

LDR Committee Minutes

September 23, 2012, after the GGP Cross Country Open On park benches a little shy of the finish line Lindley Meadow, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Tyler Abbott, acting men's LDR chair, Tom Bernhard, road scorer, Lloyd Stephenson, master's LDR chair, Heather Leutwyler, Jason Reed, Erika Kikuchi, Chikara Omine, Donna Chan, New Balance Excelsior; Don Porteous, cross country co-chair, Tamalpa; Dave Schrock, PA V.P., Irene Herman, PA president and membership chair, Ruth Rainero, Impala; Denis Glenn, Andy Chan, Pamakids; Kat Powell, WVJS; Bob Shor, Empire Runners.

Meeting called to order 11:24 am.

Minutes from Zippy meeting 4/22/12 unanimously approved.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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Bill Dodson reported that the Ultra GP lost three races in 2012, which he's trying to replace. He next reported that association member Suzanna Bon went to the 24 hour world championships (where she finished second on the gold medal-winning US team), and that inspired her to want to bring the world championships to our area. Bill was advised to talk to George Kleeman about this.

Mountain/Trail Grand Prix Exploratory Committee (MoTEC): No report

Cross Country

Don Porteous reported a couple last minute changes in the schedule due to permit issues. Irene Herman reported that she is handling the finances for the GGP XC Open and PA XC Championships, sending any remaining funds (profit) to the R.D.

Don pointed out that we have many more Sunday races this year than we ever have in the past (7 Saturday races, 5 Sunday). He asked for direction re: instructions to race directors about whether to choose Saturday or Sunday. Ruth Rainero moved that whenever possible, race directors should schedule races on Saturdays. Motion was defeated 2-6-0. It was decided to leave the decision on race days completely to the R.D.'s discretion.

Don next pointed out that some races are facing much increased registration fees and asked whether we should raise fees. It was pointed out that races are free to charge whatever they want; only competition keeps most of them at the same level. Don said he would make it more explicit to races in the bid packages that they are free to charge different amounts.

Finally, a motion to require a certain lead time for any schedule changes was suggested but withdrawn as Don said he would strongly encourage race directors to pin down a specific date by the time bids are due.

Sponsorship/Fundraising

There was no report on sponsorship or fundraising activities, but it was mentioned that the last PA Board of Athletics meeting had two items that affect this area: (1) Sanction fees, which indirectly fund much of our year-end grand prix prize money, may be decreased by as much as half in the next year or two; and (2) the PA's marketing committee is thinking about selling advertising and/or sponsorship on our website, an idea we've been considering but

not acting upon for years. Committee members were encouraged to submit names of entities that may want to provide such sponsorship or advertising.

By unanimous consent, the protest scheduled to be adjudicated under New Business was moved to this point of the meeting. Pamakids protested that the following athletes were not wearing club uniforms at the Downtown San Rafael Mile and as such should not be eligible for team scoring: Lee Koffler, Paul Broyer, Peter Hsia, Craig Steinmaus, Alice Shikina, and Heather Leutwyler of New Balance Excelsior, and Mark Spinozzi of Tamalpa. Meeting chair Tyler Abbott, a member of New Balance Excelsior, recused himself from the deliberations and Irene Herman became temporary chair of the meeting. The protest was divided into three parts: New Balance Excelsior men, New Balance Excelsior women, and Tamalpa men.

First, the New Balance Excelsior men did not present a defense, and the protest was upheld 6-0-4.

Second, Heather Leutwyler of New Balance Excelsior apologized for the lack of uniforms for two of the women on the team, and explained that it was due mainly to rapid growth in the team at the same time the club was in limbo with a sponsor and unable to easily procure uniforms with them. The team has scraped together uniforms one way or another for the intervening races and debuted new uniforms at this race (GGP). Tom Bernhard pointed out a national rule stating that in order to protest, one must be represented in the race. After thus being informed that USATF rules state that because its club did not have a team in the Open Women's competition of the San Rafael Mile race we could not lodge a protest, Andy Chan of Pamakids withdrew the protest regarding the uniform violation of the New Balance Excelsior Open Women's team.

Third, it was pointed out that the Tamalpa open men finished last, that the Pamakids beat the Tamalpa open men at the race, and that it was unlikely to make any difference since Tamalpa could drop down another runner. The protest was upheld 5-3-0.

Physically Challenged athletes

Tyler Abbott returned to the chair. Irene Herman reported that we may get the Paralympic National Championship in 2013. We have only had one competitor in our physically challenged grand prix so far this year.

2013 ROAD GRAND PRIX

Tom Bernhard presented the races which have bid or which are planning to bid, or which are expected to bid.

First, the following races were unanimously approved for the 2013 Road Grand Prix:

3/2/13	Long	\$4350	1.5	NorCal John Frank Memorial 10 Mile
3/17/13	Long	\$2900	1.0	Emerald Across the Bay 12K
4/7/13	Long	\$5800	2.0	Credit Union Sactown Ten Mile Run
5/27/13	Short	\$2900	1.0	Marin Memorial Day 10K
7/21/13	Short	\$2900	1.5	Downtown San Rafael Mile
10/20?/13	Long	\$2900	1.5	Humboldt Redwoods Half Marathon (date approximate)
11/28/13	Short	\$2900	2.0	Silicon Valley Turkey Trot 5K (open individual only)
12/15/13		\$2900	1.0 or 2.0	Christmas Relays (point value depends on CIM date)

Second, the Zippy 5K was unanimously approved for the 2013 Road Grand Prix on either 4/21/13 or 4/28/13, pending receipt of a bid substantially similar to the 2012 bid (the Committee was told to expect a bid, but none had been received).

Third, the Pacific TherX 5K4Play was approved by a vote of 5-2 for the 2013 Road Grand Prix on a date near the 2012 date, pending receipt of a bid substantially similar to the 2012 bid (the Committee has not heard from the race).

Fourth, the Clarksburg Country Run Half Marathon was unanimously approved for the 2013 Road Grand Prix on a date near the 2012 date, pending receipt of a bid substantially similar to the 2012 bid (the Committee has not heard from the race, and does not expect to until after the 2012 race).

Fifth, the California International Marathon was unanimously approved for the 2013 Road Grand Prix on a date near the 2012 date, pending receipt of a bid substantially similar to the 2012 bid (the Committee was told to expect a bid, but none had been received), for all age groups if the Olympic Marathon Trials qualifying window is open, otherwise for masters+ only. The tentative 2013 Road Grand Prix Schedule is shown in Appendix A.

VOLUNTEERS

LDR chair, men: Irene Herman nominated Tom Bernhard to serve as men's LDR chair, effective at the end of this meeting. Nomination was unanimously approved.

Board of Athletics: It was announced that we still have several open BoA positions if anyone can make at least a couple meetings per year.

LDR BANQUET

We do not yet have a host club for the 2013/2014 LDR Banquet. Tom Bernhard said he would speak to Carl Rose of Strawberry Canyon. Buffalo Chips and River City Rebels were mentioned as two other possibilities, and committee members were encouraged to speak to members of those clubs they may know.

LDR BUDGET

Tyler Abbott reported that the Board of Athletics had approved virtually the same budget for LDR we've had for the last several years, being the one we requested after approving at Zippy. The Committee was reminded that the sanction budget issue mentioned above under Sponsorship/Fundraising could change our budget.

RULES CHANGES: None proposed as of prior meeting

Tom Bernhard proposed a new rules change [should have been later on the agenda], to change the descriptions of our age groups (master, senior, etc.) to match national nomenclature (40+, 50+, etc.), in both our rules and in our results, standings, and anywhere else they appear on our website or literature. This change will be eligible to be voted upon at the next committee meeting.

TRAVEL FUNDS

There was no report on how any of our athletes have fared, but there was a brief discussion of the issues surrounding the ultra travel awards, but no motions were made.

Year-end award depth: No report

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Changes (new): See division naming proposal above under Rules Changes.

Protests/appeals

One protest, handled out of order above.

Other new business: None

Meeting adjourned 12:44 pm.

Submitted by Tyler Abbott, acting LDR secretary _____

APPENDIX A TENTATIVE 2013 ROAD GRAND PRIX SCHEDULE

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12/15/13	\$2900	1 or 2	Team	Christmas Relays***

*Committee did not hear from the race before the GGP meeting.

**Open individual scoring only

***Point value depends on CIM date.