

Rocky Mountain Collegiate Cycling Conference
03/21/2024 Meeting notes
6-7pm

- **Introductions (in attendance)**

- Nat Ross, USA Cycling
- Jim Castagneri, RMCCC BOD
- Heather Fischer, RMCCC BOD
- Jon Tarkington, RMCCC BOD
- Patric Rostel, RMCCC BOD/CMU Head Coach
- Evan Goliak , Air Force Academy
- Camille Lamarque, Race Director at CU
- Ian Burnet, Coach Fort Lewis
- Jason Tollus, Western Colorado University
- Alan Schenkel, CSU Faculty Advisor
- Lucas Huesman, CSU Team President

- **USA Cycling and Collegiate Cycling**

From Nat Ross, USA Cycling is committed to rebuild and revamp collegiate cycling to its heyday before COVID. We realize the guidance for teams just wasn't there. Justins' departure didn't help. We want to focus on bridging students from the high enrollment in NICA leagues to collegiate cycling. We plan on revamping the collegiate schedule to better match the collegiate school calendars. We are hoping to offer grants through applications for new startup teams.

- **Vision for the RMCCC**

Rebuild the conference from post COVID deflation

Rebuild the Board if Directors and select a Conference Director.

Focus on supporting collegiate cycling in core areas of MTB and road

Explore fund raising and financial support of schools

- **Collegiate Policy Document**

This document is online at USAC and was included in the March meeting announcement. It contains key information about eligibility and upgrades. Every team captain or coach should read it thoroughly.

- **Spring Road Calendar**

This calendar is set and was attached to the RMCCC March meeting announcement. Updates can be found at the Bicycle Colorado website here: <https://www.bicyclecolorado.org/events-2/event-calendar/rmccc/>

- **Social Media Coordinator**

The RMCCC is still in need of a social media coordinator. If you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out to Jim Castagneri at: Castagneri@gmail.com

- **Fall RMCCC Elections and new board members**

The RMCCC will be re-building the board, electing a President, and selecting a conference Director in September. We are in the process of collecting names of interested individuals. Please reach out to Jim with questions or for more information.

- **Fall Mountain Calendar**

We are looking to build-out the fall MTB calendar. There are few events in the planning stages. If you need help organizing an event, reach out to Jim at RMCCC or Chris McGee at Bicycle Colorado to discuss obtaining assistance.

- **MTB Race Date Request**

It was suggested that a single form request for MTB events could be better utilized as a shared document. Jim will work with Yvonne to make this happen.

Open comments:

Ian - RMCCC could help with race support through grants for timing systems, contracts with ski resorts, and help with legal contracts for events.

Alan - Cost for MTB events at ski resorts is rising due liability insurance the resorts must pay. Road events continue to get more onerous with increasing regulations and permit processes.

Lucas – Overall cost for participation in cycling is high. Toss in Nationals and travel, and many prospective racers can't afford it.

Jon – The new RMCCC would be a subsidiary of USAC?

Nat- Ideally yes, with some form of financial support as well. There is a need for formal financial support at the conference level and USAC is exploring how that will work.

Jon - The current board is somewhat older...how do we attract and retain younger board members?

Next RMCCC Meeting is THURSDAY April 25th 6pm