

New York State Bicycle Racing Association Board of Director's Quarterly Meeting

7pm-8:15, Wednesday, 14 December, 2011

Dial in: 310-539-2229, Participant code: 110084

Attendees: Jeff Poulin, Andrew Ross, Nancy Robertson, Rob Millott, Todd Scheske, Gary Toth

Absent: Dieter Drake, Eric Ragot, Myles Romanow, Alan Atwood (RTC)

1. President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

- a. 2012 Annual Meeting is booked for 9-3pm on Saturday 28 January at the Vestal Public Library Meeting Room, Vestal NY.
- b. 2012 Telecon Schedule: All Wednesdays at 7pm: 14 Mar, 13 Jun, 12 Sep, and 12 Dec.
- c. Championship Jersey Program. While the new Championship Jerseys are very popular, the performance of the supplier has made continuing the program with them untenable. Meanwhile, USA Cycling has launched a new program with Voler, which seems ideal for our needs. Therefore, NYSBRA will be sourcing jerseys from Voler starting in 2012. The biggest benefit is the much faster turn-around time on the jerseys. The program features:
 - i. Same artwork
 - ii. Free podium jerseys
 - iii. Rider gets coupon for a free jersey on race day
 - iv. After rider orders jersey and anything else they want, the jersey ships in 3 days
 - v. Cheaper (\$33, incl shipping), and NYSBRA gets 5% back on all purchases.
- d. 2012 NY Road Schedule. Schedule is almost complete except for NYC races that require permits that don't normally firm up until January. No significant conflicts or issues.
- e. 2012 NYSBRA Championship Events: Are final and notice posted to ny races 10 Dec. Only one promoter bid per event type.
- f. NY State Championship Categories. USAC has dropped Men Masters 30+ due to low participation; NYSBRA will follow suit as per approval by NYSBRA officers. Jeff has updated the "Championship Categories" reference document to v.5 to reflect this change. NY race promoters may want to also drop the Men's Master's 30+ from their events.
- g. USAC Regional Technical Commission (RTC). Todd Scheske has served as the NY representative to the USAC with responsibility for:
 - i. Mentoring officials
 - ii. Evaluating officials
 - iii. Official's recognition program
 - iv. Talent identification
 - v. Opportunities for officials to work around the region
 - vi. Working with LA's on official needs and issues
 - vii. Management of the B official upgrade program
 - viii. Setting up Official's clinics as needed around NY.Alan Atwood will serve as the NY representative to the RTC for 2012. I have asked Alan to emphasize (1) Official's clinics in 2012 and (2) actively communicating the activities of the RTC to NYSBRA (officers, board, riders).
- h. Officer and Board Stipends. The board voted to keep the total stipend amount at \$6000. Based on this allocation, the percentage allocations are the same as last year with allowances made for

- partial year upgrade official in Central and extra workload by the NYC upgrade official.
- i. Central Region Rider Rep Position Open. Brian Klotz, who served as the Central Rider Rep for 2011, has resigned effective 12Dec. The Hudson Valley still needs a rep as the position has been vacant all year. Jeff will post a call to nyraces for a replacement and present candidates to the Board for a vote as per the By-laws. If we get no volunteers, Nance will post a call in an email to all riders in January.
2. Grant Program (Jeff Poulin)
 - a. Mission grants: none pending.
 - b. Junior grants: none pending. This is the time of year for juniors to apply! ACTION: Nance will send this in email to all NY juniors to go out immediately.
 - c. Votes on Junior, Collegiate, New Officials, Free Entry for Champs. For efficiency these grants require only three out of four officer votes for approval or disapproval; the Board is cc as FYI for advice and oversight.
 - d. Grants dependent on licensed coaches. Todd suggested any coaches used in clinics receiving NYSBRA grant funding must be licensed by USAC. This supports the USAC coaching program, but the USAC licenses can be very difficult and expensive to maintain. The board voted to approve this motion for grants effective immediately.
 3. Vice President's Report / Upgrades(Andrew Ross)
 - a. Marginally Qualified Riders. The USA Cycling rules allow: "In the case of a rider who is marginally qualified, the quality of the events and the level of completion may be taken into account." According to Randy Inglis, USA Cycling Regional Coordinator, the USAC definition of "marginally qualified" is a rider (for example from Cat 3 to Cat 2 who needs 25 pts) with 24 pts, maybe 23 or even fewer points, and allows the upgrade official to upgrade the rider anyway. According to Shawn Farrell, USA Cycling Technical Director, if the rider has 25 or more pts, the upgrade official does not have the discretion to deny the upgrade because the rider has met the criteria in the rulebook. In short, a rider with 25 or more pts is qualified for the upgrade.
 - b. Collegiate Upgrades. Requests to upgrade collegiate riders to road categories based on collegiate races A-E must follow rulebook para. 7H2; i.e., C&D count towards Road Cat 4, B counts towards Road Cat 3, and A counts towards Road Cat 2.
 - c. Responsibility for Race Results. It is the rider's responsibility to provide all the evidence necessary for the upgrade. The rider must ensure within the 15-minute protest period that the results are correct and complete. Before attending a race, the rider should verify with the promoter that the results will be submitted to USAC if the rider wants to use the race for upgrade points and national rankings. ACTION: Nance to include a reminder on this in the next email to all NY riders.
 4. Treasurers Report (Rod Millott)
 - a. NYSBRA is on budget for 2011 for the first time, spending was approximately equal to income as planned and budgeted.
 5. Secretary's Report (Nance Robertson)
 - a. Publishing Race Calendar. We have the PDF schedule that Jeff creates every year. Nance has added a much easier to read race calendar to <http://nysbra.com>. This is a Wordpress tool. Nance will add the 2012 races once Jeff finalizes schedule.
 - b. Alternative Calendar idea: we could make the nysbra@gmail.com calendar a shared (Google) one. Most events would be annual (i.e., repeat every first Sunday in the April) so once it is done, it will be easy to maintain. This would be an option depending on feedback we get on the new Wordpress calendar.
 - c. NYSBRA Flyer: Idea is to make a 1-page publicity flyer to drop at races, etc. Nance made a

hand-out for the Binghamton Clinic and will work on a more complete one for general use.

- d. Year end email to all NY Riders: Topics for Nance to include are:
 - i. Riders must ensure their results are correct within 15 min protest period. If your name is not listed, PROTEST, otherwise, your results cannot be verified for upgrades and national rankings. Your results are YOUR responsibility.
 - ii. Verify BEFORE signing up for a race that your results will be submitted to USA Cycling.
 - iii. JUNIORS: now is the time to get reimbursed for your 2011 racing! You can get 50% back on \$200 in expenses, this means \$100 to you! Also send a targeted email to juniors on junior grants.
 - iv. Make sure you info in your BikeReg account is complete, especially your license #! Your license# must be in BikeReg to get credit for your race results!
 - v. Sign up for Twitter on NYSBRA.com
 - vi. Other topics for the email?
 - e. Frequency of email to all NY Riders: NYSBRA will increase our emailings to once per every 3-4 weeks to provide more visibility of NYSBRA.
6. Web Site <http://www.nysbra.com> (Nancy Robertson/Andrew Ross)
 - a. USA Cycling National Rankings- are now linked from the “Racer Information” off the NYSBRA website.
 7. Event Permits (Gary Toth)
 - a. 2011 Events: Process went smoothly. NYSBRA issued approximately 150 USA Cycling event permits last year, including training rides and club events.
 - b. Assigning Officials. In NY the promoter must ID the CR on the permit prior to receiving approval.
 - c. Use of USA Officials Database. Alan and Gary see the benefits of using the tool created by Chris Constantino, especially at bigger races. Gary and Alan will encourage the use of the tool in 2021.
 8. Regional Technical Commission Update (Alan Atwood)
 - a. Tbd.
 9. Other Business? (All)
 - a. NYSBRA requiring Masters events to be Cat 3 or Cat 4 only. Todd Scheske would like to make this a requirement for NYSBRA events. Dieter points out this would be in effect changing USAC rules, which NYSBRA cannot do. Field selection and composition is up to the promoter. After discussion, Todd agreed to post the suggestion to nyraces for open discussion.
 - b. AOB. None.