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THIS LETTER REPORTS RECENT CLUB NEWS AND ASKS RAPID ACTION FROM 1985 & 1986 QCW MEMBERS. This information is also being sent to some potential new members who have requested it. All time trial participants who paid the annual registration fee are QCW members and new members are always welcome.

The action requests are:

- 1) pay 1987 dues and sign waiver as preregistration for training rides and time trials
- 2) order new QCW jersey and/or shorts by 3/10/87
- 3) volunteer to fill a role in the Club.

More details follow in the report.

Following is a combination of the Minutes of the Annual QCW meeting on 1/18/87 with updates to 2/20/87 as required.

- 1) Approximately 45 members attended the annual QCW meeting at President Jim Obert's house. The meeting was preceded by video tapes of several races, snacks and beverages.
- 2) The meeting was called to order at 3:45 P.M.
- 3) The Treasurer's report by Greg Hanfbauer showed \$250 in the checking account.
- 4) Dues were changed to \$10/family; \$7/individual and \$5/Junior after consideration was given to insurance costs, additional mailings, Juniors team and the planned reactivation of the November Awards (?) Banquet. Dues must be paid and waiver signed before your first Club ride in 1987. Dues are for the calendar year.
- 5) Club Name: It was proposed that the name Queen City Wheelmen be changed to Queen City Wheels. The motion appeared to carry unanimously. The Club will still be known by all as QCW. The name change addresses the changing social values, the make-up of the Club, the first impression of sponsors and the space available on uniforms. We're still QCW.
- 6) Time Trials will be co-ordinated by Robin Bruelheide and Ed Theuring. The first rider will be out at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 5th. Each rider will be asked to be a picker/timer for at least one week during the season. If anyone is nursing an injury you can be a big help by volunteering for more than one week. The course will be ridden in the same direction as last year. A helmet must be worn--stay off the road before and after the event. New blacktop is due between the big bend and the closed bridge during 1987. We'll handle that when the time comes. Some preplanning is happening for a 20-25 mile time trial before the District races.
- 7) Training ride/racing team reactivation proposal: 43 Questionnaires were returned. Super response, very positive, good constructive comments. We're moving.
 - (A) Update: Training Rides: member rides with registration sheets will be on a "show and go" basis from 3 locations. Each route will initially have a co-ordinator. The goal will be to make each event self-sustaining. All members are invited. A helmet must be worn. Rides will be on Saturday morning. The first week will be April 11th; leaving at 11:00 A.M. The departure site/coordinator are as follows:
 - (1) Northwest: P & G MVL lower lot; E. Miami River Rd./Matt Taylor
 - (2) Northeast: Outlets Mall; I-71 & Kings Mill Rd./Bob Woods
 - (3) South: Intl. Catfish Ranch; Rt. 8, Bromley, Ky./Robin Bruelheide.

Rides in April leave at 10:00 A.M.; May at 9:30 A.M.; June through September 15th leave at 9:00 A.M. QCW may combine groups on occasion to participate in local charity events, etc.

- (B) Racing Teams: Good response. If all follow through it appears QCW will have a total of 25-30 licensed riders. There are several Junior (under 18 throughout 1987) riders signed and QCW hopes for more. The feeling of the membership was that QCW should do as much for Junior riders as possible. With that in mind dues for Juniors were dropped to \$5.00 per year and USCF Race entry fees will be paid by QCW. The Ohio/West Virginia District racing schedule is attached.

- 8) Exclusive sponsorship was being pursued for the racing teams and general membership. The back-up position was to sign-up several partial sponsors. (Update: no exclusive sponsor has emerged but Convenient Food Marts and Jim's Bicycle Shop have signed on as partial sponsors. This is the first of an anticipated 3 year agreement. There is still room for another sponsor if you know of anyone who would be interested).
- 9) Team jersey: Racing team and Club member jerseys will be identical. Membership dues must be paid prior to or when ordering team clothing. Licensed riders, who have QCW on their license or are unattached but ride for the QCW team, will be reimbursed for the cost of their jersey after riding six USCF events. The jerseys will be sold at or below cost thanks to the sponsorship provided by Convenient Food Marts and Jim's Bicycle Shop. Jerseys will be highest quality Lycra in the orange and yellow team colors. The design is still being finalized. The samples to date have been beautiful. You will be seen and remembered. Screening will be in black (QCW, Jim's) and white (Convenient). The jersey cost is \$32.00 and it's a steal. Racers can't lose. Members ought to think hard about buying one (or two). The price comes down when purchased in quantity. This is possible the last shot for several years. Be sure to give your chest size for summer and any measurement peculiar to you that must be checked.
NOTE: MONEY MUST BE IN BY 3/10/87; that's just 2 weeks away.
- 10) Team shorts: If you are a member and order a jersey you may also want shorts. QCW has the opportunity to get shorts with QCW logo for \$28 if a minimum of 20 pairs are ordered. Send waist size (S,M,L) with money.
- 11) The liability insurance issue was still being worked. QCW has not been insured since 1983. (Update: Licensed riders are covered in USCF Races. Training ride and time trial insurance is being requested. CCC has comprehensive liability insurance to cover negligence suits. The wording of that policy makes it unavailable to QCW because of competitive nature of time trialing. Some agents say time trial competition is equal to a softball game. Those teams are uninsured and no one cares. Why insure? Other bicycle racing teams in Cincinnati follow that logic and don't insure. Advice is abundant; proposals are not. We have better defined the need; quotes are due shortly. A decision will follow).
- 12) CCC Proposal: During the last year QCW has actively considered becoming a cluster of Cincinnati Cycle Club. The advantage for bicycling in general was the exchange of information between the racing, triathlon, sport, touring and off-road riders. Having access to local information makes trying new things easier. The CCC newsletter 'The Bike-Writer' is a means to share information to QCW and CCC members, but insurance was the downfall. CCC could not affiliate with an uninsured racing club--as QCW was in 1986 and is to date in 1987. (Update: The proposal is "on hold" until the November QCW meeting when further discussion will be requested. For the 1987 season CCC has provided one page per month for QCW to "spread the word". Some restrictions apply but it's a good deal for all cyclists).
- 13) Membership: In 1986 the Club had 126 members. (update: Some members did not come to the meeting because they are racing members of another club. That was seen as unfortunate. Anyone who pays dues to race the time trial is a valued QCW member. Many of the folks at the meeting were/are members of other clubs. All inputs are helpful. QCW is an entry level club. Beginners and elite riders can fit in. Riders can grow and graduate or grow and stay. All inputs are helpful.
- 14) Election: A slate of officers was proposed for 1987. Nominations from the floor were requested. None were forthcoming. Audible approval was given. The officers for 1987 are:
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| President/Secretary | Tim Gehling |
| Vice-President | Robin Bruelheide |
| Treasurer/
Membership Chairman | Jim Obert |
- 15) Board of Directors: It was proposed that since the Club only meets officially once a year that consideration be given to appointing additional Directors to work with the officers by representing the body of the Club in decision making and direction setting matters. The recommendation has been acted on by the officers. The Board will be a cross section of the Club and will meet 4 times a year (January, April, July, October). The Board is currently made up of the officers, Betty Lane, Watson Nordquist and Ed Theuring. In July the Board will begin to develop a 'vision' for 1988. Input is requested.

16) Other Activities/Leaders:

Time Trial Coordinators	Robin Bruelheide & Ed Theuring
Racing Team Coordinator	Volunteer requested
Training Ride Coordinators	Matt Taylor, Bob Woods and Robin Bruelheide
Sponsorship Chairperson	Tim Gehling
Insurance Chairperson	Volunteer requested
Racing Coach	Volunteer requested
Constitution & Bylaw Review	Volunteer requested
Time Trial Score Keeper	Reliable Computer Jock/ette requested

Also, several volunteer leaders are needed. Please be active and volunteer. It won't take much time and the Club does need your assistance.

- 17) The Club gave Greg Hanfbauer a warm and appreciative hand for all of his work to keep the Club alive during the last several years. Finally, Greg may have the time to ride and teach the computer classes. Thanks again, Greg!
- 18) Time Trial results for 1986 were handed out.
- 19) The meeting was adjourned at about 5:00 P.M. Dinner and refreshments were served. Conversation lasted well into the evening.

If you need a USCF racing license application for 1987 or time trial results for 1986 send me a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Sale Items:

- (A) Because of illness, Bob Eubanks is selling his 3 year old 58cm Basso, Campy, with 2 sets of wheels and lots of extras \$600. Call 341-4807 evenings 6:00 - 10:00.
- (B) Shimano DuraAce long reach brakeset complete \$45 or best offer; trade for equal quality short reach set. Mike Brumleve - 861-2111.
- (C) Performance Wool Tights - very long 34"+ inseam. Worn twice \$25. Fred Steinbrecher - 851-5420.

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If you know someone who is interested in membership have them call Jim Obert at 683-7295 for an Application/Waiver form.

This is blunt. If you choose not to prepay your dues and wait until your first training or time trial ride, then this will be your final QCW mailing until that time. The ride coordinators would also like you to pay now to make it easier on race nite.

Thanks,



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P.S. Please re-read the first two paragraphs of this letter.

OHIO/WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL RACES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
3/1	Houston Woods Training Race - 1:00 (Brown Rd. entrance)
5/15-17	Athens Criterium
5/17	Anderson Criterium (tentative)
5/23-25	Criterion Nationals - Dayton River Festival
6/3-7/8(6 wks)	Queen City Securities/Oakley Criterium Series Ault Park - Wed. eves. 7 & 8:00 - <u>may be extended</u>
6/20	Charleston Criterium
6/28	Arthur Garford Save-Our-Butts Classic Criterium Elyria, Ohio (Cleveland area) <u>PRINGLES CLASSIC@UNION TERMINAL</u>
9/13	Tour of Monroe County Road Race - Woodfield, Ohio
9/19	Zanesville Bicycle Classic