

Velo Club La Grange  
Board of Directors/Club Members Meeting  
April 21, 2010  
Called to order by Duncan Lemmon at 7:30pm

Attendees: BOD-Marco Fantone, Jay Slater, Claude Innocenti, Duncan Lemmon, Dan Weinberg, Richard Kim, Marc Thomas, Thom Byrnes, Stu Press,

Members (including, but not limited to): Susan Gans, Debbie Betts, Bob Simon, Bob Rasner, Bill Birrell, Larry Goodman, Nir Tal, Tamar Toister, Seanne Biggs, Brian Pera, Chad Tolluch, Dave Gingrich, Michael Hamilton, Edgar Burcksen, Todd Larlee.

1. **A CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 pm**
2. **Duncan Lemmon addresses attendees.**
3. **Introduction of Board of Directors:** Marco Fantone as new President, Jay Slater as Secretary, Claude Innocenti as Treasurer. Other Board Members introduced: Thom Byrnes, Dan Weinberg, Richard Kim, Marc Thomas, Stu Press, and Duncan Lemmon. Jay Slater introduces position of Scribe. Seanne Biggs appointed Scribe. Responsible for minutes of Board Meeting. Execute copy to Board no later than one week after meeting. Duties may include sending out minutes to Yahoo Groups, or post on Website.

#### **A/B How the Board will Communicate/What the club can mean to you:**

Richard Kim discusses website upgrades, need for membership to assist with site updates, floating multiple ideas about becoming more web based in terms of information. No action taken at meeting. Richard Kim to continue to develop plan.

Jay Slater discusses need for agenda to go out prior to monthly Board meetings to help facilitate club involvement. BOD in agreement.

Marco Fantone notes he is available at all times to the membership for ideas or information. He wants to establish direct communication with the club membership.

Marc Thomas discussed the willingness of the Board to be open and transparent to the membership and wants to work to create an environment of positive ideas that support the clubs goals.

#### **4. Duncan Lemmon opens forum to membership to discuss their ideas...**

Susan Gans proposes password protected address book of club membership. Discussion about security of email addresses. No action taken.

Debbie Betts proposes race reports by racers should include thanking sponsors in their reports. Received positively by BOD.

No action taken.

Larry Goodman discusses need for BOD to address the membership needs of those who do not participate in USCF racing. No action taken.

Larry Goodman proposes LG event: First Aid and Legal Advice

Jeffrey Courion discusses cycling as community building, safety issues. Formally requests VCLG become a club member of the LA Bicycle Coalition. Jay Slater agrees and is in contact with Jennifer Klausner to develop involvement.

Pursuant to Bob Rasner's question about officers of the club and Board members, Thom Byrnes addressed issue. It will be amended by Board. Officers will be Board members. Action to be taken by Board to amend By-laws.

Bob Rasner proposes Raymond Fouquet tribute 1) Change name of BGP to Raymond Fouquet Grand Prix, 2) Century ride dedicated to Raymond Fouquet, 3) Honor 20+ year consistent memberships by not collecting annual dues from those members. Jay Slater/Marco Fantone discussed need to keep name of BGP to satisfy local Brentwood community. No other action taken.

Bill Birrell proposes 1) Mission statement evaluation. 2) Master email list for all membership to aid in communication 3) Require a skills clinic for each new member 4) Sell club clothing thru Helens. 5) Possible membership requirement a day of volunteer service.

Jay Slater notes that we now have access to the entire club email address, not just the Yahoo Groups. No other action taken.

Tamar Toister: More skills clinics for newer riders. Introductory ride for new rider's. No action taken.

Susan Gans asked for a way to access Herbalife products. No action taken.

Seanne Biggs proposes new membership meetings every other month, casual, social, old members welcome, 1-2 board members attend. No action taken.

5. **Positions open for club members:** Jay Slater discusses schedule A club positions available. Will send out club wide to get interest in volunteers.
6. **Race Program Update:** Stu Press. He is pleased with racers progress this season. He is working on recruitment of younger riders from UCLA, USC. No action needed.
7. **BGP:** August 8th date. Jay Slater working on City Permits. Marco Fantone and Tom FitzGibbon working tweaking race course. Increased cost this year will be due to LA city budget cuts.. Brentwood Community Council is very happy to have race back. BOD implored membership for help in putting race together. Again discussion of need for membership to volunteer one day of service as part of membership requirements.

**8. Treasurer's report:** Total 405 membership, about same as last year.

**9. Amgen TOC and LG participation:** Herbalife working on involvement which may include our participation. Waiting for confirmation from HL. They will have a VIP at Stage 7 and 8.

Cat 3,4,5 will have the LG Tent at the Rock Store climb similar to last year's stage. Marc Thomas is encouraging membership to turnout.

**10. New Business:** Stu Press and Claude Innocenti addressed fundraiser for Jorge Alvarado's family. \$1500 donated from LG. Approx. \$800 from Membership Paypal donations and \$200 in personal checks. Stu Press is monitoring if criminal charges will be pressed against driver. Stu is also working on a possible memorial ride. Stu will keep BOD and Members updated.

Bill Birrell thanks outgoing BOD Tom FitzGibbon, Joanne Ratinoff, and Dave Lieberman for their service to the club.

**11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00.**

BOD meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. All club members are encouraged to attend. Next meeting, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.