



Monthly Meeting of the Board

Agenda

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Date: 4/24/2017	Time: 6 EST
<p>Members Present: Chris (Hoppo) Hopkinson, President, Jim Parker, Nancy Guth, Gerald Eddleman, Larry Oslund, Jim Doggett, Rich Nicholson, Brian Uline</p> <p>Marko Baloh, Absent</p> <p>Last month minute approved: 1st Larry, 2nd Nancy, all approved, no nays.</p>	<p>Location: VIA Telephone The call-in number for USA/Canada is: 1-641-715-0724 The call-in number for UK is: +44 330 998 1259 The call-in number for Slovenia is: +386 1 828 08 72 Access code for everyone is: 500814</p>

Agenda Item/ Content	Discussion	Action Taken	Responsible Individual
Update on quarterly UMCA magazine	From Jim P. Not a lot to report, Found a plug in for WordPress , Shu thinks it will work. Articles still needed, which can be sent by email attachment. Will continue contact with record division.	Will continue to look in advertising. Will reach out on advertising via email from out member group. Olan Dolson (might have spelled wrong) will be contacted if possible for advice .	Jim Parker
Discussion voting on adding other "Metric record distances: 10 0k, 200k, 400k, 500k, as well as 1000 Miles	<p>I put Larry's email here because I think it was the heart of the discussion.</p> <p>My take on the differing lengths for both English and Metric distances is this:</p> <p>Why not have a full complement of distances in both the English and Metric measurements: i.e. 100, 200, 400, 500, 1000</p> <p>That way, which ever world you live in and come</p>	<p>Agree to have a 100,200,300,500, and 1000 metric and English system of measurement for races.</p> <p>So we would have distance races as above, also hour races like the 6,12,24 hour races and still have the age groups.</p> <p>Nancy 1st, Gerald 2nd, All approved, no nays</p>	All

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from - you will have something to go after.

I understand Drew's reluctance against putting 100K distance in, but to many it may be just the shortness of this distance and records that get people to join up and get going to learn about ultra riding.

Each person has to start somewhere. To most of the world 20 miles is a long way to go on a bike. 100K at 25+ mph is still something that may seem impossibly hard to most.

And once they can do 100K, then they will shoot for 100M or 200K.

I'll bet most seasoned ultra riders even scoff at the 100 and 200 miles distances now, and think they are rather short.

But some people are also better suited for shorter distances at faster paces. I think I am one of those, and I can get just as excited about a 100K race or record as I can about a 100M, 6-hour contest, or 12-hour contest.

Truthfully, I enjoy going really fast for shorter times. A 100K is still really something that will take even the faster athlete longer to complete than a world class runner can do a full marathon.

In my book, that is still pretty ultra! The ultra is more in the effort than the distance, but still impressive.

It would also be exciting to see how close these record times track to each other, and if and when someone could break the 2-hour barrier.



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		<p>..</p> <p>The way I look at it, it will just bring more cyclists into the group, more events in to the calendar and more revenue for record attempts.</p> <p>If more people get into the varying distances, I could even see a "TT" type of challenge next year, were there is a contest that comprises each of the 5 distances (of either Metric or English), and it could be something that is just collected and submitted via a Garmin unit and verified for the challenge instead of having go through all the time and expense or a complete record attempt.</p>		
Timely reporting of records/im- portant happenings on social media- cannot leave it all to Shu.		Hoppo will take this on.		Hoppo
Australasian Cup suggestion- whether we have enough events to do that on the other side of the world		The group felt that at this time it was not appropriate to discuss this. IPWR had been cancelled, not sure whether it will be back. The death of Mike Hall has put a damper on racing in Australia. Will look at this later when South of Equator is going back into Spring, Summer.	Table for three months.	All



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<p>Shu is planning to back away from UMCA after this year. Whom do we replace her with? How?</p>		<p>Sent out a call to members. Can be a helper or someone that could learn and then do Shu's work. Talk about lifetime membership to UMCA.</p>	<p>Will continue this discussion.</p>	
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Other? TBD		Discussion on expanding the programs. Contact to Triple Crown in California-and to other venues. Banners for people at races. Flyers to put in sponsor bags. Reduce membership for racers.		All
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