

RMCCC
August 22, 2024 6pm via Google Meet:
Agenda

Attendees:

Tayne Andrade – CSU Coach, Ian Burnett – FLC Coach, Chris McGee BC Event Support Manager, Cade Pair – CU club officer, Alan Schenkle - CSU Faculty Advisor, Garrett Gallaher – Team Captain USAF, Brian Flaherty, - Coach CMU, Jim Castagneri - RMCCC Interim Conference Director

- RMCCC Committee Nominees (all in attendance may vote)
 - Chris McGee
 - Lynn Taylor
 - Jon Tarkington
 - Heather Fischer
 - Patric Rostel
 - Ian Burnett
 - Tayne Andrade

All are approved by the committee. This Advisory committee is in place through December 31, 2025

Chris McGee nominates Jim Castagneri as RMCCC Director and all agree. Appointment expires along with the committee on December 31, 2025. Director's job is to call meetings, work on documents, and represent RMCCC to USAC and the community.

- RMCCC as a Legal Entity. We are an advisory committee, not a board of directors. We are not a non-profit that is recognized by the state. RMCCC will continue to function as a group that supports collegiate cycling in Colorado and that is recognized by USAC and Bicycle Colorado. This leads to the question of how can RMCCC best manage itself and its finances.
- Creation of an MOU for RMCCC and BC. Chris provided background on USAC's situation with collegiate cycling and other conferences around the country. There is no acting collegiate cycling director right now at USAC. The first ever MOU between a collegiate conference and an LA was signed in Colorado 13 years ago. A new Draft MOU has been composed by Chris and Jim. Link shared with this meeting. Please review and provide suggestions. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- Money Discussion. RMCCC Surcharge. Money is collected by the Chief referee at \$2 per rider at each RMCCC event. USAC holds the money that has been collected for the RMCCC. About \$9000 balance. Chris has requested a ledger/accounting of how this account functions.
- How to best use this money? Stipend paid to those schools that promote a conference event? Buy a timing system? Use money for conference awards? Use the money to

help the conference grow? Jim arguing for mileage/expenses need to be available for the Conference Director in the future.

- **Stipend discussion**

Proposal put forth by Jim: a \$500 stipend to each school that promotes a RMCCC event this fall. Four colleges = \$2000 from the account to be paid during the fall of 2024. Brian suggests this stipend is \$1000 for 2024. Tayne doesn't hate the idea...\$500 per race is not small but is it a good use of the rider fee? Group decision: Stipends on hold until we get more info about the finances. No second - this proposal is tabled.

Chris McGeeMoney could also be used to provide conference awards for riders.

Brian Flaherty ...When did our account start incurring these funds? How fast will the account be depleted? Real-time data for Powderhorn..sold out 200 spots for DH. Total registrations last year were 640. Total registrations at 399, last year 575. The split between club and varsity is pretty even. The process to onboard a collegiate athlete is incredibly challenging.

Ian BurnettIf we're spending the money, are we going to continue to charge a fee for something of questionable usefulness?

Brian proposes that we eliminate the RMCCC \$2 surcharge. Chris argues to keep the surcharge, but we need more clarity from USAC about the account. Ian proposes that RMCCC money moves to BC with more transparent accounting. Chris and Jim to follow up with USAC before any action is taken. No second - this proposal is tabled.

- **Upgrade discussion**

Discussion was interrupted by the one hour limit on Google Meet. This conversation will be postponed until next month. Note on upgrades: there is a backlog, little standardization and often no supporting information provided by the riders. Collegiate upgrades are a time consuming, inconsistent and ongoing headache. Suggestion for next meeting: an upgrade committee consisting of coaches and Lynn (experienced official). Upgrades are not a good use of Jim's time.

- BikeReg Issues – This discussion can be added to the agenda on September 26th at 6pm
- Race Flyers * - next month
- Team Rosters and Staff * - next month
- Venue development: Cuchara, Snow Mtn Ranch, City of Wellington - next month

Next Meeting:

Thursday September 26th , 6pm