

Red Jacket/Blue Sky Health Cycling Team Board Minutes January 21, 2009

The Red Jackets/Blue Sky Health Cycling team board met on January 21, 2009 at 7 pm. Board members present were: Chris Schmidt, John Gershenson, Pat Szubielak, Bruce Pletka, and Diane Ursu. Steve Webber was absent.

Team Funds - The first topic discussed involved expenditures of the team funds. It was discussed that we use the funds to create a "presence" at events that we compete at and the best way to achieve that was by purchasing a team tent. There was extensive discussion as to how much money be spent on the tent and how best to recognize current sponsors of the team. It was decided that the tent itself should only have Red Jackets Cycling logo on it and that banners and a sidewall be used to display current sponsors of the team. John agreed to get the pricing on a variety of options that the board discussed and the board will make a decision once we have those numbers. Note to Steve – John needs reimbursement for the deposit on the portapotty for the Copper Harbor cross race.

Community Involvement - The next discussion item involved how to get the team members more involved in community activities. It was agreed that a board position be created entitled, Community Involvement Coordinator and Pat agreed to write up a position description and, if approved by the team (this position requires a change to our bylaws), to take on that board position.

Also, team members need to keep track of any community involvement including trail work so we have that information for potential sponsors, IMBA reporting, etc.

Training Rides - We next discussed team training rides; it was decided that the team should hold a no wait training ride every Wednesday. Team members participating in a given training ride would split into two or three groups. These rides would include both mountain and road bike training. To best utilize these rides for training, the board felt a ride coordinator should be established to establish the type, length and purpose of a given ride. We will solicit a volunteer for this position at the next team meeting.

Kit Orders - New kit orders need to be sent in soon in order to make sure the gear arrives before races begin this spring – orders need to be in by Feb. 16

Spring Trips - Possible spring trips were discussed but no decision was made at this time – we should discuss this at the next team meeting.

New Races - Team sponsorship of new races this year was the next topic. A crit as part of Pasty Fest in Calumet had been proposed but the consensus was that not enough racers would drive to our area for only a crit and as such, this crit will not be held this year. However, several local informal races were discussed. One suggestion was a late season MTB/road/covert 100 miler(?) possibility to

Copper Harbor before cyclocross season started had some interest ; the board would appreciate it if Mark could explore this option since he talked about something like this last year. John also proposed a “stage race” to be held in conjunction with Tour da Keweenaw this spring in which points would be awarded for rider position at several locations along the 80 mile route – for example, rest stops. The “race” would reset after each rest stop with the final winner being the individual obtaining the most points over the course of the day.

Team Membership - The board decided to contain the membership conditions adopted last year – commitment to 8 races (not including cross), purchasing a team kit, and performing community service. Although no formal recruiting of new members would take place, team members are encouraged to Possible new members? Greg Maino? Moscho?

Sponsors – Chris talked about the need to touch base with those we have, think about dropping some, and finding new ones. For example, Favorite Silk Screening did not come through with the banner they promised and have been dropped.

Bulletin board at TBS – John talked about putting up a bulletin board at the Bike Shop for items pertaining to the team. He has the ok from Caleb and Steve and got the OK from the other board members to do it. A small cost for the bulleting board and a few other items was agreed to.

Cyclocross (UPCROSS) – Next topic was cyclocross this coming fall. John and Chris attended a meeting at which the previous season was reviewed and there was much debate at that meeting about the way Jon Becker and Greg Potvin ran the series. It was decided that the races should be more UP wide and a UP cross series should take place with more of an emphasis on the races being less “homey” and more professional in the way they are conducted and the way the results are posted. More information as cross season approaches.

Profiles – John sent out a request for updates to our profiles – results we had for the last year plus something about a ride or event that was memorable for us.

Iceman registration party – Chris and John discussed how the team should have a “party” to have team members register for Iceman. No longer can groups of people register. John volunteered his lab (10 computers) for us to do that. February 27.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Pletka, Secretary