

RMCCC Monthly Steering Committee
Thursday October 24th at 6:30 pm MDT.

Advisory Committee: Chris McGee, Lynn Taylor, Jon Tarkington, Heather Fischer, Patric Rostel, Ian Burnett, Tayne Andrade

Attendees: Jim Castagneri, Alan Schenkel, LynnTaylor, Chris McGee, Maddie Balir, Matt Spencer, Ian burnett, David Neis, Patric Rostel, Garrett Gallaher, Vanessa Drummond, Jason Tullous, Bryce Pfeutze, Tayne Andrade, Margell Abel, Brian Flaherty

TOPICS:

Collegiate mtb nationals update - Vanessa from USA Cycling. To be held at Koler park in Bentonville, AR. USAC is scrambling to get this together. New for MTB Nats; eligibility based on category. Cat 2 domestic and Cat A in collegiate For the Future: qualifications based on category, not race starts.

USAC marketing has suggested this new qualification criteria that allows collegiate riders to qualify for Nationals by placing in non-collegiate events to supplement conference races. The change created quite a stir with RMCCC teams as many saw this as a deterrent for attending conference events when other, major non-collegiate events conflict with a collegiate schedule. An energetic dialog ensued with many reasons why the new design could spell disaster for collegiate competition. Basically, why race collegiate at all if a rider can now earn all the points they need at non-collegiate events??

New Rider Spring Clinic - Chris McGee discussed the plans for a spring clinic at the first event for road season. Hopefully the Mines Oredigger spring race would be at CSP track and allow for a clinic for new racers. This might be 15 minutes on skills and handling. Perhaps offer a free race day license for those who attend.

Conference Points. Do we want to continue this? Jim pointed out that there are no hard rules on how conference points are calculated. Add to this the disparate forms of race results and calculating points is a difficult task.

The question was asked; DO we even need or want points for collegiate cycling?

Tayne says yes, the omnium was a motivator to show up earn a slot toward nationals. Jason says to rework the points system/schedule. Another suggested that maybe we need a points competition meeting to set the rules on the competition within the conference?

Use the same point schedule as nationals? Include A, B, C? Another suggested we combine varsity and clubs in same competition? Some felt there should be prizes or some form of recognition for conference champions...Conference championship jerseys? Medals? Certificates?

Jim emphasized that coming in 2025, all races must use a standardized data sheet and formatting for creating registration and results...If we continue down the path we're on, we won't be counting points or points competitions...it is too onerous a job.

Use of RMCCC surcharge fund held at USAC.

Is approximately \$9000 and held at USAC. Jim used it for reimbursed travel to Durango. Shall we use it to provide a stipend to a club that promotes a race? \$1000 per race? Bib numbers? Number plates? Perhaps we waive collegiate racing licenses for a specific number of athletes? Brian and Tayne. Margel suggested USAC issue a discount code for free memberships to be counted against the balance? Per school?

2025 road schedule (tentative)

Date	School	Event Name
March 15-16	ZiaVelo/NM State	Ziavelo Weekend - Hillsboro, NM
March 22 - 23	Colorado School of Mines	Oredigger Criterium Weekend???
March 29-30	Colorado Mesa University	Maverick Classic
April 5-6	Fort Lewis College	Squawker Road Race
April 12 - 13	CU- Boulder	Buff Gold
April 19-20	CSU	CSU Race Weekend
April 26-27	????	Fountain Weekend
May 2-4	Collegiate Road Nationals	Madison, Wisconsin

CU may overlap with Redlands and or Sea Otter. Jim suggested and the committee agreed to add the ZiaVelo race in March to the conference road calendar. It will be a shared conference event with SWCCC.

Race flyers. The process is annoying but important for managing races and USAC assistance. Old flyers are a template for future events. They allow you to get input from CR and Yvonne. Version numbers are critical and USAC Officials use for an event road map. They will be required for the 2025 season

Veloswap Nov 2. RMCCC booth. Jim offer to buy tickets for collegiate attendees. Wear your jersey. Will bring promotional materials. Send images to Jim for his slideshow.

Other: CX state champs serve as RMCCC CX championships designation.