

## Husky Racing General Meeting 12/05/2002

1. **Clothing issues:** The clothing order is just about finalized. It will be faxed off to Voler on Monday 12/09 so if there are any changes to be made, let me know ASAP!! They cut fabric as soon as they get the order so it's not easy to change or add anything.
2. **Waiver cards:** Everyone should have filled out a waiver card by now. I got three more at the meeting, so if there are people who have not yet filled out a waiver card, please go see Sandy at the IMA Sports office and get one filled out.
3. **Membership cards:** The HUB bike shop has expressed concern for giving discounts and special deals to team members. Only members who have paid dues are eligible for whatever bike shop deals are available. Instead of having them keep track of who is on the team, we will be making Husky Racing membership cards that you will need to show to get your discount. If you have paid dues you will have a card waiting for you at the bike shop in January.
4. **Saturday & Sunday rides:** We will change the meeting place for weekend rides to Zoka's coffee shop on Greenlake. It's less than 2 miles from the normal meeting spot at the HUB so it shouldn't be out of the way for anyone. Zoka's is at 2200 N. 56<sup>th</sup> ST (<http://www.zokacoffee.com/directions.htm>). It has become clear to us that we need to work on our relationship with our sponsors if we want to keep them as sponsors. When companies pay us to sport their logo, they expect something in return. Zoka's would like us in the store more so this is a good way to do that.

Starting in January, all team rides will start at 9:30 and meet at Zoka's. We need to get used to starting early, and 9:30 isn't really early – it will hurt a lot less when it comes time to race. The rides will progressively get longer and the ride time might get earlier as winter progresses so be prepared for that. It should be understood that the ride times and locations are set so there is no need to wonder if there is a ride or what time it is. 9:30 – Zoka's.

5. **Future meetings:** Meetings (like this one) will be held at least twice a month and will also take place at Zoka's
6. **Sponsorship:** Hammer nutrition is no longer a sponsor. Here is a list of this years sponsors and what we get from them:
  - Stella's – Husky Bucks can be cashed in for food at Stella's. You can earn them by racing this season.
  - Zoka's Coffee - \$\$ for the team and 20% discount if you are in your kit
  - Pura Vida Coffee - \$\$ for the team
  - Trader Joes – Cliff bars and other food things for race weekends

- Great Harvest – more bread and cookies than you can shake a stick at for race weekends
- Dunn Lumber - \$\$ for the team
- Rudy Project – Merchandise pro-deals
- Ritchey – Merchandise pro-deals
- CTS – Craig Udem is now coaching for Carmichael Training Systems, so we will be sporting the CTS logo this season.
- Lyon – Steel frames cheap! The order for your Lyon Frame will be due by the end of the month with a deposit. Alex will be providing terms and order information.

August is the sponsorship guy, but don't fill his in box with emails asking for deals on stuff. He is currently up to his chamois in sponsorship stuff so he will be notifying us of how to place orders soon so sit tight!

7. **Web page:** We know it's out of date – it will be updated during the break...one way or another.
8. **Winter training:** in addition to Saturday and Sunday rides, scheduled winter training will consist of Wednesday night training sessions at Jimmy's house starting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a training camp series up in Skagit Valley this year. Think of these as super long epic road rides (100 miles+) more than skills training. The first one will be January 18 – 20 in Mount Vernon. Specific details will be released when we get closer to that date. The next one will be scheduled for February 22 – 23 in the same area.
9. **Race schedule:** Here is the 2003 collegiate road racing schedule:
  - March 22 – 23: OSU, Corvallis OR
  - March 29 – 30: U of O, Eugene OR
  - April 5 –6: Frozen Flatlands, Spokane WA
  - April 12 – 13:U of M, Missoula MT
  - April 19 – 20: WSU, Pullman WA
  - April 26 – 27: NWCCC Regional Championships, Walla Walla WA
  - May 9 – 11: Collegiate Road Nationals, TBA

Racing and going to school full time is not an easy thing to do. On race weekends we try to leave Seattle as early as possible and are always restricted by class schedules. If you have the option of having a light class load on Friday

this spring, do it. It would be nice if we could get out of town by early afternoon so we have time to eat and sleep before we race all weekend. It's no fun rolling into town at midnight when you have an 8:00 start time the next day.

**\*EVERYONE – please look at the above schedule and see if you know people in these areas that will provide the team with a home stay for the weekend. Staying in hotels is lame and expensive. We have been lucky with lodging in the past so let's keep it going.**

10. **Team roster:** A team roster will be posted on the web when the page is updated that will list everyone's name and email address
11. **Water Bottle:** We will have water bottles printed for the team this year so hold out purchasing bottles. They will be no more than \$5.00 each and will be fancy and good at holding water.
12. **Cycling Caps:** Cycling caps are also coming (not baseball hats – real cycling caps!) they will be between \$15 and \$20 depending on how many we order.
13. **Seattle Bike Swap:** February 16<sup>th</sup>. \$75.00 for 4 people and a table. Anyone who is interested in selling some of your stuff at the bike swap let me know ASAP. I am reserving one table, but if more than 4 people want to go we will need more space.