

Allegheny Cycling Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
1-Mar-2026

A virtual meeting of the 2026 ACA board was held on 1-Mar-2026. All board members were present.

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

The following items/issues were discussed:

- Racers will be able to keep their old numbers. Racers with old numbers 300 and below will be able to request that the old number be replaced with the same new number. If a new number is required for any racer, the cost will be \$5 no matter if it's a replacement number or not.
- City permits are in place
- USAC permits have been negotiated to \$3300 up from \$2500 for 2025 but less than the initial quote for 2026.
- Steve B. reported that the lock boxes have been fixed
- Bonnie reported that the electricity repair has been cleared by the city and is now in Duquesne Light's hands. During the meeting, Doug checked with Matt H. to see if there has been a work order has been issued to DLC, but thus far none has been. Anna-Lena will follow up.
- Ana-Lena has completed BikeReg setup for 2026 (and Web site now has links to each of the registration dates). Exceptions include:
 - Picnic (Wednesday July 8) and the Tuesday before
 - All Clinics
- It was decided to issue all prizes in cash rather than through electronic payment for 2026. This will require delivery of maximum cash payout amounts (for five deep payouts) to the track on a weekly basis.
- Separation of responsibility between the promoter (i.e. the ACA) and the officials was discussed at length with the following decisions:
 - At least one ACA board member must be present at each race to act as the promoter
 - The ACA will be responsible for closure sign placement, course cleaning, setup and tear down
 - The ACA will be responsible for awarding prize money following the announcement of results and after the protest period
 - The ACA will be responsible for determining if 911 needs to be called and making that call in the case of an accident
 - The officials will have complete control of the races once they are started, including neutralizing or suspension for weather or a crash or any other factor
 - Someone (Doug) will setup a volunteer spreadsheet for board members to sign up to be present
- Picnic logistics were discussed:
 - \$700 is the approximate budget allocated for the picnic to provide, burgers, dogs, rolls, utensils, plates, bottled water and soft drinks (Elise volunteered to pickup those items at Costco)
 - As in the past we will rely on donations of side dishes, deserts and snacks

- At least 4 tables will need to be provided, but it appears that various board members have enough tables to satisfy the need
- In the past Mike Mihalik gathered primes. Anna-Lena will contact him to see if he's willing to do so again
- Doug will reach out to area bike shops for picnic primes
- A chef or chefs and a gas BBQ grill needs to be found. Anna-Lena will poll the mail list for volunteers
- The possibility of a race announcer was discussed without resolution. Doug will also check with contacts PR3 about borrowing or perhaps purchasing a PA system
- Race format for the Tuesday before the picnic (July 7) was discussed (without resolution) with the following possibilities:
 - Miss and out elimination
 - Mixed category team competition
 - Time Trial
 - Team Time Trial
- The board was asked to review the Code of Conduct document so it can be finalized prior to the start of the season
- A target date of the week of September 13 was tentatively established for the awards banquet
- The preseason clinics were discussed:
 - Sara agreed to run the preseason Tuesday night clinic
 - Shawn Litster (through Steve H.) agreed to run the Wednesday preseason clinic
 - Bonnie will look into clinic posters for bike shops, etc. and social media
- No date was set for a future meeting, but discussions will be continued online.

Jack Neyer, Secretary