

WASHINGTON STATE BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

December 5, 2015

Cascade Bicycle Club

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Participating: Al Cronin, David Hills, Joe Holmes, Eric Johnson, Gina Kavesh, Martha Walsh

Also attending: Marshall Will; Erin Hawley and Stefanie Larson of USA Cycling

President Gina Kavesh called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

The board approved the minutes from the meeting on November 24, 2015.

Gina introduced Erin Hawley and Stefanie Larson from USAC.

The nominating committee recommended David Chipchase for the two years remaining in the Southwest Region director position vacated by Erik Anderson. The board voted to appoint David to this board position.

Gina reviewed the WSBA's financial position in preparation for the annual meeting to follow.

Discussion of BARR age categories and details of the junior series was deferred to the next conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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President Gina Kavesh called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Four separate votes were taken for the four officer positions of the WSBA. For the positions of treasurer, secretary, and president, the individual candidate did not vote. All four officers were unanimously reelected to their positions for one-year terms:

President: Gina Kavesh
Vice President: Ted Chauvin
Treasurer: Al Cronin
Secretary: Martha Walsh

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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WSBA President Gina Kavesh opened the meeting at 4:00 pm with a review of 2015. Highlights of the year included:

- event calendar on the WSBA website now includes all cycling disciplines
- championship jersey program implemented for road and cyclocross
- upgrades to website and now budgets, minutes, and other business-related documents are posted
- greater use of social media to complement the email listserv
- Best All-around Cross Racer (BACX) Competition, with a title sponsor

Mostly positive news continued in the financial review:

- income will be ahead of expenses by about \$6,000 in 2015; these funds will be used for new programs
- number of WSBA members down slightly in 2015
- cost savings realized on jersey and frame race numbers, with sponsorship secured for 2016 numbers
- about \$20,000 has been spent on equipment upgrades in the last two years
- no increase in WSBA membership dues for 2016

Looking ahead to 2016, the WSBA proposes an amendment to its bylaws to allow the Local Association to represent and provide service for USAC members and events in parts of Oregon not already covered by another Local Association (Southwest Idaho Cycling Association). This expansion will facilitate better USAC customer service for upgrades, permits, and official assignments for members in Oregon. The amendment is currently under review at USA Cycling, and endorsement by the WSBA membership will support that process. By vote of the member clubs attending this annual meeting, the amendment was approved unanimously.

A number of new programs will be implemented in 2016:

- new event subsidy program to encourage new events and better distribution of events across the season's calendar
- equipment rental discount program to standardize fees charged for use of WSBA equipment
- a women's clinic on February 20, 2016, focused on new and developing women racers
- a Beginner Race Program to link with USA Cycling guidelines for new racer development

The 2016 race calendar is live on the website and mostly complete. There are new events and

old favorites. BARR and championship events will be decided in the next one or two months, and the junior race series will be scrutinized to maximize participation and benefit for these riders.

Updates for 2016 also came from USA Cycling:

- one-day licenses for lower-category racers will return to \$10
- signed volunteer waiver needed for insurance purposes from every volunteer at every event
- non-owned motor vehicles not automatically covered in event insurance, and extra steps are required by promoters to ensure that volunteer drivers and their vehicles are fully covered; personal policies may or may not provide adequate coverage

Changes in USAC's 2016 membership fees were also discussed.

Two positions on the Board of Directors were filled for three-year terms by unanimous vote of the clubs present:

Northwest Region	Marshall Will
West Region	Martha Walsh

As new business, questions were raised about the new RaceClean membership surcharge for upper-category racers. It was clarified that testing related to the RaceClean program will be conducted only in competition.

Awards were presented for most WSBA series: Best All-around Road Rider, Best All-around Road Team, Junior Race Series, and all but the elite categories of the Best All-around Cross Racer competition.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.