

GGP XC Meet LDR Committee Meeting Minutes 9/11/2016

Meeting called to order 11:27 AM.

Attendance: Verity Breen, Women's LDR Chair; Bill Dodson, ultra co-chair; Hollis Lenderking, UA; Tom Bernhard, Men's LDR chair; Don Porteous, XC Co-chair; Allan Stanbridge, Masters LDR Chair; Nakia Baird, Excelsior RC; Mark Winitz, WVJS; Rich Hahn, WVJS; Arnold Utterback, Buffalo Chips; Lee Novid, Pamakids; Mario Sanchez, Buffalo Chips; Irene Herman, Impala RT; Andy Chan, Pamakids; Denis Glen, Pamakids

Mark Winitz made a motion to approve MMD 10K Meeting Minutes, Don Porteous seconded - approved

XC GP discussion: Question on parking for San Bruno XC Meet. No issues.

Ultra/MUT GP schedule for 2017:

Schedule will roughly be the same as 2016. Sanctions will be required for 2017 – no exceptions.

Email to be sent to all Ultra RDs informing them of the Sanction requirement. If they refuse to get a sanction, they will be dropped from GP. Hollis L said that in the past there was a contract for the Ultra GP. Bill D said that ½ of the 2016 Ultra races in the GP were sanctioned. Tom B said that though the bid/contract process is more informal for XC and Ultra races we need a standardized contract. Sanctioning is necessary to help ensure RDs meet their obligations to put on a safe and professional event. Don P to email 2017 XC bid contract that includes sanctioning requirement to Tom B. Road Ultra courses need to be certified. Trail courses do not. Track distances > 10000m fall under LDR.

2017 Ultra GP is 2 road races, 1 track event, and the rest are trail races.

Denis G – asked about Ultras that have a lottery, 7 in the 2016 GP. Tom B – one of the main purposes for a GP is to provide good team competition. Lottery races are antithetical to team completion. Team (club) completion is a major force in increasing association membership.

Nakia B – Impact of sanctioning on Miwok & Western States. Perhaps sanctioning may knock some races off the schedule. Bill D – maybe one or two RDs have some receptivity. Tom B – we will probably need to reduce the number of Ultras to make room for Mountain & sub-Ultra trail races. Bill D – what about the lotteries? Tom B promoting team completion would be the priority. Mark W – regarding the 2017 Ultra GP, it is not too late to send out an email with a formal bid contract. Bill D – as more lotteries increase we will try to look at other options. Verity B – a more rounded GP with many events.

Mark W – motion to work with the Ultra Committee and Tom B on the bid contract, seconded by Arnold U and approved by acclimation.

Tom B – at the MMD 10K meeting, Nakia brought up a proposal regarding team size for divisions requiring five members. The idea is to allow teams that do not have five members to submit a four member team that would be scored behind all teams with five members. Currently the only division that allows this is M50+. Normally an M50+ team requires four members (the Don Paul rule) but a three member team may be submitted and will be scored after all 4-member teams have been scored. A good discussion ensued. Some felt it would hurt participation (smaller teams could score) while others felt it would encourage some clubs to shoot for a 4-member when they would not have tried to field a team before because they did not have the membership to score five. Don P motioned for a friendly amendment to add this rule to the XC GP, seconded by Verity B. Mark W to add as a provisional. Tom B noted that the change will require new programming and is contingent on finding a programmer. A vote to add XC to the proposal was approved by acclimation.

AADP Discussion: Current qualification method uses Purdy–Gardner scores to choose recipients. The top female scorer, Sara Hall, is considered an elite athlete not a developmental one she should not be eligible. Tom B asked Irene H to provide qualification details.

2017 Road GP – bids received:

NorCal 10, 3/4/217, Prize money reduced from \$4500 to \$3000.

Reach for a Star, 3/12/2017, \$3000

One Mile Bang, 6/25/2017, \$3000, Los Gatos, (point to point downhill course, not record eligible but should be fun)

Verity B discussed Marin Mile finish line issues. Marin Mile not expected to bid for 2017.

Mark W – motion to accept the 3 received bids; Don P seconded; approved by acclimation.

Arnold U asked if there was a rule on the prize money amount. Tom B answered yes there was (14.2).

Deadline for bids set for 11/12/2016.

Recommendations: Lee N – avoid 3-day weekends, e.g., Freedom Fest 5K. Mark W – other 3-day weekend races, MMD 10K & SVTT 5K not impacted.

Scoring Program

Search continues to find programmer. Irene H suggested we contact Dylan Ferris. Nakia B – check with PA members

Move to adjourn by Don P, seconded by Mark W, approved by acclimation.

Meeting adjourned 11:05