

March 19, 2023 - Meeting called to Order at 7:03pm EST
Present - Rick, Richard, Tim, Kirsten, John, Harrison, Nick, Alex, Connie
Absent - Jill

New Business

1. Rick/Treasurer
 - a. **Review Finances -**
 - i. **Be cognizant of timing withdrawals and USA Balances of General Fund.**
 - ii. **Income and Expenses neck and neck**
 - iii. **Profit - 2022 ~\$400**
 - iv. **Year end bank balance 2022 ~\$18,000**
 - v. **Insurance - \$8,283 - Highest org cost**
 - vi. **Incomer - ~avg \$12-13k**
 - vii. **Lapsed Memberships - How to get them back?**
 - viii. **~500 avg members most of the time.**
 - ix. **USA and Club Membership Fees**
 1. **RTUC Standardized**
 2. **Standardize all clubs**
 3. **Rick to reach out to SVUC to standardize.**
 - x. **Free USA membership for low income students - look into further. Kathy from RTUC - Kirsten to look into more here - who is picking up the expense?**
 1. **Richard - was discussed, not sure if implemented.**
 - xi. **Scholarships - Scholarship drive/funding needs to happen, or run dry in 2024.**
 - b. **Tisbest organization - Charitable giving site/public - \$300 donation recently through here.**
 - c. **How to pay for insurance for Unicon**
 - d. **Separate bank account almost open for USA Scholarship - US Bank.**
 - e. **Add option to the Donation page to specify where to direct the donation (Scholarship or General fund) - Help allocate donations.**
 - f. **Credit card processing fee for American express payments is higher (i.e. 3.9% vs 2.4%) than other credit cards. Proposing we either deny the members to pay their renewal fee using AMEX or add language that we prefer they pay with anything but AMEX.**
 - g. **More timely responses to emails**
2. **American Express - Refuse to accept? (need board approval) or just request that users use other cards.**
 - a. **Remove - Kirsten motions to remove AmEx, John seconds. All approve, none opposed.**
 - b. **Tim to look into removing the AmEx payment option.**
3. **Wild Apricot - 1500 member profiles. Tim removing duplicates. Puts us near the next fee threshold of \$2000 annually. \$190/mo - \$350/mo**
4. **Reaching out to lapsed membership - Blast email. Kirsten & Alex.**
5. **NAUCC Updates -**
 - a. **Almost ready to open registration. Alex to create login and register/pay.**
 - b. **Almost all of the venues have been secured.**

- c. Centered near Kennedy HS in Bloomington
 - d. Road events not yet finalized.
 - e. Most of the directors are secured.
 - f. Not going to be advertising lodging - book own hotels, air bnb, camping, etc.
6. Unicon Updates
- a. Kirsten had a meeting in town with an advisory committee. First all group meeting by April.
 - b. Getting a bank account set up. Connie's task. Discussion with rick and kirsten needed.
 - c. Lodging Availability - Securing dorms with university. Very cheap rates: under \$320+ for 2 weeks. Cafeteria to be open. Looking into breakfast/lunch/dinner offering options. (Alcohol/Tobacco free campus- be sure to note to registrants)
7. Proposed Change to the IUF Rulebook's requirement for Trials Safety Equipment. According to USA Rulebook, 1C.8, "... Any deviation from the safety equipment requirements must be approved and announced at least two months before the event.

We want to change section 11B.1 from;

"11B.1 Safety -All riders must wear a helmet and shoes as defined in chapter 1D.1. Gloves, shin guards, and knee protection are recommended."

to;

"11B.1 Safety - All riders must wear a helmet, **gloves, kneepads**, and shoes as defined in chapter 1D.1. ~~Gloves~~, shin guards, ~~and knee protection~~ are recommended."

Approval is done by a USA board vote.

- Connie and Mary are concerned over only requiring shoes and helmets for trials.
- elbow pads being added as recommended safety equipment.
- Why? - bulk of our costs as an org is insurance - leave at that!
- Asking for board approval for addition of:
 - "11B.1 Safety - All riders must wear a helmet, gloves, kneepads, and shoes as defined in chapter 1D.1. Shin guards, and elbow protection are recommended."
- Vote: Kirsten motions to approve above altered rule for naucc 2023, john seconds. All yes votes, none opposed. Motion passes.
- 11B.1 Safety - All riders must wear a helmet, gloves, knee pads, and shoes as defined in chapter 1D.1. Shin guards, and elbow protection are recommended.

Proposed rule book amendments and update proposals. Exceptions ONLY for this NAUCC event.

<https://unicycling.org/files/iuf-rulebook-2019.pdf>

<https://uniusa.org/resources/Documents/usa-rulebook-2020.pdf>

<https://unicycling.org/publications/>

<https://unicycling.org/files/iuf-muni-difficulty-scale.pdf>

- a. Connie proposes removing trials finals at NAUCC. Wait to see if trials director has an opinion on this.

- b. Muni rulebook exception change: Downhill and uphill courses must be rated in advance.

2.1 IUF Requirements for Continental Championships

Throughout the IUF Rulebook there are various additional specifications, rules, and requirements for Continental Championships. This amendment document recognizes that while NAUCC is the Championship event for the North American Continent, these additional stipulations were generally written with much larger Continental Championships in mind. As such, all additional specifications, rules, and requirements for Continental Championships

Connie proposes that this NAUCC does not need to follow the muni rating system from IUF, Kirsten seconds. All present yes, none opposed, jill absent.

8. Thanksgiving Day Parade:

- a. Where do we stand? I thought it was successful participating under the USA name - but also happy to complete the app under CLUC, and then request USA sponsorship. Or if Redford is interested...
- b. Thoughts on Macy's Parade instead? Both?
- c. May need to think about starting applications for parade unit
- d. Opportunity to promote Unicon - Kirsten thinks it is more accessible than NYC.

Old Business

- 1. STOMP Muni Fest to be sponsored by USA. Official vote held via email in February, with unanimous approval to move forward with STOMPs application.

The screenshot shows a Google Sheet titled "STOMP Voting Tracking". The table has columns for Board Member, Vote, and Date Voted. The data is as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Board Member	Vote	Date Voted			
2	Kirsten	Yes	17-Feb-2023			
3	Jill	Yes	18-Feb-2023			
4	Rick	Yes	17-Feb-2023			
5	Alex	Yes	17-Feb-2023			
6	Connie	Yes	17-Feb-2023			
7	Harrison	Yes	17-Feb-2023			
8	John	Yes	17-Feb-2023			
9	Richard	Yes	17-Feb-2023			
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- 2. Motion Approved to vote on Proposal of USA giving Unicon a \$5,000, 0% interest, 12-18 month loan.
- 3. RTUC wants to host NAUCC for 2025. Anticipation of early bid submission.
- 4. NAUCC Name Change Brainstorming Sub Committee
 - a. John and Rick - Perhaps Jim Sowers
 - b. Kirsten and Nick to collaborate on post for subcommittee ask.

5. Patches Sub-Committee
6. Upcoming Events
 - a. Dirty Thirty Gravel Grinder - Saranac, MI April 8th. 16 and 30 mile "unicycle class" gravel road races.
 - b. National Unicycle Week. 3rd full week of May.
 - c. National Unicycle DAY - 5/14
 - d. Any special interest in an event: virtual ride? Decide when we want to do it and publicize it.
 - i. Richard has been mulling this over, has a website and domain name through weebly.
 - ii. Richard and Kirsten to lay the groundwork.
 - iii. See if Colby/Nick get on board with SKRRRT posts/content this week.
 - e. Bemidji - Loop the Lake, June 17th. 15-20 mile ride.

Rick - do we have metrics on membership/event sponsorship relationship? \$200 sponsorship - how are membership #s impacted?

- Many moab attendees likely naucc attendants. Not sure.
- Tim/ Harrison - help out with running an audit on How many new members were brought on with these last few events for next meeting.

Next meeting - May 7th at 7pm est.

Kirsten motions to adjourn, alex second, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm est.