

Velo Club La Grange Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2010

Minutes

Attendees:

Present, Board of Directors: Marco Fantone, Claude Innocenti, Marc Thomas, Dan Weinberg, Richard Kim, Tom Byrnes, Stu Press, Duncan Lemmon.

Absent: Jay Slater

Present, La Grange members: Seanne Biggs (scribe for Jay Slater), Heather Baroff, Trent MacLean, John De Rago, Bob Rasner, Skip Nevell, Edgar Burcksen, Tim Fitzgibbon, Jonathan Weiss, Larry Goodman, Brian Pera, Todd Larlee.

President called Meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes of April BOD approved unanimously.

Website/La Voix Committee Update:

Richard Kim updated and BOD informed of plan to design and develop new website on WordPress platform. Website will be interactive and connected to Facebook Twitter, etc. La Voix to be published quarterly as hard copy. Website and La Voix to serve as communication hub of the club and strengthen community. First addition of hard copy La Voix to be distributed by mid-June. Seanne working with Chria Hazlitt on La Voix layout. Sponsors to be included in hard copy LV and website.

Racing Committee Update:

Richard Kim discusses results of first Racing Committee meeting. Working on building Juniors, Womens, and track programs. Discussion of Racing Mission/Vision. John De Rago spoke about bringing LG to the schools to recruit kids into cycling (possible use of Scott Bleifer (sp) funds.) John will write proposal and bring to next race committee meeting. John De Rago working with Jennifer Klausner, LACBC on bicycle education for youth in schools.

Re: development of a Juniors program, Tom Byrnes identified missed opportunity to use Coryn Rivera while racing for LG. Larry Goodman mentioned possibly having Coryn speak at an event. Bob Rasner feels there needs to be family oriented events to attract children into cycling.

Race Report:

Stu Press very excited about racing season. Stu also working on bringing in young cyclists and Women. Discussion of racing mission/vision by Marc Thomas. Issues of perception that the Men's Elite team gets disproportionately more money than other racing categories. Is this something LG wants? Racing committee coming together to work on budget, goals, mission and vision.

Sponsorship Committee:

Dan Weinberg asks to be relieved of sponsorship responsibilities. He will help Sponsorship Committee transition once in place. John De Rago will head sponsorship committee under stipulation that there are more members willing to share workload. John De Rago stresses need for all important responsibilities of club be committee oriented, also that information and data needs to be filed and stored where it can be accessed by working committee members and BOD. Stu Press, Marco Fantone, Tom Byrnes, and Marc Thomas would like to be part of the committee. Motion made by Stu Press for John De Rago to head committee. Unanimous agreement by BOD. John asks that all people previously involved in sponsorship to continue to help through the transition.

Membership Committee:

Marc Thomas working on streamlining membership enrollment process. Provide continuity, and use the process to help people connect to others in the club with like goals and interests. e.g. cat 4 racer gets put in touch with Joe P. Century riders get put in touch with Larry Goodman, et al... New member mixers presented by Seanne Biggs. Hold events off bike once every 6 weeks to include 1-2 BOD's minimum and open to all members to welcome new La Granger's. Seanne will research venues and put together first meeting.

Various discussions about membership retention. How we can best serve the membership? Larry Goodman working on survey to go out to entire club using Survey Monkey (cost approved by Claude Innocenti) results to guide present and future needs of club.

Clothing Update:

Dan Weinberg states spring clothing is ready, but facility not available until mid June to sort clothing. Still need method of distribution (Stu mentions LG nite at Helen's). Discussion of need to find place to sort clothing before mid-June.

Brentwood Grand Prix Update:

Marco Fantone. This year LG will need to pay hefty fees to hold BGP. City of LA no longer subsidizing events due to state/city economic crisis. Need for title sponsor. Course is still under discussion with USAC (?) Jay handling permits. Race is August 8, 2010.

Raymond Fouquet Proposal:

Bob Rasner brings up proposal to rename Brentwood Grand Prix as Raymond Fouquet Grand Prix. Skip Nevell and Edgar Burcksen speak on behalf of proposal. Tom Byrnes notes other races named after people or memorializing people and that venue of race has changed in the past. Duncan brings motion to vote for name change immediately. Richard Kim proposes Raymond Fouquet Brentwood Grand Prix. BOD votes yes unanimously.

Tom Hill, Larry Goodman, Duncan Lemmon and Tom Byrnes will form committee to explore idea of Raymond Fouquet Century ride.

Treasurer's report:

Claude Innocenti distributes P and L report. Net income Jan. 1, 2010 to May 19, 2010 is 3,167.50 Tom Byrnes questions amount going for elite 1, 2 as opposed to more for cat 4-5... Stu answers more will go to reimburse them, product to them, racing committee working on a process for reimbursement/distribution and decisions about \$\$ to go to racing program. Seanne Biggs asks to see current budget. No budget in place. Waiting for racing budget before making complete budget. Seanne addresses need to have budget for legal as well as customary reasons. Complete budget should be made with racing budget TBD if necessary.

Vote on 20 year membership fee waiver:

Motion made by Marco Fantone for vote on Bob Rasner's proposal to offer free membership to LG members with 20 collective years. Fiscal impact of current members who fit that description is approx \$1500.00. Vote unanimous in favor. Both Tom Byrnes and Richard Kim have some reservations of policy until numbers are researched for true fiscal impact going forward as younger members age into free membership category. John De Rago urges need to research possible revenue loss before making policy change as it will be harder to rescind policy once in place.

New Business/Members address the BOD:

Jonathan Weiss: 2010 Bike Rodeo June 12, 2010 Asks for LG participation. Marco asks Jonathan what he needs from LG to assist and participate. Jonathan will be in contact with Marco for details. Richard Kim will post on website.

Trent MacLean: Wants to address lack of education and rides for new riders. Bike handling skills, group riding skills, bike etiquette, etc. Would like to put together proposal or head a committee on putting in place a program for new (and veteran cyclists) to learn these skills.

Claude discusses money raised for Jorge Alvarado. LG sent an immediate check for \$1500.00 to Jorge's family at the time of his death to help with funeral costs and transportation needs. LG membership has contributed \$1000.00 via paypal and checks back to LG. Decision; Do we send that \$1000.00 to his family or reimburse LG for the money already sent? Decision waived until next BOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Next BOD meeting tentatively set for June 30, 2010.