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Olympic Team Preparation : William Newman – President

Cycling SA – Olympic Preparation

- As of 23 April Cycling SA's Olympic qualifications status as follows:
  - On the Para side we have 4 men and two women's spots confirmed:
    - Ernst van Dyk, Stuart McCreadie, Jaco Nel, Gerhard Viljoen, Roxy Burns and Madre Carinus
  - We have qualified one spot for the Men's Road Race.
  - The women's road team are still working hard to rake in the points. Here we hope to qualify 3 women's spots.

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Cycling SA – Olympic Preparation

- On the Track, 19 year old Bernard Esterhuizen has qualified for the sprint event, but we await SASCOC's approval.
- In MTB, we have qualified 2 men's spots, with Burry Stander having confirmed his spot
- On the BMX side we hope to qualify at least one men's spot and one lady's spot. Right now Sifiso Nhlapo and Teagan O'Keefe are working hard to rake in the points, with their last chance being at the BMX World Champs in Birmingham from 23-28 May 2012.

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Results highlights

- All disciplines performing at a high level:
  - Para
    - Consistent success at World Champs and World Cup level – Ernst van Dyk an icon!
  - Road
    - Stage wins, Tour wins, top 10 finishes.
    - Ladies cycling has improved tremendously, and now a force to be reckoned with internationally
  - Track
    - Bernard Esterhuizen Junior World Champ in 2010 in 1 Km TT
    - Nolan Hoffman silver in Scratch Race at 2012 Worlds

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Results highlights

- MTB:
  - Burry Stander silver at World Cup in Pietermaritzburg
  - Burry at Cape Epic
  - Burry consistent top ten performances at World Cups
  - Greg Minnaar Downhill gold in Pietermaritzburg
  - Junior ladies medals in Pietermaritzburg
- BMX
  - Sifiso's medals at World Cup and World Champs in 2010
  - Teagan O'Keeffe gold in Cruiser World Champs in 2010

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Challenges

- Lack of funding to compete internationally – most times have to rely on athlete self-funding
- Lack of facilities to prepare, e.g. our only International standard velodrome in Bellville is shared amongst other “non-sporting” organisations and is now unavailable due to imminent commercial development
- Absence of African Continental Championships in some disciplines, forcing our riders to qualify via the most difficult World Cup and World Champs routes
- Timing of OPEX support – need support from day 1 of 4 year Olympic cycle

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Planning for 2016

- 6 riders on SASCOC Academy programme for Rio
- Will motivate for more deserving riders for Academy and OPEX programmes
- Detailed preparation plans in place for all disciplines
- Talent ID camps along with Sports Science assistance critical to our success

Actions

- Generate funding for High Performance support
- Work with SRSA International to benefit from the international bilateral agreements
- Ensure resources are available to implement preparation plans

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Thank you

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