

RMCCC June Board Meeting  
 June 6, 2024  
 6pm

In attendance: Nat Ross(USAC), Vanessa Drummond(USAC), Patric Rostel (CMU), Jason Tullous (WCU), Brian Flaherty (CMU), Margell Abel (CU), Maddie Blair (CSU), Jim Castagneri (RMCCC)

- 2024 Road Nationals
  - Nat and Vanessa gave a short summary of collegiate nationals, what worked well and where change might be made. Several tem coaches gave their opinions on how USAC could make improvements to Nationals:

Other Comments:

- Keep TTT but also continue to support the ITT as a way to address participation for athletes from smaller schools.
- Need to have a conference championship for these events so that schools and riders can be properly staged and qualified for Nationals.
- Must have a 2-week gap between last conference race and nationals. Nationals date being published early is key to teams establishing their won events.
- USAC needs to bring back the Omnium title and Jersey plus medals at Nationals
- RMCCC should waive the notion of physical awards and invest any monies into the conference and riders.

- Fall MTB schedule

- As of June 19, the fall Calendar is:

DATE	School	Event Name	Location	Race Director
Aug 24-25	Colorado Mesa University	CMU Rumble	Powderhorn	Patric Rostel
Sept 7-8	Fort Lewis College	Squawker MTB	Purgatory	Ian Burnett
Sept 21-22	Western Colorado University		Crested Butte	Jason Tollus

- These dates are open:
  - Sept 14-15
  - Sept 28-29
  - Oct 5-6
  - Oct 12-13
  - Oct 19-20
- Does track Nationals competition count as a start for MTB season? Nat answer: Yes
- Does competition at World Cup events count as a start for collegiate Nationals? Nat answer: Yes.
- Need a rough idea of dates for Nationals so that teams can plan
- Comment; What should collegiate cycling look like? What should the collegiate *conference* look like?
- Fees are excessive and stymying participation from students and taxing both varsity and club team budget. What do all these fees cover? Can they be reduced?

- Club team riders pay their own way to events, day pass costs are going up at \$64-\$80 per day. Resort fees are also going up and are now above \$30 per rider/day.
- MTB Event at Cuchara?
  - Resort fees are going up everywhere
  - No lift services but great potential
  - Need sponsoring school or organization
  - Non-Profit status and looking to build a future for sporting events
  - Some past venues are declining to host for 2024
  - CU is looking to find a smaller venue with lower costs and easier access
  - How can RMCCC step up and support the MTB season? New venues, alternative venues?
- RMCCC Operating Guidelines
  - Jim briefly discussed the newly minted RMCCC Operating Guidelines and will distribute to the group for review. Please review and comment to Jim and Chris for discussions this fall.
- Next Meeting will be late July, date TBA