



Hello FICL!

I want to start by saying thank you to Maxwell for everything he's done these last several years to get this league up and running and to where it is today. Starting a league is a gargantuan effort, with much happening behind the scenes that most of us never see, and I am grateful to Maxwell for doing all the hard work. Those thanks extend further to the core crew and all the coaches that have spent so much time on the league and developing our student-athletes. This league only runs with the help of our amazing volunteers from the core crew to the coaches, and the race day volunteers. Thank you all.

A little about myself. I retired last year after 22 years in the Coast Guard, and we moved back to our home in Titusville which we had purchased a few years before when I was stationed in Cape Canaveral. My wife Alecia is a nurse as well as the primary teacher for our four homeschooled children. My oldest son Michael will be a freshman this year and entering his third year of racing, some of you probably met him last year when he was helping in the swag tent after breaking his arm right before the Carter Rd race. My middle two Sofie and Sam aren't big into biking, but you will see them around the races. Finally, my youngest Luke has one more year to wait before he can start racing, but you probably saw him helping with parking last year, and he is anxious to become a racer.

I met many of you last season, and it was the warm welcome that I received from everyone that really made me excited about the opportunity to take on the director's role. I look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you better starting at the Coach Retreat next month. If you were not planning to attend the retreat, I hope you will reconsider, and invite others to come with you. We are going to cover a lot of important topics, on top of just spending some quality time together working on our league. There will also be opportunities to complete some requirements for upgrading your coaching license level such as OTB 101 & 201 along with the first aid training required to become a level 3 coach. Remember the retreat is not just for existing coaches. If you have someone that is interested in becoming a coach this is the perfect opportunity to get them involved.

I basically have one simple goal for my position and our league, and that is getting more kids having fun on bikes. How we do that is a little more complicated, but it all boils down to growing our league through the active recruiting of new athletes and coaches, as well as the formation of new teams. We also must increase our league fundraising efforts. We'll talk more about these topics at the coaches' retreat, but I need everyone's help to make these things happen.

I am truly humbled by the opportunity to be the league director, and super excited about all the possibilities for the future of our league.

Sincerely,

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