

2019 USA Annual Meeting

USA Annual Board Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2019
Northside Aztlan Community Center, Fort Collins, CO

A. Call to Order – 6:11pm MDT

B. Affirmation of Officers

- President – Open
- Vice President – Open
- Secretary – Dale Grzych
- Treasurer – Open
- Director – Open
- Director – Rick Tharrett
- Director – Open
- Director – Open
- Director – Open

C. Election of New Officers

1. President
 1. Dave Crack nominated
 1. **Dave Crack President**
2. Vice President
 1. Jill Cohen nominated
 2. Noli Ergas nominated but declined
 1. **Jill Cohen Vice President**
3. Treasurer
 1. Dani Chevalier nominated
 1. **Dani Chevalier Treasurer**
4. Directors
 1. Shannon Sparks, Richard Tharrett, Phil Sanders, Nancy Kinsella, Connie Cotter, Noli Ergas nominated
 1. **Shannon Sparks, Richard Tharrett, Phil Sanders, Nancy Kinsella, Connie Cotter, Noli Ergas Directors**
 2. Nancy will be filling Aaron's remaining year as director.
 3. Two new director positions created

D. Financial Overview of 2018-2019

1. Balance as of June 30, 2018 – \$22,059.70
2. Balance current – \$19,570.50
3. Balance of scholarship – \$2,489.20

4. Total membership roughly around 750

E. Achievements in the last year

1. New membership system introduced in January 2019
2. New USA-affiliated clubs
 1. Douglas City Unicyclists, California
 2. The Unicycle Club at Ohio State University
3. New Flatland Levels
4. Inter-Club Meetings
 1. Regular meetings for USA affiliated clubs to share information and ideas continue
5. IUF Rulebook Committee concluded
6. Updated IUF Rulebook (will be published soon)
7. NAUCC 2019
 1. HUGE THANKS to Kristen Goldstein and Dylan Canfield for organizing!

F. 2019-2020 Goals

1. Rulebook committee
 1. Revise bylaws in regards to USA Directors
 2. With the IUF Rulebook committee recently concluded, this will include a review of our USA-specific Rulebook and possible renaming of our National Competition
2. NAUCC 2020
 1. Bids for next NAUCC open in December 2019

G. Upcoming Events

1. Unicon 20 in Grenoble, France July 22nd – August 2nd
2. NAUCC 2020 in Madison, Wisconsin hosted by Mad Uni June 27th – July 3rd!

H. Questions for the board from USA members

1. How can we go about spreading awareness for future NAUCC's?
2. In the future can accommodations be provided for those less fortunate who are unable to attend NAUCC?
3. Can surveys be sent to USA members to better understand the wants and needs of members?
4. How can we decrease the workload on Connie and Robin during NAUCC?
5. How can we make USA membership more attractive?
6. Can the USA promote more muni events and other non-club activities?

I. Meeting adjourned at 7:??pm MDT

2 June 2019

A. Call Meeting to Order 10:02am EDT

Present: Mary Koehler, Jill Cohen, Richard Tharrett, Dale Grzych, Mark Atkinson

B. Old Business

1. NAUCC 2019
 1. Current status? Any help needed?
 1. Marathon has a max number of 50 competitors.
 2. Currently \$400 short of budget. Can USA cover it if there is a loss?
 1. Formal vote to assist NAUCC up to \$500 in the event that they need a safety net.
 1. Passed.
 2. Vote for funds to repair track stands (~\$120) and purchase new canopy (~\$120)
 1. Vote to pay \$240 for equipment upkeep.
 3. Expert T-shirts. Vote required for approval of funds.
 1. Possibly trimming down the number of expert shirts.
 2. Vote for \$500 dollar budget.
 1. Passed
 1. Can be looked at later if need be.
 3. USA events at NAUCC
 1. USA meeting – Northside Aztlan Community Center Thursday 11th July at 6pm
 1. Board member needed to run meeting
 1. Mike is willing to lead however he feels an officer should be present.
 2. Need Membership and Treasurers annual reports for presentation and filing
 2. Freestyle level tester meeting?
 1. No freestyle level tester meeting.
 3. Interclub meeting?
 1. No interclub meeting.
 4. Scholarship presentation at final party? Fossil Creek Park Saturday 13th July at 5pm
 2. Possible nominations for USA Board positions?
 1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Treasurer
 4. Director (x2)
 3. New Membership site

1. Any issues with transition to Wild Apricot? **Mike**
 1. No issues.
2. Automatic renewals update? **Mike**
 1. Currently on the list of things to do.
3. USA member map from Wild Apricot database
 1. Vote to approve use of USA credit card to set up Google account
 1. No money will be taken out unless we hit a certain number of hits on the site, a number we are not likely to hit.
 2. Vote passed.
4. Proposal to investigate renaming NAUCC
 1. Will be included with next Rulebook Committee (now deferred to 2020) **Info**
 1. IUF rulebook is looking to be done in the fall, plenty of time before next NAUCC.
5. USA Programs
 1. Any coaching trips planned? **Patricia**
 1. Something planned for next fall.
 1. Spread awareness of the coaching trip at NAUCC.
6. Membership Initiative
 1. Non-USA club outreach
 1. Request to add all/any clubs [here](#)
 2. USA club outreach
 1. Plans for inter-club meeting? Hold at NAUCC? **Danielle**
 1. **No, will be held in fall.**
7. New USA Levels
 1. What else is needed (certificates, badges/stickers, videos?) before this is rolled out? **Dale**
 2. Formal vote to adopt levels needed. **Dale**
 1. Dale will be keeping track of level testers and run tester meetings.
 1. Dale will also be working on a sheet for the USA rulebook that is similar to the USA Skill Levels.
 2. Formal vote \$150 to buy stickers for levels.
8. Freestyle Levels
 1. IUF certification/re-certification requirements. Need to either align with IUF or make USA-specific. Will be included with next Rulebook Committee (now deferred to 2020) **Info**
 2. Freestyle Level Cert cards now updated. Can they be made available to the clubs through Wild Apricot? **Mike**
9. Freestyle Level Tester Meeting? Hold at NAUCC? **Patricia**
 1. No meeting this year.
10. Scholarship
 1. Nominations for Scholarship committee members and meetings at NAUCC? **Jill**
11. Track racing cut times. Any progress on developing these? **Rick**
 1. No progress.

C. New Business and 90-day look ahead (USA annual calendar of events)

1. IUF/USA Rulebook Committees (now deferred to 2020)
2. Investigate alternate vendors (to reduce costs) and possible expansion of member benefits
3. NAUCC equipment. Is there a better long-term plan to support NAUCC event organizers?

D. Current Board Members' and Chairpersons' Reports

1. Mark Atkinson, President
2. Danielle Millett, Vice President
3. Dale Grzych, Secretary Mary Koehler, Treasurer
4. Jill Cohan, Director
 1. Most likely June 27th – July 3rd for NAUCC 2020
5. Aaron Johnson, Director
6. Rick Tharrett, Director
7. Suggestion to add a place to donate to the scholarship while doing membership.
8. Patricia Wilton, Director & USA Level Tester
9. Mark Atkinson & Mike Schatz, Webmasters
10. Wendy Grzych, Affiliate Club & Insurance Coordinator
11. Jill Cohan, Scholarship Committee Chair 2018

E. Announcements

1. Upcoming Events
 1. NAUCC 2019- July 7-13 , Fort Collins, Colorado

F. Anything else?

G. Meeting Adjourned

24 March 2019

USA Board Meeting Agenda– March 24, 2019

A. Call Meeting to Order 9:59am EDT

Present: Mark Atkinson, Jill Cohen, Mike Schatz, Richard Tharrett, Dylan Canfield, Dale Grzych, Mary Koehler, Aaron Johnson

B. Old Business

1. NAUCC 2019
 1. Current status? Any help needed?
 1. 135 competitors registered and 31 non competitors as of right now.
 2. Most venues are secured, and the only events still not locked in right now is the road events.
 3. Matt Dewitt is planning on driving to Colorado with the equipment and Madison would like to take the equipment back with them for 2020.
 1. Dylan will be contacting Matt to figure out what equipment he will have available.
2. New Membership site
 1. Any issues with transition to Wild Apricot? **Mike**
 1. No issues! Many new members!
 2. So far TCUC is the only club using the website as their primary membership system.
 1. Very helpful for membership fees, email lists, and plenty of other benefits.
 3. Possibility to offer automatic renewals?
 1. This is something we could likely offer with the system, but we have not done that in the past. Mike is going to dive into this a bit and get back to us.
 4. USA member map from Wild Apricot database
 1. Once again Mike is going to take a look into this more in the coming month and get back to us.
3. Proposal to investigate renaming NAUCC
 1. Will be included with next Rulebook Committee (now deferred to 2020) **Info**
4. USA Programs
 1. Any coaching trips planned? **Patricia**
5. Membership Initiative
 1. Non-USA club outreach
 1. Request to add all/any clubs [here](#)
 2. USA club outreach
 1. Feedback from last USA hosted inter-club meeting? **Danielle**
 1. Meeting went well, 10 people from 8 different clubs, largest meeting yet!
 2. There were questions about a unicycling event calander to make it easier to know of upcoming events.
 1. There have been attempts to organize this in the past but it seems to have dropped off.
 2. It's a possibility to use the new wild apricot system, but there is a large workload on Mike.
 3. Lots of talk on finding and funding gym space as well as keeping members around and engaged.
 4. NAUCC is likely to be the next meeting.

6. New USA Levels
 1. What else is needed (certificates, badges/stickers, videos?) before this is rolled out? **Dale**
 1. Slight setback, hard drive data was lost of video.
 2. Sticker designs are in, certificates will likely be similar to freestyle levels.
 3. Dale will work on tester cards.
 4. Only levels 1-5 will be on video to start.
 2. Formal vote to adopt levels needed. **Dale**
7. Freestyle Levels
 1. IUF certification/re-certification requirements. Need to either align with IUF or make USA-specific. Will be included with next Rulebook Committee (now deferred to 2020) **Info**
 2. Freestyle Level Cert cards now updated. Can they be made available to the clubs through Wild Apricot? **Mike**
 1. Mike will be looking into this and will get back to us at the next meeting.
 3. Freestyle Level Tester Meeting (in Spring?) **Patricia**
8. Scholarship
 1. Scholarship Chairperson required for 2019
 1. Attempts to get a chairperson have been unsuccessful. The chairperson's job would be to form a committee together to determine who would win the scholarship. They would need to contact the treasurer and get funds as well as accept donations.
 2. Possibly give this responsibility to a board member? It could help streamline communication.
 1. Could make fundraising somewhat difficult.
 3. There haven't been any major attempts to get sponsorships from and major corporations. Is this something we could look into for the future?
 4. Add in an option to donate to the scholarship fund via the wild apricot site?
 5. Jill is willing to be the chairperson for this year, it will be passed along next year.
 6. A lot of talk about the USA potentially starting to donate to the fund. As we're already operating in the red, it's not likely to happen now but is something we could look into going forward.
 7. Mary as treasurer is unable to be on the committee to help select the scholarship winner as Greta will be applying this year. Danielle Millet will most likely be standing in.
9. Track racing cut times. Any progress on developing these? **Rick**
 1. Still in the works, more news will come next meeting.

C. New Business and 90-day look ahead (USA annual calendar of events)

1. IUF/USA Rulebook Committees (now deferred to 2020)
2. Investigate alternate vendors (to reduce costs) and possible expansion of member benefits

3. NAUCC equipment. Is there a better long-term plan to support NAUCC event organisers?
 1. Possibly invest into a pod that could be stores year round and shipped to each NAUCC. Price would be around 350-500 annually.
 2. This is something we can build on going forward as the USA acquires more equipment.
4. Open Board positions for 2019-2020
 1. Patricia's, Mark's, Jill's, Danielle's, Patricia's, and Mary's positions will be available.
 2. President, Vice President, Treasurer. and 2 director positions.

D. Current Board Members' and Chairpersons' Reports

1. Mark Atkinson, President
2. Danielle Millett, Vice President
3. Dale Grzych, Secretary
4. Mary Koehler, Treasurer
5. Jill Cohan, Director
6. Madison is thinking of potentially hosting for Unicon 2022
7. Aaron Johnson, Director **Happy Birthday Aaron!!**
8. Rick Tharrett, Director
9. Patricia Wilton, Director & USA Level Tester
10. Mark Atkinson & Mike Schatz, Webmasters
11. Wendy Grzych, Affiliate Club & Insurance Coordinator
12. TBD, Scholarship Committee Chair

E. Announcements

1. Upcoming Events
 1. Mad Muni – April 25-28, Madison, Wisconsin
 2. 'Ride a unicycle day' – May 19.
 3. National Unicycle Week – May 19-25
 4. NAUCC 2019- July 7-13 , Fort Collins, Colorado

F. Anything else?

G. Meeting Adjourned

27 January 2019

A. Call Meeting to Order 6:14pm EST

In attendance: Dale Grzych, Mary Koehler, Danielle Millett, Kirsten Goldstein, Aaron Johnson, Jill Cohen, Patricia Wilton, Mark Atkinson

B. Old Business NAUCC 2019

1. Current status? Any help needed?
 1. Leadership change, Dylan Canfield and Kirsten Goldstein are the new program directors.
 2. Event location is now in Fort Collins instead of Greeley.
 3. A lot of pushback from some schools worried about damage to their facilities. However there is a charter school in the area that is a possibility.
 4. Venues are concerned about damage to floors. Perhaps start a portfolio demonstrating good standing with venues we've rented from to prove no damage to floors?
 5. Registration is close to launching! Hoping to go live on February 1st.
 6. Dates are July, 7-13th (Sunday – Saturday).
 7. \$95 for early registration.
 8. Acquiring venues using the USA name to get venues as a nonprofit.
 9. Contacting sponsors is beginning soon.
 10. The USA board is here to support Kirsten and Dylan.
2. New Membership site
 1. Any issues with transition to Wild Apricot? **Mike**
 1. System is running well, members are registered
 2. TCUC has membership running on there already, SVUC is working on it as well.
 3. As of now, there is a 'grey period' that allows people 60 days for renewal. It is currently causing issues in the system.
 1. Proposal to remove 60 day grace period.
 1. Passed.
 2. Site can use emailing and grouping members for things like making certain members primary contacts for clubs.
3. Proposal to investigate renaming NAUCC
 1. Will be included with next Rulebook Committee (2019) **Info**
4. USA Programs
 1. Any coaching trips planned yet? **Patricia**
 1. No trips planned currently.
 1. Perhaps in summer a trip might be happening in Pittsburgh.
5. Membership Initiative
 1. Non-USA club outreach
 1. Request to add all/any clubs [here](#)
 2. USA club outreach

1. USA hosted inter-club meetings. Any help needed for next meeting? **Danielle**
 1. Next date is being moved from next weekend (super bowl weekend) to the next 2 weeks.
6. New USA Levels
 1. What else is needed (certificates, badges/stickers?) before this is rolled out? **Dale**
 1. Ryman Lollar designed stickers as the “patches” for the flatland levels. Dale will work on pricing and sizing of them in the coming weeks.
 2. Dale is putting together video overviews of the levels for either testers to use to be certified or riders to use to more clearly see how tricks are done.
 2. Formal vote to adopt levels needed. **Dale**
7. Freestyle Levels
 1. IUF certification/re-certification requirements. Need to either align with IUF or make USA-specific. Will be included with next Rulebook Committee (2019) **Info**
 2. Updating Freestyle Level Cert cards **Patricia/ Wendy**
 1. Patricia will be contacting Wendy to get this back on track.

C. New Business and 90-day look ahead (USA annual calendar of events)

1. 2018/9 Priorities
 1. Insurance. Investigate alternate vendors (to reduce costs) and possible expansion of member benefits
 1. Still looking.
 2. IUF/USA Rulebook Committees
 1. IUF is having issues and we’re most likely not in a position to get the USA Rulebook updated before the 4 month cut off. Perhaps form a committee to get this done without IUF getting their rules set up.
 1. Primarily dealing with the issue of riders not from North America and how it’s currently being dealt with.
 2. Clarifying the rules not changing them.
 3. Scholarship Chair?
 1. Nominations from TCUC but nothing followed up.
 4. Freestyle Level Tester Meeting (in Spring?)
 5. Track racing cut times
 1. Richard is currently working on them hopefully should be up for next meeting.
 6. NAUCC 2020 location
 1. Vote for NAUCC 2020 to be hosted by Madison.
 2. Jill would like for it to be July 5th-12th, 2020.

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Next meeting add equipment transport discussion for next meeting.

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