

# Alberta Bicycle Association 2014 Annual General Meeting



October 4, 2014  
Calgary Alberta



## **2014 Board of Directors**

President	Andy Holmwood
V.P. Administration	Helen Bain
V.P. Racing	Shawn Bunnin
V.P. Recreation & Transportation	Karly Coleman
V.P.s Women's Cycling	Geoff McGill
V.P. BMX	Shane Peterson
Chief Commissaire	Geordie Ma
Member at Large	Alana Heise
Member at Large	Michael Pinkoski
Member at Large	Erik Bakke
Member at Large	Adrienne Tibbitts

## **2014 Racing Committee**

V.P. Racing	Shawn Bunnin
Member	Jeff Neilson
Member	Kyle Husband
Member	John Plant
Member	Brent Topilko
Member	Shaun Adamson



## **2013 BMX Committee**

V.P. BMX	Shane Peterson
Member	Jonas Tremel
Member	Dale Tuschscherer
Member	John Lavorato

## **2013 Recreation & Transportation Committee**

V.P. Recreation & Transportation	Karly Coleman
Member	Don Hollingshead
Member	Seth Petrie
Member	Jeff Gruttz
Member	Krystyn Ong

## **ABA Staff**

Executive Director	Heather Lothian
Provincial Coach	Phil Abbott
Lead Sport Coordinator	Josh Peacock
Events Coordinator	Gillian Millett
Admin Assistant	Joan Couling

The **Mission** of the ABA is to advocate, develop, and facilitate bicycling for Albertans.

The **Vision** of the ABA is to be the recognized authority and leader for bicycling in Alberta.

**2013 Alberta Bicycle Association Annual General Meeting**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**3:30PM-5:00PM**

**Lion's Club Campground Chalet**

**Devon, Alberta**

**Minutes**

Quorum was not achieved

Motion to reconvene at 4:10pm at the Lion's Den Campground Chalet – Helen Bain/Karly Coleman, carried

President Andy Holmwood presented the 2013 awards;

Male athlete of the year- Jaye Milley

Female athlete of the year- Kinley Gibson

Coach of the year- Cameron Jennings

President's award- Don Hollingshead

Bill Almdal presented the Michael Almdal scholarship to Kirsti Lay for 2013.

**1. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda-Jeff Neilson/Kyle Husband, Carried

**2. Approval of AGM Minutes from September 29, 2012**

Motion to approve minutes from September 29, 2012- Helen Bain/Aaron Falkenberg, carried

**3. Reports**

**3.1 Andy Holmwood -President**

ABA continues to grow

Board activities: new 5 year strategic plan, office in Calgary

Season highlights: great seasons from athletes Jaye Milley, Kinley Gibson, Kris Dahl, Cory Wallace

Long time commissaire Arnold Eaton passed away

Cycling Canada is going through the same governance changes all NSO's are required to go through this year, believes it is a strong organization

**3.2 Helen Bain- Vice President Administration**

Audited 2012 financials were included in the annual report

Have been audited by the Federation of Calgary Communities

Profit came about due to vacancies in staffing positions, want to put money away in case funding dries up.

**3.3 Shane Peterson-Vice President BMX**

Not in attendance, report included in Annual Report

**3.4 Adrienne Tibbitts- Vice President Racing**

Thanked the ABA staff and Race Organizers

Incredible year for some of our High Performance racers

Success of Trailblazers Mountain Bike youth racing

Saw an increase in youth in racing

Started a women's only race at the Calgary midweek series with good attendance

Only 2 DH races in Alberta in 2013

Race numbers: cross numbers are up, road steady, XC was down (mostly due to flooding)

### **3.5 Karly Coleman- Vice President Recreation and Transportation**

Recreation & Transportation cycling has grown in both Calgary & Edmonton

Cycling is becoming part of people's awareness as seen with the election; incumbent's views on cycling are being put at the forefront

Alberta Bicycle Commuters conference was held this year; bicycle infrastructure, awareness, safety, confidence on the roadway were all discussed

First year that Alberta Transportation has approached cycling group asked what is happening /what is being done with cycling in AB

Lunch and Learn was give to Alberta Transportation regarding what cycling looks like in Alberta; Transportation will not interfere with municipalities cycling infrastructure/bike planning

Motion to approve reports as presented- Jeff Neilson/Kyle Anderson, carried

## **4. Audited Financial Statements**

Motion to accept 2012 audited financial statements as printed-Helen Bain/Karly Coleman, carried

## **5. Elections**

### **5.1 Vice President Administration**

Helen Bain nominated by Karly Coleman and Alana Heise- Acclaimed

### **5.2 Vice President Recreation & Transportation**

Karly Coleman nominated by Helen Bain and Kyle Anderson-Acclaimed

### **5.3 Vice President Women's Racing**

Geoff McGill nominated by Helen Bain and Jeff Nelson-Acclaimed

### **5.4 Member at Large**

Adrienne Tibbitts nominated by Karly Coleman and Brent Topilko- Acclaimed (2 year term)

Alana Heise nominated by Jeff Neilson and Kyle Husband- Acclaimed (1 year term)

Michael Pinkoski nominated by Helen Bain and Bernie Fagnan- Acclaimed (2 year term)

### **5.5 Racing Committee**

Shawn Bunnin nominated by Geoff McGill and Erik Bakke- Acclaimed

Shaun Adamson nominated by Helen Bain and Kyle Anderson-Acclaimed

Jeff Neilson nominated by Alana Heise and Shawn Bunnin-Acclaimed

### **5.6 BMX Committee**

Dale Tuchscherer nominated by Jonas Tremel and Helen Bain

Jonas Tremel nominated by Dale Tuchscherer and Jeff Neilson

Chris Bullivant nominated by Adrienne Tibbitts and Helen Bain

Dale Tuchscherer and Jonas Tremel elected

### **5.7 Auditors**

Federation of Calgary Communities nominated by Helen Bain and Jeff Neilson- Acclaimed

### **5.8 Chief Commissaire**

Election of Chief Commissaire was moved to the AGM, Commissaires AGM was cancelled.

Geordie Ma nominated by Helen Bain and Adrienne Tibbitts-Acclaimed

Motion to destroy the ballets- Jeff Neilson/ Kyle Husband, Carried

### **6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn- Brent Topilko/Bernie Fagnan

## President's Report – Andy Holmwood

As I reflect on the past year at the Alberta Bicycle Association, two things stand out most prominently: First is the dedication and professionalism of our staff. Without the efforts of Heather Lothian, Gillian Millett, Phil Abbott, Joan Couling, and Josh Peacock, it would not be possible to deliver the high quality programs we do. The second is the enthusiasm, energy, and diverse nature of the cycling community in Alberta. It is gratifying to be a part of an Association that unites these widely varying cycling interests into a cohesive and strong body.

In athletic terms, Alberta Bicycle has had a very strong year, with riders from all cycling sports representing Canada on a variety of National Teams. Top-20 performances at World Championships were realized in Cyclo-cross, Track, Mountain Bike, Road, and BMX – an accomplishment surely no other province can claim, and a testament to the coaches and athletes we have. In addition, our sport continues to grow and develop in-province. The second Tour of Alberta took place in early September, and was again a tremendous success, while interest in cycling continues to develop in all regions of the province.

It would be disingenuous to characterize the past year as all sunshine and tail-wind. Board and Committees dealt with multiple issues with serious ramifications, including issues of member discipline and event sanctioning. Our decisions were certainly not welcomed in all quarters. I can confidently state, however, conclusions in all instances were reached with deliberate consideration and respect for the established policies and procedures of the Association. While there was no happiness in rendering these decisions, there was satisfaction that due and careful process had been followed.

After two terms as President, I am taking a step back in the coming year. I am proud of the work our staff and Board have accomplished over the past four years. Much remains to be done, and I am confident our core group will continue to work hard and achieve much.

Thank you to the volunteers and professionals who contribute so much to cycling in Alberta.

Andy Holmwood  
President  
Alberta Bicycle Association

## VP Recreation & Transportation Report – Karly Coleman

**Tour of Alberta, 2 – 7 Sept.**, stages in 5 Alberta communities. The Recreation and Transportation Committee were involved in several initiatives this year, including the Tour of Alberta. Arguably this venue is not optimal for providing information regarding effective urban cycling to the public; however an obstacle course provided ample outreach for the recreational side of the committee.

**Alberta Bicycle Commuter Conference.** We provided substantial support to the Alberta Bicycle Commuter Conference (ABBCC) in Red Deer, Sept. 2013. This conference is slated towards increasing contacts amongst Albertan cycling groups and providing them with resources for educational purposes.

**Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.** We maintained our membership and access to the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. This organization hosts several conferences (webinars, teleconferences and actual conferences) throughout the year to which our team has access.

**Alberta Transportation relations.** We approached the provincial government in the spring with an offer of added support/information, however there was no take up on their part. Members of the Rec and Trans committee also represent our interests in several other areas, particularly with Alberta TrailNet, Trans Canada Trails, and municipal issues in larger Alberta centres Calgary and Edmonton

**Trails in Provincial Highway Rights of Way.** The Province circulated the draft "Trails in Highway Rights of Way" policy document to municipalities for comment. This is a significant policy departure from Alberta Transportation's status quo and was precipitated by the success of the Banff Legacy Trail.

**Highway 8 ROW trail potential.** One of the trails that this policy will enable is a trail connection between Calgary and Redwood Meadows west of the City (eventually Bragg Creek and Kananaskis Country) –a popular recreational cycling route, now using the shoulders of Hwy 8. The Municipal District of Rocky View County, Alberta TrailNet and Calgary's Elbow Valley Cycle Club donated funds to have the design work produced for this trail. The trail concept has received approval from Alberta Transportation and three construction budgets have been supplied by the design contractor AECOM: before, during and after highway twinning. Fundraising is required to build the trail. Like the Banff Legacy Trail, faster cyclists will continue to use the highway shoulders while families and tourists will have a trail option.

**Municipal bicycle infrastructure.** As the province's municipalities experiment with urban on-street cycling accommodations such as cycle tracks, buffered bike lanes, bike boxes, "Copenhagen corners", and "sharrows" (Shared Rights of Way), education of motorists on how to safely navigate these features is now a municipal responsibility. Whereas motorist education is a provincial responsibility, this is an opportunity for the Province to step up and incorporate such knowledge into its driver education testing. Or at the very least, discuss such issues with the cycling community.

**Alberta Motor Association.** Our committee chair's past meetings with AMA staff 'may' have had some influence on AMA policy recognition for mobility means other than driving. The AMA announced their 'Bike Assist' program last year. This is roadside assistance for AMA members on bicycles. Clipped from the August 2014 edition of AMA's 'Westworld' magazine:

"It's become so ingrained in us to use the vehicle for everything that it's our default. But there are a lot of occasions when we could simply choose to use another method of transportation, like walking," Crotty says. (Liam Crotty, program coordinator for Advocacy and Community Services at AMA). Source: [http://www.amawestworld.ca/westworld/?articles/the\\_walking\\_path/](http://www.amawestworld.ca/westworld/?articles/the_walking_path/)

Links for this magazine's edition of FOUR (!!) walking themed articles:  
<http://www.amawestworld.ca/westworld/>

## Chief Commissaire's Report – Geordie Ma

2014 was yet another busy year on the racing calendar, and our commissaires rose to the challenge to help conduct the many successful events held in Alberta each year. With the opportunity I have to attend events outside of Alberta and work in other jurisdictions, I have grown to be incredibly proud and grateful for the quality of officials that we have in Alberta and the caliber of the races that our athletes have the opportunity to compete in. I can only imagine bigger and better things as we move forward.

This past year marked several highlights on the officiating side of our organization:

- We held entry level commissaire courses in all three disciplines (Road, MTB, and BMX). Attendance at these courses was fantastic across all disciplines, with more than 20 attendees for the Calgary Road Commissaire course as a particularly good example. I certainly hope that we can continue to nurture these new commissaires and help them along in their development.
- We held our third “Chief Commissaire Summit” which once again proved to be a highly valuable gathering of some of our more senior commissaires in the province. This meeting gave us an opportunity to review changes in the UCI / CCC / ABA rulebooks and discuss an officiating standard that was to be implemented across the province.
- We were able to send our course conductors out on mentoring assignments to events throughout the province. This provided the opportunity to continue the mentoring and education process beyond the one day classroom session. Through this effort we hoped to increase the confidence of our working commissaires, providing them with an opportunity to receive instruction in the field. This also allowed for the critical step of evaluating several commissaires who were deemed to be in training and promote them to full commissaire status.
- The Tour of Alberta once again offered up many commissaire development opportunities that allowed us to expose several commissaires to the inner workings of an international caliber event. Three of our commissaires (Andy Holmwood, Michael Pinkoski and Bernie Fagnan) were assigned to the commissaires panel and were able to work closely with the UCI and National level commissaires brought in for the event. And three commissaires (John Plant, Meredith Plant and Tom Lee) took part in the development program offered by Alberta Peleton and Cycling Canada that allowed aspiring National level commissaires the opportunity to participate in a “ride-a-long” with the Tour of Alberta panel. I’m sure it was a fantastic learning experience for all of them.

Congratulations are also to be extended to Pierre Chartrain and Chris Bullivant for achieving the designation of National BMX Commissaire. I have had the opportunity to work alongside both Pierre and Chris on several occasions and can personally attest that they are excellent commissaires. I look forward to working along side them on National commissaire panels and continuing to show the commissaires throughout the rest of Canada the caliber of commissaires that Alberta is privileged to have.

If given the opportunity, I look forward to continuing the great strides we have made in commissaire development next year. There is still much to do, and we must focus our efforts on aiding all of our commissaires in improving their competencies and achieving the designations that they are striving for. Our ever expanding racing calendar has placed some strains on the availability of our A Level commissaires. Our focus in the coming years must be to increase our recruiting efforts to bring more officials into the support and, more importantly, mentor and train our existing commissaires to take on ever more responsibility. I hope that we help our commissaires in the province find their dedication to the sport of cycling to be both rewarding and enjoyable.

Kindest regards,

Geordie Ma  
Provincial Chief Commissaire  
UCI BMX & MTB Commissaire

## VP BMX—Shane Peterson

### BMX in Alberta

#### 2013 – 2014

Winter 2013/14 was a stepping stone year for BMX in Alberta. The small group of extremely hard working individuals that organize the Alberta Indoor Cycling Centre (AICC as it has come to be known) took further steps towards independence from Alberta BMX and in so doing built a fantastic facility to ride on all winter long.

Back in 2008, with the BMX World Cup series only two years old, and after just having BMX in the Olympics for the first time in Beijing, a group of BMX decision makers in Alberta put together a ‘wish list’ for facilities in Alberta to get our riders ready to consistently compete at international races. We realized that we needed a facility to train and develop our top riders in preparation for what was then shaping up to be the future of BMX at the Olympic and World Cup level, that being Supercross BMX. Preferably that facility would be an indoor regular BMX track built in conjunction with a Supercross (SX) track. We also knew we needed an indoor regular BMX facility for winter training and youth development. Early on in our facility search we realized there was no facility in Alberta that was big enough for both tracks and geographically central to our core of ridership, while still being affordable enough for us to rent. At that point the indoor group of people and the Supercross group went to secure facilities independent of one another. AICC needed funding fast to act on a facility that it found early on that suited its needs and so it was agreed that it could operate as a subcommittee of Alberta BMX Association, with the intent that it would spin off in 1-2 years to become its own entity (its own ‘not for profit group’.) Calgary Supercross Association (CSX) was formed and registered to develop a separate SX facility. Through the feasibility study process it became abundantly clear that operating an SX facility in Alberta was not going to be feasible at this time for numerous reasons, not the least of which being a simple lack of highly skilled riders capable of supporting it. In order to make a world cup BMX facility viable in Alberta several things needed to occur. The first and foremost was determined to be a ‘critical mass’ of Alberta licensees in the sport of BMX to feed the facility. That critical mass was determined to be 2000 licensed riders (at minimum). Since we were less than half way to that number our efforts were refocused to aid in the security and long term operation of AICC while attempting to help attain that ‘critical mass’ number of riders.

Through the winter and into the spring of 2014 discussions took place between CSX and AICC centering on the possibility of merging the two entities. This merging came to fruition in September 2014 and CSX has filed ‘operating as’ documentation in order to operate the indoor BMX facility going forward. This gives the indoor group the obvious advantages of accessing public funding through grants and reaping the other benefits of operating as a not for profit. Prior to this the funding for AICC was borne out of gate revenues, the 10 tracks of Alberta via Alberta BMX and some corporate donations. The intent is that this should secure the long term viability of indoor BMX in Alberta.

Summer racing in Alberta proved a challenge early on for most tracks due to a later than normal winter, (thanks for nothing global warming). But once up and running it was a great year. And again the riders that took advantage of the indoor riding facility proved why it is so essential. At the UCI World Championships in The Netherlands in July, Daina Tuchscherer of Calgary placed 6<sup>th</sup>. No small feat for a first year Jr rider. She currently ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in overall world rankings. The countdown (official qualifying period) leading up to the next Olympics in Brazil has started and these results have helped Canada to currently hold down the UCI Nations ranking of 7<sup>th</sup> place. Daina is attending the World Cup Finals in Chula Vista Sept 26/27 as is Eliane McAdam of Calgary. At time of writing I have no results on this event.

In the challenge classes at the World Challenge race in The Netherlands an Alberta girl showed that the Alberta Provincial team system and our indoor facility are huge assets when Avriana Hebert of St. Albert finished on top of the podium with a World #1 result in 14 expert girls. The 2014 National Championships are held today (October 4) in Drummondville QC, so I have no results as of this writing, but I am sure that the Alberta riders who attend will shine. The Canada Cup series continues to grow and gain favor with riders. Unfortunately Cycling Canada has not updated any race results since August 3 so it’s hard to tell where riders stand.

It warrants mention that Cycling Canada and American Bicycle Association (a for profit company) operating as USA BMX

and BMX Canada, have recently entered into 'talks'. How this develops will have a profound effect on BMX in Alberta going forward. In Alberta we have been the envy of BMX'ers Canada wide for years because we "have our act together", we are united and our race revenues from our races stay in Alberta to grow the sport and better the sport. The revenues are not getting syphoned off to a US corporate headquarters of a privately held company. As the largest Canadian Cycling contingent and therefore the largest provincial stakeholder in any agreement, it is rather unseemly that we were omitted from any discussions regarding our future as regards to race organization and system structure. This is likely because Alberta and BMX in Alberta stands to lose the most from what we have built in a future arrangement with USA BMX.

Lastly, as this is my last term in my position as VP of BMX (and I will not be running again), I want to acknowledge and thank (in print) the staff of Alberta Bicycle Association. Most prominent among them (for me as 'the BMX guy') being Heather Lothian and Josh Peacock. The immense amount of dedication that they have shown, their good nature, and willingness to effectively get things done have made my role much more enjoyable in my time with ABA. They have both proven to be incredible assets and I wish them well with ABA and in any future endeavours that they take. For my replacement's sake I hope they stick around for a long time. Cheers guys.

<b>Discipline</b>	<b># of Events</b>	<b>Total # of Participants</b>	<b>2013 participants</b>
BMX	15 (Incl. 4 Can Cups)	4114	3360
MTB – XC	7	874	1106
MTB – Marathon	1	184	(incl. in XC)
MTB – DH	1	37	83
MTB - Trailblazers	14	551	449
MTB – Enduro (new)	1	138	0
Cyclo-cross	15	1765	1459
Road	12	2975	3288
Track	4	92	65

## VP Racing-Shawn Bunnin

### Racing by the Numbers – the growth of Alberta racing in 2014:

- Overall, attendance numbers were up across all disciplines. This is positive in absolute terms, and as evidence that ABA events are tracking with the perceived growth of cycling in North America.
- BMX is an important representation of ABA members, and the large growth in their side of the sport is encouraging. Future potential exists to connect BMX and XC/road/track racers to increase participation levels in all disciplines.
- Enduro is a fast growing off-road discipline, and 2014 saw our first event bring 138 riders out in Canmore. New disciplines that attract previous non-racers are monitored with interest, to support future growth.
- Trailblazers (youth development) is showing exciting growth year-over-year, bringing a new generation of racers into the sport.
- Road participations have dropped, a factor of 2 cancelled events this year.
- Cyclocross continues to outpace the growth of other disciplines. Cyclocross motivates first-time license holders to the sport and for that reason its further growth is embraced.
- 2014 YTD Cyclocross attendance appears to be exceeding the prior year, with some early season turnouts already exceeding 180 participants.

### New and Evolving Events:

- We regrettably lost 4 calendar races to cancellation this past year. One of these included the Provincial Road Championships in Fort McMurray.
- While races and their organizers all encounter challenges, the ABA would like to continue the prestige associated with Provincial Championship events. The Fort McMurray case is seen as no fault of the organizer's hard work and demonstrated efforts - race registration was critically low and this is attributed to geographic location.
- Going forward, championship races may need to be located within the Edmonton/Calgary corridor and back-to-back against other events to encourage participation.
- Creating back-to-back events and a variety of formats is encouraged across the road discipline to sustain participation numbers.
- This fits the spirit of racing committee discussion throughout the year, where we consider the ways in which safe and successful races can be held for the enjoyment and recruitment of our members.

### Successful Junior Development:

- Junior racer development was successful in 2014, as evidenced by strong representation on National Team Projects.

<b>Junior Track World Championships</b>	Alec Cowan Evan Burtnik
<b>Junior Road World Championships</b>	Sara Poidevin Liah Harvie
<b>Junior Cyclocross World Championships</b>	Mason Burtnik Sean Germain

- Further successful racing results were seen from Junior & Para-Olympic Athletes:

Para-Olympic Road National Championships	Road National Championships
1st ITT C - Michael Sametz 1st Road Race C - Michael Sametz 2nd ITT C - Ross Wilson 2nd Road Race C - Ross Wilson 3rd Road Race C - Jaye Milley	2nd Road Race - Liah Harvie 2nd Criterium - Sara Poidevin 3rd Criterium - Liah Harvie 3rd ITT - Evan Burtnik

- In 2014, ABA funding was used to assist development riders with access and support at the following events:
  - Walla Walla Stage Race
  - Sudbury Canada Cup MTB
  - MTB Nationals
  - Road Nationals
  - DH Nationals
  - Cross Nationals (October)
  - Track Nationals (November)
- These events provide junior and development riders with exposure to competition and situations which are important for their racing development.

#### **ABA Van Purchase:**

- The ABA undertook the purchase of a 15-passenger Van in 2014. The absence of a Van has limited our access to development races and general support in past years. It is hoped that this will facilitate future development efforts:
  - Junior development travel can be accomplished with higher project numbers & frequency, at a lower per-project expense.
  - The Van will also see use as an ABA race support vehicle. Prior to its purchase, these duties were fulfilled through vehicle rental or staff mileage reimbursements.

#### **General and Concluding Thoughts:**

- Growth in Racing benefits the ABA membership, and provides revenues we rely on to accomplish development and non-racing initiatives.
- Looking ahead to 2015, growing the interest in all racing disciplines will continue to be a focus. Our existing events are a platform for this, and we continue to encourage innovation among the race organizers. We also continue to encourage new race organizers to add diversity and simplicity to the race calendar, hoping to attract new and old members back to racing.
- An example of this is seen in Cyclocross, where organizers have done an excellent job creating unique and attractive races.
- The Tour of Alberta had its second successful year. ABA staff and commissaires were involved in the success of this race. Commissaire development is a responsibility of the racing committee and maintaining a high profile in these events is positive.
- Success of alternative events continues (Fondo, Enduro, etc.) We must continue looking at ways to join or tap these avenues for recruiting.
- Increasing numbers of women participating in the sport is excellent.
- Looking forward to 2015. Regards,  
-Shawn Bunnin



## Women's Cycling in Alberta

We are seeing exciting and positive growth in 2014 for Women cycling in Alberta with highlights including, solid results at National and International events, a new female mountain bike team, increasing race registration numbers, and smiling new youth being introduced to the sport.



Growth in the **Trailblazers** series has been significant in 2014 and is sure to pay dividends during the upcoming years as young girls are introduced to the sport and cycling competition. We should soon see a number of those racers appearing at provincial cup events. The Trailblazers registrations totalled 551 youth riders, and it was common to see a 50/50 split between boys and girls.

Alberta continues to benefit from the advocacy and inspiration of women specific groups such as **Fast and Female**, **Dirt Girls** and **Spin Sisters** when it comes to mountain biking, while **Crave Racing** continues to show leadership on the Road and Cyclocross circuits.



Alberta 2014 also saw the emergence of **Prairie Girls Racing** ([prairiegirls racing.ca](http://prairiegirls racing.ca)) Women's XC and Downhill Race Team. This dedicated group of young women cyclists are out on the trails empowering women to ride. Backed up by their leadership skills and impressive XC + DH racing credentials, they are a brilliant addition to the Alberta women's racing and advocacy community.

The PGR team tent was spotted at several Trailblazer events and their super cool "I Ride Like a Girl" t-shirts have been a huge hit with the boys too.



**Pepper Harlton** from Devon, who isn't one to just stand around waiting for things to happen, can easily be credited with influencing at least a dozen women to give racing a try this year.

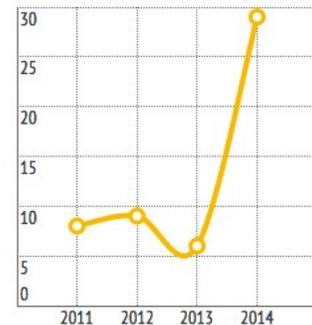
Leading "learn to race" events and being a leader in the community, she's instilled the confidence for many women within Bike Town Alberta to get out and enjoy the trails.

A whole squadron of the distinctive blue **Devon Bicycle Association** kits have been making weekly appearances at road, mountain bike and cyclocross events throughout the year.

The Devon Road Race saw a tremendous jump in the Women 3/4/5 category numbers, from just **4** in 2013 to **26** in 2014. The Women 1/2/3 numbers have been low for the last three years, although we're likely to see a few 3/4/5 racers, such as **Sara Poidevin** and **Emeliah Harvie**, bridge the gap into Cat 1/2/3 in 2015.

Sara and Emeliah recently capped off their 2014 racing seasons with huge efforts at the **UCI Road World Championships** in **Ponferrada, Spain**. As part of the four women **Team Canada** Junior squad Emeliah finished strong in the lead group at 19th position and Sara, at 66th position, was unfortunately caught up in an early crash.

## Road Race



## Cyclocross

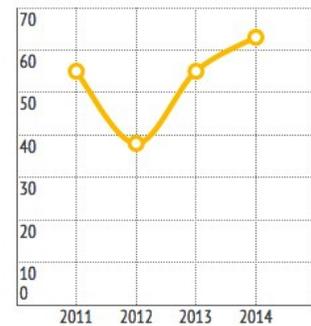


The 2014 Cyclocross season has so far seen another nice year-over-year bump in Women registrations. The fields are getting larger and every weekend spectators are being treated to exciting battles as several new youth racers hunt down the old guard. :)

The XC Mountain Bike series is also benefiting from increased numbers boosted by incoming youth. Fields are becoming larger and the youth categories are getting to a good critical mass.

**Emilia Harvie** (Junior), **Robin Pollard** (Cadet) and **Sidney McGill** (Cadet) were selected to represent Alberta at the XC Mountain Bike National Championships in July.

## XC Mountain Bike



We were all excited to see several new faces at the XC Mountain Bike events. **Issy Orsler** from the **XC Bragg Creek** club is just 10 years old and already ripping up the single track.

Her win at this year's U13 XC Provincial Championship is just the first of many more championship titles for this impressive young cyclist.

Issy's also laying down the hurt during the 2014 Cyclocross season, so be sure to come out and cheer her on!

The inaugural **Le Course By Tour De France** held in France this summer provided a global showcase event for Women's cycling and received TV coverage in 157 countries, no doubt introducing tens of thousands of viewers to the names of Elite Female cyclists.

*"The women have the wind at their backs,  
and everyone's feeling positive."*

At the **Alberta Bicycle Association** our goal is to keep progressing with "small wins" throughout the coming years. As those wins accumulate and new goals are set, together as a team we will build a strong base for Women's cycling in Alberta that will grow and inspire the community for decades.

# 2014 Alberta Women's Race Highlights

*(National & International)*

	Category	Race	Finish
Kate Aardal	Solo Women	Breck Epic	1st
		TransPortugal	2nd
		Yak Attack	1st Women
	Open Women	Single Track 6	2nd
Alana Heise	Masters	Masters Cyclocross Worlds	3rd
Allison Beveridge	Elite	Track Worlds	2nd in Team Pursuit
		Banff Bike Fest	2nd GC, 1st Tunnel Mtn RR
		BC Super Week	2nd Criterium Tour de Delta
Kinley Gibson	Elite	Banff Bike Fest	1st GC, 1st Lake Louise RR
		BC Super Week	1st Criterium Tour of Whiterock
Sara Poidevin	Junior	Road Worlds	66th (Caught in a crash)
		Road Nationals	2nd Criterium, 4th Road, 10th TT
		Walla Walla	2nd GC
		Tour of Rimouski	10 GC, 7th Crit
Anna Talman	Junior	Tour of Rimouski	33rd GC
Emilia Harvie	Junior	Road Worlds	17th (Best Canadian)
		MTB Nationals	7th
		Road Nationals	3rd Criterium, 2nd Road, 5th TT
Daina Tuchscherer	Junior	BMX Worlds	6th
Sidney McGill	U17 Cadet	MTB Nationals	DNS (Concussion in Practice)
Robin Pollard	U17 Cadet	MTB Nationals	4th
Abbey McGill	U15 Minime	MTB Nationals	3rd

## 2014 Upcoming Events

**Cyclocross Nationals** are being held October 25th, 2014 in Winnipeg, MB.

**Junior Track Nationals** are being held November 22, 2014 in Burnaby, BC.

# **ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (Audited)

**December 31, 2013**

# ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

December 31, 2013

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Members of the  
Alberta Bicycle Association

I have audited the financial statements of the Alberta Bicycle Association as at December 31, 2013 which include the Statement of Financial Position and the Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets, Cash Flows, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the year ended December 31, 2013.

### **Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified audit opinion.

**Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Alberta Bicycle Association derives revenue from certain fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not subject to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Alberta Bicycle Association and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue, excess of revenue over expenses, assets and net assets.

**Qualified Opinion**

In my opinion, except for the effects of adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself of the completeness of fundraising activities, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Alberta Bicycle Association as at December 31, 2013 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2013 in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Calgary, Alberta  
September 22, 2014

Nancy Murdoch  
Chartered Accountant

**ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
(Audited)

**As at December 31, 2013**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, unrestricted	\$ 283,546	\$ 229,413
Short-term Investment	32,928	32,404
Externally Restricted Assets (Note 3)	150,897	91,022
Accounts Receivable	16,592	28,723
Inventory	10,323	9,556
Prepaid Expense	6,397	6,397
	<b>500,683</b>	<b>397,515</b>
<b>Capital Assets (Note 4)</b>	<b>22,831</b>	<b>32,554</b>
	<b>\$ 523,514</b>	<b>\$ 430,069</b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 65,379	\$ 51,768
Deferred Cash Contributions (Note 3)	150,897	91,022
	<b>216,276</b>	<b>142,790</b>
<b>Deferred Capital Contributions (Note 5)</b>	<b>20,645</b>	<b>25,253</b>
	<b>236,921</b>	<b>168,043</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	284,407	254,725
Invested in Capital Assets	2,186	7,301
	<b>286,593</b>	<b>262,026</b>
	<b>\$ 523,514</b>	<b>\$ 430,069</b>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

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**ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
(Audited)

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Invested in Capital Assets</b>	<b>2013 Totals</b>	<b>2012 Totals</b>
Balances, beginning of the year	<b>\$ 254,725</b>	<b>7,301</b>	<b>262,026</b>	169,886
Transfers	<b>(1,353)</b>	<b>1,353</b>	-	-
Surplus (Deficit)	<b>31,035</b>	<b>(6,468)</b>	<b>24,567</b>	92,140
Balances, end of the year	<b>\$ 284,407</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>286,593</b>	262,026

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**ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
(Audited)

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Casino contributions (Note 6)	\$ 33,876	\$ 37,296
Fundraising Income	2,000	-
Grants (Note 7)	97,050	137,081
Interest Revenue	584	511
Licenses and Memberships	392,462	343,067
Miscellaneous	1,453	907
Other Programs	25,374	7,290
Race Income	27,437	33,310
Sales Income	1,668	1,220
	<b>581,904</b>	<b>560,682</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Alberta Sport Grants	10,670	6,911
BMX Programs (Schedule 2)	30,417	21,584
Canadian Cycling Association	41,102	38,375
Events	4,215	15,108
High Performance Coaching	36,304	32,889
Insurance	114,956	101,382
Interest and Bank Charges	7,195	15,810
Internet	925	1,018
Marketing	2,766	3,520
Meetings	3,375	1,863
Office	17,682	9,600
Office Equipment	1,295	1,195
Professional Development	348	208
Professional Fees	13,975	14,585
Racing Programs (Schedule 1)	79,512	51,429
Recreation and Transportation Program	1,619	5,166
Rent expense - Winsport	2,204	-
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	177,757	135,981
Telephone and Telecommunications	3,952	5,093
Travel Expenses	600	454
Van	-	150
	<b>550,869</b>	<b>462,321</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit) before Amortization</b>	<b>31,035</b>	<b>98,361</b>
Plus: Amortized Contributions	4,608	4,608
Less: Amortization	<b>(11,076)</b>	<b>(10,829)</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 24,567</b>	<b>\$ 92,140</b>

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**ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Audited)

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Funds Provided by (used in):</b>		
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 24,567	\$ 92,140
Charges not requiring cash outlay:		
Amortization	11,076	10,829
Amortized Capital Contributions	(4,608)	(4,608)
Changes in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts Receivable	(22,081)	(10,777)
Inventory	(767)	1,816
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	13,610	1,359
Deferred Revenue	-	(2,050)
<b>Net cash provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>21,797</b>	<b>88,709</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchase of BMX Equipment	-	(1,385)
Purchase of Office Equipment	(1,354)	(2,466)
Interest Reinvested in GIC	(522)	(444)
	<b>(1,876)</b>	<b>(4,295)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Use of (Transfer to) Deferred Cash Contributions	59,875	(38,172)
	<b>59,875</b>	<b>(38,172)</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<b>79,796</b>	<b>46,242</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>300,435</b>	<b>254,193</b>
<b>CASH, END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 380,231</b>	<b>\$ 300,435</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents consist of:</b>		
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 283,546	\$ 229,413
Externally Restricted Cash	96,685	71,022
	<b>\$ 380,231</b>	<b>\$ 300,435</b>

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**ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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December 31, 2013

**1. NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The Alberta Bicycle Association ("ABA") was incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta on February 27, 1973 as a not-for-profit organization. The ABA is exempt from income tax under section 149 (l) of the Income Tax Act.

Its mission is to act as the organizing body which promotes all aspects of cycling in Alberta.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements have been prepared according to Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations of which the most significant policies are:

**(a) Basis of Accounting**

Management has concluded that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate for the ABA.

**(b) Revenue Recognition**

The ABA follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized when received or receivable if the amount to be received can reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

**(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investing or other purposes. For an investment to qualify as a cash equivalent it must be readily convertible to a known amount of cash and be subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Therefore, an investment normally qualifies as a cash equivalent only when it has a short maturity of, say, three months or less from the date of acquisition.

**(d) Inventory**

Inventory consists of provincial team clothing and medals. It is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is calculated using the first in, first out method.

**(e) Capital Assets**

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Office and Computer Equipment	3 years
Software	3 years
Race Trailer	10 years
Timing Equipment	3 years

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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES Continued**

**(f) Deferred Capital Contributions**

Restricted revenue that has been used to fund purchases of a capital nature is deferred and is recognized as revenue on the same basis as the related asset is amortized.

**(g) Contributed Goods and Services**

Contributed services and donated items are recognized in the financial statements when the fair value can reasonably be estimated, when the services are used in the normal course of the ABA's operations and would otherwise have been purchased.

A number of volunteers have made significant contributions of their time to the ABA. The value of this contributed time is not reflected in these financial statements.

**(h) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that the ABA may undertake in the future.

**3. EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED ASSETS / DEFERRED CASH CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Casino Bank Account	\$ 91,444	\$ 56,380
Alberta Sport Grants held in General Bank Account	5,241	14,642
	<u>96,685</u>	<u>71,022</u>
Alberta Sport - Operations Grant receivable	32,612	-
Alberta Sport Donation Fund grant receivable	1,600	-
Visa Security held in GIC	20,000	20,000
	<u>\$ 150,897</u>	<u>\$ 91,022</u>

**4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>2013 Net</u>	<u>2012 Net</u>
Office and computer equipment	\$ 43,781	42,057	1,724	7,545
Software	1,054	1,054	-	-
Race trailer	34,408	13,763	20,645	24,085
BMX equipment	1,386	924	462	924
Timing equipment	5,525	5,525	-	-
	<u>\$ 86,154</u>	<u>63,323</u>	<u>22,831</u>	<u>32,554</u>

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**5. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 25,253	\$ 29,860
Amortized during the year	(4,608)	(4,607)
	<u>\$ 20,645</u>	<u>\$ 25,253</u>

**6. FUNDRAISING INCOME**

This amount represents casino funds taken into income as spent during the year.

**7. GRANTS**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Alberta Sport - Alberta Summer Games	\$ -	\$ 6,500
Alberta Sport - Annual Association Grant	32,612	65,223
Alberta Sport - Canada Summer Games 2013	14,400	26,000
Alberta Sport - Canada Summer Games	3,600	-
Alberta Sport - Donation Fund	2,600	17,500
Alberta Sport - High Performance Coaching	18,000	18,000
Alberta Sport - Visitation	4,088	-
Canadian Cycling Association (CCA)	12,750	8,000
Province of Alberta Community Spirit Grant	1,200	-
Edmonton Bike Month	-	10,500
<b>Grants received during the year</b>	<u>89,250</u>	<u>151,723</u>
Plus: Grants carried over from previous year	14,642	-
Less: Alberta Sport - Canada Summer Games grant carried forward	(5,242)	(14,642)
Less: Alberta Sport- Donation Fund grant carried forward	(1,600)	-
	<u>\$ 97,050</u>	<u>\$ 137,081</u>

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**8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

*Measurement of financial instruments*

The Association initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost or amortized cost. Changes in fair value of these financial instruments are recognized in net income.

Financial instruments measured at amortized cost include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, investments and accounts payable.

*Risk*

It is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant, currency, price, market or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The Association may be exposed to significant interest risk relating to a Canada Revenue Agency determination.

**9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Certain of the prior year figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

**10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

At certain times, board members act as cycling officials. They are paid according to the standard official rate schedule.

**ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION  
SCHEDULE 1 - RACING PROGRAM EXPENSES**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Coaching Development	\$ 2,113	\$ 2,683
Commissaire Expenses	12,561	16,279
Courses, Camps & Clinics	150	786
Event Expenses	5,265	3,970
Event Hosting	9	-
Medals, Trophies, Awards	1,909	1,955
Other Programs	2,954	1,105
Provincial Team Projects	49,371	21,784
Racing Committee	2,620	1,187
Racing Equipment and Supplies	1,690	1,680
Trailblazers Youth Racing Program	870	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 79,512</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 51,429</u></b>

**ALBERTA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION  
SCHEDULE 2 - BMX PROGRAM EXPENSES**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Alberta Summer Games	\$ -	\$ 3,048
Club Remittance	22,015	-
Commissaire and Coach Honoraria	-	2,100
Committee Meetings	782	701
Miscellaneous	2,291	1,476
Provincial Team Projects	5,329	12,301
Race Numbers and Clothing	-	1,958
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 30,417</b>	<b>\$ 21,584</b>