

To All,

The “image” of SCTA has been brought into question in a recent statement sent to the SCTA Board. Let me reassure each and every one of you that the “image” & integrity of the SCTA is first and foremost on our minds in every decision that we make. The membership has voted to have Bill Lattin & myself lead the SCTA for the last 6 years running. We have been through countless interviews and news conferences. In each of those, we have strived to maintain the image and integrity of the SCTA. This situation is no different.

We started this endeavor just like we always do. First, we contacted the local health department to obtain our “Mass Gathering” permit. Obviously knowing we are in the midst of a pandemic; we were hoping for the best. They asked us to submit our stipulations, which we did. They informed us a short time later that our plan had been approved. Excited with that we moved on to the BLM for our use permits. They also quickly approved our plan. All outstanding news at this point.

Knowing that because of the pandemic our entries and volunteers would be affected, we sent out a survey to our workers asking certain questions. To date we have received over 100 surveys. More than 80% have answered that they are ready, willing and able to attend and work.

We know there are people who will choose not to attend, and we totally understand and applaud their honesty. This is not an easy choice to make and we all know that. It’s hard to say no while others are going and I know that feeling of being left behind. That is 100% not the case here. There are many reasons for not attending & they are all personal choice. Once again, we understand and applaud you for making that difficult choice.

Please know that this has not been an easy choice to make with people wanting to go and people not wanting to go. We weigh our decision every day. Workers are ready to go, entrants are ready to go, permits are in place and courses groomed are all very positive signs to proceed. On the other hand, we have people not wanting to go, not wanting us to have the event and people thinking we are making bad decisions. Please know that we go over & over every decision one at a time. As always, we put safety at the top of our list be it for the racers, workers, volunteers and anyone else attending the event.

If anything changes concerning the COVID-19 virus we will quickly move to do whatever is necessary up to and including cancelling the event. As was said earlier, safety is first and foremost on our minds.

In closing, for those who decide to attend please keep in mind, it’s up to ALL of us to keep everyone safe so let’s all do our part to make this event as safe as possible. To anyone who does not feel safe, simply don’t come, we totally understand. Thank you all for your time.

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