Augusta Cycling Club - Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2021

Location: The Bridge Church, Fishersville, VA

President’s section:

* Gran Fondo Permits: we have applied for the BRP and ABC permits, neither Augusta nor Nelson county require permits
* Augusta Sheriff’s office has not responded
* We still need: Kit design, Sell sheets for sponsors, registration linked to a website and a write-up to promote the ride
* Rest Stop ideas: FFA, 4H, Scouts, local corporations, civic groups, church groups

Additional questions addressed:

* How many volunteers will we need? ~60, positions needed – registration, set up/tear down, clean up, sag, aid stations
* How can we get that many volunteers? Offer a discount on the registration fee for volunteer hours. Check with Courts for community service hours. Check with High Schools for students community service/involvement needs
* What is the expected registration fee: $125
* How will we police rider times/routes: Hire a timing company (Wade has a contact in Kentucky for this)
* What are the routes: All routes are completed but will not be made available at this time. There is a 40, metric, century, gran fondo and gravel. All routes use aid stations #1 and 2, the fondo and metric use #3 & 4.
* What if don’t get enough riders? We have cancellation insurance.
* Do we have an outline of all the things to be done: Wade will prepare one.
* Why are we doing this? To build credibility, raise funds and get the attention of the community and leaders which in turn will build club membership and our cycling community

Weekend event rough outline:

Friday – need volunteer ride leaders: 25-35 miles, there will be camping with portable showers, portapots, food trucks and beer.

Saturday morning – catered breakfast, staggered roll out

Fondo, 7:30, then century, gravel fondo, 62 and 40,

 Meals for dinner – pasta, veggy and vegan,

 Entertainment – DJ or band

Sunday morning – continental breakfast, 62 and 30 mile recovery rides

**A Vote was taken on doing the Gran Fondo – It was unanimous in favor.**

There was a recommendation that we have a committee for the Gran Fondo event. Committee members are: David Robinett (chair), Janice, Franklin, Tom, Katy & Wade

The Gran Fondo needs are: Kit Design, Sale sheet for sponsors, dedicated webpage (a write up for that), Nov/Dec 1 for registration

Examples of Gran Fondos for everyone to review are: George Hencampie’s, Jeremiah Bishop’s, Horsey Hundred

Brown’s Gap Time Trial - permit was submitted to NPS.

Road Clean Up ideas:

VDOT – vests and trash bags is the only help they will give us. Will they pick up the bags?

Could we use portable road signs? How much do they cost to buy/rent?

Sunday morning is recommended for its reduced traffic volume.

We may want to do a Press Release for community notice and recognition,

We may want to Adopt-a-Highway, which would give us a permanent sign.

Rodney Rhodes, the planner for the City of Staunton, stated that Staunton is interested in working with us on multiple issues – Examples are signage for “Share the road”, “Cyclist may use full lane”, and dedicated bike lanes.

Insurance – Have not heard back from the insurance company regarding coverage for club officers. Expo is asking about coverage for the Gran Fondo.

Treasurer’s Report: Total Income = 3,490.00, Total Expense = $3,895.40,

Net Income = -$405.40

We are incorporated as ACC Inc., 501(3)(c) is being processed by LegalZoom

There were requests from MPZ club members, examples were: transferring lifetime memberships and purchasing memorial items. Club members requested that MPZ members make requests at club meetings.

Where is the old MPZ roster? There was a suggestion to send out invitations to join ACC through the US mail to MPZ members. Dave offered to write the letter, Janice offered to find the old MPZ roster, and we’ll have Karin proof the letter.

We will be deleting the MPZ Facebook page and redirecting all members to the Augusta Cycling Club page.

Our December meeting will be a Holiday get together on Dec 11th at Stable Craft Brewery.

Participants:

Wade Craig

David Robinett

Craig and Katy Bennett

Franklin and Kristie Knox

Brent Heizer

Tom and Betsy Berkerly

Janice Bales