, but Jack pointed out that there may not be enough participants in the additional groups to make competition viable.
- Brett reported that Scott Wilson has prototyped a new Web Site, with the intent that Jack would remain as manager, i.e. report results, etc. Jack however stated that he preferred not manage a Web site where he has no design control for the primary reason that if there's a problem, reporting results for example, he'd have to wait for someone other than himself to make a change. Jack pointed out that almost all visitors to the current Web site were interested in 1) checking results and 2) possibly finding out the weekly race format. The consensus was that the current Web meets those needs and along with increased social media activity will provide the necessary communication with our members and racers.
- It was generally agreed that a Code of Conduct at least for ACA members is a good idea. However, there was no specific discussion regarding the Google draft document identified by Sara. It was agreed that a DOC file should be circulated for review and redlining before the next meeting.
- A virtual meeting in two weeks was proposed.

Jack Neyer, Secretary