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MOUNTAIN BIKE for DEAFLYMPICS?

Bobby Skedsmo, CISS Technical Director, is still working out with the 2005 Deaflympic Games Organizing Committee and CISS Executive Board members about inclusion of mountain bike. We won't know until they decided how to plan. He thinks that CISS EB will send a letter to all sports federations to find out how many nations that they can bring mountain bikers to the games. Presentation of five nations or more are required to qualify for medals. He argued that since mountain bike is a discipline within the sport of cycling, it may not necessary to apply as a new sport. Therefore mountain bike can be offered at the 2005 Deaflympic Games in Melbourne. Let's cross our fingers tightly!

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Skedsmo negotiated with the management of the Sunshine Saloon in Pleasanton, California about the fundraising event on June 8. USDCA is responsible for the US cycling team clothing outfit. We had trouble time to raise money for the team last time. It is better to do it now than later. What he thinks about is if the fundraising continues to be successful, he would like to set up two funds, one is for mtn bike team and one is for road bike team. For an example, what if we here raise \$1000 from one night event for the US road bike team, 10% of the profit net would go to the USDCA Adm and 10% would go to the mtn bike fund. That 10 percent would help the host for the sanction fee and liability insurance for the mountain bike championships this summer.

VISIT CYCLING CLUB ON WEB IS A MUST

California Deaf Wheelers had its 5th annual family-style lasagna and spaghetti dinner and meeting at the activity center of California School for the Deaf on Saturday, February 23, 2002. It was time to collect annual dues, play games for the prize, make plans for rides over the year, make motions, share members' experience at the Death Ride and eat delicious homemade foods.

California Deaf Wheelers proudly proclaims that they have a new web site. Visiting its web site is a must.

<http://www.nathanielhorwitz.com/cdw/>

CYCLING CLUB APPLICATION

The following criteria is required to meet the minimum.

1. Three members or more to start
2. Club is required to pay \$6 affiliate fee per year
3. Individual Membership is \$5 as required which will go to USDCA.

Note: Fee for club functions is the club's decision. By joining the USDCA, you will receive benefits:

1. club will be recognized as an official body across the nation
2. seal of prestige, reputation and honor
3. ability to communicate among the local and national members
4. opportunity to qualify for the national/development team
5. placing your club activities in our Breakaway publication.

Find this club membership application at

<http://home.earthlink.net/~skedsmo/cyclubs2.htm>

NOTES from SECRETARY-TREASURER

Bobby Skedsmo

Since we have some new faces as officers to our organization, we are making progress quite , but we will eventually get the ball rolling. We need to work on a communication network within the organization and delegate duties to each officers and the affiliations. Also to revise the bylaws. I think that this organization has quality people working together as a team and will be the best we ever have. It will be uplifting to see some cosmetic changes made in this organization; however, the administrative functions will remain the same.

At the start of his administrative duty of this year Virnig has been busy with planning for the national mountain bike championships this summer. In addition, Buchanan is working on the biking across the America to the Deaf Way II with a group. Nordstrand (our mountain bike coordinator) is working with Virnig to promote the event for this summer. Wood (our road bike coordinator) is currently on the committee of the National Deaf Basketball Tournament in Indianapolis. He would like to have cycling tryouts that will take place in his hometown during the Summer 2003.

Virnig and the members have brain stormed some ideas for our organization, but we will not “take all the cookies out of a jar at once”. We need to work on one task at a time.

We desperately want to see that we form more cycling clubs to affiliate with us. We are so pleased to announce that the California Deaf Wheelers finally has its own homepage. Really Neat! Please sure to take the time to visit this site:

<http://www.nathanielhorwitz.com/cdw/>

I think it is cool that all officers live in the western, central and eastern parts of the United States. Whenever the annual USADSF House of Delegates are to attend meeting, one can go to represent our organization as a delegate to wherever the place is near his/her destination and that would save cost and time.

GENERAL MEETING

United States Deaf Cycling Association
General Meeting
California School for the Deaf in Fremont
Media Room
December 22, 2001

Attendance:

Present:

Bobby Skedsmo, President and Sean Virnig, Vice-President

Members: Jack Lamberton, Mike Farnady and Robin Howitz

Absent:

Bob Morrison, Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Wood, Road Bike Coordinator and John Nordstrand, Mountain Bike Coordinator

Bobby Skedsmo called the meeting to order at 8:22 am on Saturday, December 22, 2001.

President s Report:

Skedsmo was pleased to see that this organization has steadily grown and improved in every respect to serve the members. We simply could not succeed without members supports.

He explained how difficult it had been to get all members together for the general meeting. It was suggested that a better time to have a meeting would be at a national championship event or during a chat room via computer.

In addition he is convinced that the USDCA was ready for a new leadership and expressed a desire to run as the Secretary-Treasurer. He is interested in developing a handbook of the organization function in case of turnover of officers.

He would like to try a new way of publishing the Breakaway newsletter. It will be converted to an Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) file. Anyone can access the document across a broad range of hardware and software, and it will look exactly as he intended. It is cost effective and provides quality of publication. The members could get it printed on their own printers at home.

He would like to experiment with the members on the chat room at the next meeting. He will need your screen name whether it is AIM or IM for the file. The president will run the meeting. A netiquette needs to be established.

Skedsmo requested Reed Gershwind to make a motion at the USADSF House of Delegates in Cleveland last November 2001 to host the 2007 World Cycling Championships in the San Francisco Bay area. He will follow up on what is required to apply prior to the CISS Congress' review.

Discussion about national mountain bike championships and its time frame Deaf Way II and NAD Convention were followed...

New Business:

The majority of nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer were held by the members through the Internet. The result of the nominations: Sean Virnig of Minnesota as President, Beverly Buchanan of DC as Vice President and Bobby Skedsmo of California as Secretary-Treasurer. Effective date for new officers to perform their duties is January 1, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.
Submitted by *Bobby Skedsmo*

CALIFORNIA DEAF WHEELERS

Monthly Club Ride Schedule

March - Century Ride Training
April 21 - Primavera Century
May 4 - Livermore Mines Road Tour/BBQ
May 19 - Skyline-Grizzly to Berkeley
June 2 - Lake Tahoe Loop
July 2-3-4 - Chesapeake & Ohio Canal
Aug 5 - Open
Sep 14 - Tiburon-Angel Island (Family Style)
Oct 13 - 6th Annual Santa Cruz

Other rides: Mt Diablo
Coyote Hills
Calaveras Loop
De Valle
Patterson Pass
Half Moon
Big Sur

USDCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you for your extraordinary support of our cycling mission and interest for future generations. You're a valued member of the US Deaf Cycling Association. That's why I want you to have your membership be renewed. I also want to remind you that with our fiscal year beginning January 1, it's time to renew your membership in USDCA. Please take a moment to check out the web-based membership application at
<http://home.earthlink.net/~skedsmo/applic-2.htm>



For over one fourth a century, USDCA has steadily grown and improved in every respect to serve the members.... we simply cannot succeed without your renewed support. Thank you for renewing promptly!

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