

## New York State Bicycle Racing Association Annual Meeting

10:30-3pm, February 12, 2011  
Albany Convention & Visitors Bureau  
25 Quackenbush Street  
Albany, NY  
Dial in: 310-539-2229, Participant code: 110084

Notes in Red by Secretary

Introductions and Taking of Attendance

Jeff Poulin, Andrew Ross, Dave Ebeling, Mark Lalloo, Jim May, DaveBeals, RandyIngliss,  
Eric Schillinger, Dieter Drake, Rod Millott,  
Phone - Alan Atwood, Brian Klotz, Nancy Robertson

### 1. Transition to 2011-2012 (Dieter Drake)

#### a. New Officers and Board of Directors

Officers:

- President – Jeff Poulin
- VP – Andrew Ross
- Treasurer - Rod Millott
- Secretary - Nancy Robertson

Board of Directors / Rider Representatives:

- Western region: Todd Scheske
- Central region: Brian Klotz
- Adirondack region: Dieter Drake
- New York City region: Eric Ragot
- Long Island region: Myles Romanow

### 2. Membership Update (~~Mike Green~~) Randy Ingliss, USAC Regional Coordinator

- NY had strong growth from 2009 to 2010 and 2011 – attributed to CX  
2009 licenses= 3312, 2010 licenses=3593, up 14%.
- Tech guide for officials available on USAC website
- Rider Licenses and Race Permits should all be done online
- NY has strong State Champs – contact Randy for info on regional (Atlantic, NE) races
- New officials C clinic is 13Feb
- USAC has new in-house race registration, promoters set it up while requesting their race permit
- USAC recognizes that BikeReg and Racelistings are well-established in NY

### 3. Treasurers Report (Rod Millott)

- a. 2010 end-of-year report (Rod Millot for R. Sherwood Veith)
  - \$37k received in 2009-2010 from USAC, \$30k will roll into mission budget for 2011
- b. 2011 Budget
  - We'll receive about \$30k from USAC



- As per by-laws, max of 50% of USAC income allocated to administrative costs, the rest goes to mission (i.e., grants)
  - Need to get word out that we have money for grants and funding!
4. NYS Racing Schedule (Jeff Poulin)
- a. NYS Championships
    - i. Road Race: Bristol 7May
    - ii. Criterium: Saranac Lake 12June
    - iii. Time Trial: Tioga Center 30July
    - iv. Jr Championship Weekend (RR, TT, and Crit): 5-6June
  - b. ESG Games are canceled
    - Not sure if they will ever come back with budget cuts
  - c. Finalization of 2011 schedule
    - Jr Champs are on SAT weekend; Gary Toth to investigate
    - We have grown! Now competing for days on calendar, this did not happen years ago!
    - Race schedule will be finalized and sent on nyrares and posted on NYSBRA
    - Promoters need to ensure they are on the schedule!
5. NYS Championship Jerseys (Jeff Poulin)
- a. Proposed designs, cost, and sizing samples
    - Jerseys will cost NYSBRA \$35 each; ~ \$800 per race
    - Goal: Increase prestige of racing and winning state champs
    - Jerseys can be worn in event it was earned until beginning of Champ Race the next year
    - Wear jersey and possibly get free entry to race at discretion of promoter
    - Discussion about NYSBRA reimbursement entry to promoter; officers to evaluate but likely would exceed budget; officers to consider after running numbers
    - Club or sponsor logo may be added to front of jersey
  - b. Promoters provide list of Champions and sizes; jerseys made and mailed to Champions
    - Champions will try on sizing sample after race, then give their jersey size and mailing address to promoter. Jersey will be mailed directly to the champion.
6. Grant Program (Jeff Poulin)
- a. Mission
    - 3 awarded; for Women's clinic, Junior CX promotion, and U23 stage race expenses
  - b. Juniors
    - 9 awarded; each reimburses ½ eligible expenses up to \$100 back to the junior
  - c. New grants in 2011:
    - Promoters can be reimbursed \$50 fee for hiring an additional new C official
    - Each NY championship event will receive \$500 towards a better event
    - Collegiate programs will receive \$500 for promoting a USAC event
    - Grants can be cumulative at NYSBRA discretion (e.g., a champ event can get \$500 plus \$50 for hiring a new C official)
    - NYSBRA will promote grants to clubs and Jrs through direct email and nyrares
    - Everyone: Promote NYSBRA so all can benefit through communications / marketing



- Send grant ideas and proposals to [nysbragrants@gmail.com](mailto:nysbragrants@gmail.com)
7. Permit Coordinator(~~Gary Toth~~) Randy Ingliss
    - a. All permits must be made on-line (contact Gary if necessary)
      - USAC charging \$25 extra if permits filed on paper
      - Insure anyone who touches the race, including volunteers, signs a waiver!
    - b. Permit applications must ID the Chief Referee!
      - Chief Referee assigns the crew
      - NYSBRA validates that the CR and crew assignments meet USAC guidelines
  8. Event Paperwork (Brian Klotz)
    - a. Post-event paperwork can be done on-line via USAC website
    - b. All promoters should submit race results within 3-5 days of the event so riders get credit for upgrades and national rankings.
      - If you are a promoter using a timing service, ensure they submit results to USAC
      - Riders need to ensure promoters submit results to USAC!
      - If a rider requests an upgrade and there is no evidence in the USAC database, the rider must contact the promoter to submit results, otherwise the upgrade official cannot act.
      - Discussion ensued on how to encourage promoters to post timely and correct results because of their necessity for rider upgrades and rankings!
  9. Upgrades by regional Rider Reps (Andy Ross)
    - a. Aligned with ESG regions; assigned by zip code
      - Stats show average of 30% upgrades are denied largely because riders do not understand the criteria and evidence is not provided in their USAC results record
      - Riders feel guidelines are a matter of opinion
      - In response, USAC posted guidelines last year but the rejection rate still increased
      - Riders can count sanctioned training events for up to 5 races for Cat 5 to Cat 4 experience
      - Upgrades should happen within 1 week – no more than 2 weeks
      - NYSBRA will produce an explanatory video for <http://nysbra.com>
      - NYSBRA will recognize upgraded riders on <http://nysbra.com>
      - Track Upgrades: Must be verified with track, Alan Atwood will share track contacts with NYSBRA and help with track upgrade questions
      - Contact Andrew Ross with any upgrade issues
  10. Web Site (Nancy Robertson/Andrew Ross)
    - a. <http://www.nysbra.com>
      - Complete web site overhaul is in progress with increased focus on communication, schedule, upgrades, state rankings, and grant info
      - Will investigate using Twitter and Facebook for additional communication
    - b. Plans and suggestions?
      - Contact Nancy at [NYSBRAsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:NYSBRAsecretary@gmail.com) with suggestions



11. Other Business? (All)

- Promoters – Dave Beals to start compiling 2011 CX schedule
- Dave will put out a call for Cyclocross State Champs on nyraces
- a. DOT Rumble strips (Dieter Drake for Barbara Abrahamer)
  - This may be revitalized on the state level in 2011
  - Roads over certain distance threshold may have deep rumbles on sides and middle
  - This caused cancelation of a major race due to obvious safety issue
  - Side rumble strips force riders to ride on R or L of strip; however, debris does not get washed away on the breakdown lane, which forces cyclists to ride left of rumble (riders must be in the road). This causes major conflicts with drivers and has a high chance of causing serious injury to cyclists.
  - Middle rumble strips are less of a problem (except for major races with full road closure)
  - All NY cyclists need to monitor DOT actions and lobby for no side rumble strips
  - League of American Bicyclists is monitoring
  - NYSBRA will be conduit of information
- b. Battenkill / USAC / UCI (Connie Kontogiannis)
  - Brief discussion on ongoing disagreement that may be resolved soon
  - Issue of pro entry in US criteriums vs other races (i.e., RRs)
  - All promoters compete for a small pool of riders and available dates
  - Does not affect amateur events (i.e., Amateur Battenkill)
- c. Issues with results, race conduct, rules violations (Mark Laloo)
  - Racers are responsible for verifying results within 15 min of posting
  - Chief Referee's job is to be sure races run smoothly; including registration, awards, and results
  - Chief Referee may cancel event on the spot if conditions are not safe
  - NYSBRA should handle issues with promoters, racers, and ensure accountability and oversight
  - USAC handles rules violations and safety issues
- d. Other- "nyraces" egroup
  - The "nyraces" egroup has 160 members, primarily race promoters and club officers
  - To join, simply send email to [nyraces-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:nyraces-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)
  - Members are the leaders of NY competitive cycling!
  - Members need to forward relevant info to their clubs and teams!

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm

