

Allegheny Cycling Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
15-Sep-2026

Prior to the Annual Awards Banquet, an in-person meeting of the 2026 and 2027 ACA board was held on 15-Sep-2026 Trace Brewing. The meeting was open to the membership. The following board members were present:

Anna-Lena Kempen (26,27 President)
Leah Cole (27, VP)
Sara Horsey (26, Treasurer)
Jack Neyer (26,27 Secretary)
Kristin Bykowski (27)
Bonnie Gilbery (26)
Dylan Lukas (27)
Nik Reinart (26,27)
Dan Uhranowsky (26,27)

Members present included: Zach Herbert, Julie Hallinan, Fred Baldassare, Kevin Bender, Dave and Maria Friedman

The main purpose of the meeting was to sum up the 2026 season, answer concerns and questions from members and incoming board and entertain any suggestions for 2027.

The following items were discussed:

- The first and most important issue at the beginning of 2027 (and any racing season) is application for permits with the City and USAC. Typically, it is the President who initiates and follows through with these action items.
- The frequency of board meetings and whether they are open to the public was asked. Answer: meetings were somewhat random and as needed, however Anna-Lena said she would like to schedule more frequent meetings, possibly on a set schedule for 2027. As stated on the Web site, board meetings are generally open to the public upon request.
- The possibility of forming member committees to offload the board was mentioned.
- A third day of racing, possibly Thursday, but not for the entire season was discussed. Would the City grant it? Possible stress on officials?
- Possibility of a Cat 5 only race was mentioned.
- A split season (no points-points-no points) was mentioned. Possibility of reducing points series to 8 weeks was mentioned.
- The possibility of points leader's jerseys was mentioned.
- Moving the Cs to Wednesday evening to pick up the coffee-ride crowd was generally viewed as a good decision as C ridership was up.
- The drop in master's participation was discussed and the possibility of a 50+ only race was also mentioned.
- Increasing the C and NBW races to more than 15 laps were mentioned.
- The success of race sponsorship was cited. A suggestion to add a way to sponsor a race to the Web site was mentioned.

- Anna-Lena mentioned ACA seeking 501c3 status was underway and will continue through 2027.
- The possible use of drones was mentioned. However, city policy must be pursued.
- The possible purchase of a finish-line camera was mentioned.
- The possibility of having beer taps at races was mentioned. Sara stated an alcohol permit would need to be obtained from the City.
- Because the police Station is now vacant, the ACA may now need to purchase and maintain an AED.

Jack Neyer, Secretary