

Meeting 13:30 2/3/2018

Attendees:

Kevin, Charley Bev, Mike H. Trevor, Sarah G, JoAnn, Alan, Bill Harmon, Rich G. Jim McIntyre

Indoor training review 32 riders, 850 per month rent. Computrainer –new computers, replace OH projectors – with TVs. Increased 7 to 12 ride stations, \$10,200 rent per year. We're about \$50 short of rider participation to cover all rental. Kevin proposing increase all annual fees by \$50 – will cover rent and a kitty for maintenance and improvements. Understand the consideration that the increase cost may impact the attendance...

Discussion - all –for covering the cost, although not that impressed with the building facility itself.- but we're paying too much rent for what we are getting- central, close, but never got the showers we were promised... we did all of our own building modifications. wonder if we could find a different venue. So much development nearby – wondering what rents in different places would be. Business buildings on Caterpillar trail. 116 East Peoria. How many square foot is the current venue? How difficult is moving the venue- so much is portable now. Think we could manage 1000 sq. feet. We would ask for showers, and negotiate the completion before we'd sign any lease. Considerations – renters insurance.

Kellahers has not been a sponsor of the club for years. Question could we negotiate a lower rent in our current location. Ask if it's an option to have a short term rider sign up and still make the rent. Current price is very close to turning riders away.

Could OSF (owner of Chase Bank building be a potential sponsor- of even just the training facility.)

Action – Kevin will investigate and reach out to Steve Driscoll to compare his arrangements (Vision Quest) in a basement of attorneys on Jefferson. Maybe for joining forces. Or inquire of PBC team members who might have contacts in real estate. We have contacts within OSF to investigate. Trevor will reach out to Randy as OSF.

### INDOOR TT

Thanks to 10 people who rode. – Jason Rassi – finished .02 miles in front of Mike Haedicke. Results will be posted.

If there's enough interest we'll do more.

### Cyclecross Races

Hosting 3 was 1 too many for our coordination efforts. This year – will remain part of HICX- Increased interest by other venues.

Kevin recommending dropping to 2 races – both earlier in the season. Donovan. (Wildlife and McNaughton) Decision to make on which remains. Sarah asking if PBC was interested in the WhiskeyDaddle race weekend. (October) and venue by Riverplex..

Peoria Park District –CX training series- at Donovan- Peoria Park District- communicating with Dan Gray. Notre Dame cross country coach. A good relationship. Kevin proposes- starting in August time frame- after crits over- Funding – lost about \$100 per race – our races had highest payout for all of the series races. Goal to be revenue neutral if our prize list matches the other races in the series. Kevin will investigate.

Rich G. wondering why cycling sports do cash payouts when other sports do not. (triathlons, running) Question – could we do without payouts? are medals enough? Triathlons entry fees are higher and include food, and Tshirts- Minimums on T shirts.. Kevin has a meeting with the HICX series group in a couple of weeks.

#### Road Time Trial Series races

Wondering about hosting a TT race series. Insured by USA cycling – annual or 1 day license- same fee schedule. Looking at venues in Woodford county. Tremont has an every 2 week race, Trishark every Tuesday- (20k early- then 40 late). They did not charge. Propose hosting a TT race. Evaluating expenses to host-Police, road /county commissioner. Good draw from cyclists and triathletes. Volunteers from both sports.

The ABR 2man TT has been picked up by a different club. (it was available til just lately) Discuss between –ABR and USAC managed races.. Seems the direction of cycling in IL is toward to TT, Crits and RR are declining.

Questioning – the viability of a TT series- versus a Race. And potential –to join up and volunteer/with either other local race series- Tremont/Bloomington

Seque into bringing younger engaged bike riders into this club. And cross pollinating between clubs- Triathlon/cycling/ example- Triclub has started a mentoring program. Young people need other young people to hang with.

Idea of high school clubs and targeting cross country runners- example- Elmwood-years ago. Or Motorcross kids. Kids need supervision if it is a school club – must engage coaches. Carrots- Most miles, best results...etc. travelling trophies. Barriers-cost to get into cycling. Equipment. Fear by parents of safety, and concept that bikes are kids toys. Must have mentors. And safe locations. Rails to trails. Or ex- ICC Club resources as mentors- those riders. Example- Multisport Madness- bikes donated to club and kids rode and gave them back. Bike Peoria – clinics at schools- Sarah will ask Perr Ellingson.

Financial Report noting that net loss of \$12k. this year.

Racer payout – for 2018 - As is –10 or over. Increases with the number of races, to \$2500 per year. Considering the to be- to be more solvent. IE: reduce total kitty. Options- to eliminate, reduce, cap individuals. Gain sponsors to eliminate the use of the savings account. Historically – rides have switched clubs because of the payouts or racing bonding in other clubs.

Perception –the idea that general club membership just pays the racer payout –even though there are few racers. Club membership provides- shop discounts, formerly – frame discounts.

Racer perspective-without payout – would do fewer races, and would be less exposure for the club jersey. Expensive for travel, and food and entry. Without loyalty – would ride for a different team that offered better deals.

Proposal- to cut to \$2000 for 2018 to see how current pursuits end up (training facility expenses/location, Race (series) income, indoor membership. Agreed upon.

Clothing Inventory –some available.

Discussion about ride philosophies and how rides operate. “No drop” / regroup. Vs Group ride.

High school mentoring- Elmwood- Betsy. Charley –Glasford

Anyone at Notre Dame? Dan Gray

Once a week – rides  
Bikes per need  
Engage – Russells?  
Insurance liability

Meet back up to see progress on topics discussed here- mentoring – high school clubs, indoor training locations,  
Saturday April 7 1PM Kellahers.