

New York State Bicycle Racing Association (NYSBRA) Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting at Deloitte&Touche, NYC canceled; telecon only due to blizzard

11am-2:45pm, 9 February 2013

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

Attendees (all dial-in): Jeff Poulin (President), Andrew Ross (Vice President), Rod Millott (Treasurer), Martin Bruhn (Hudson), Dave Beals (CX), Dieter Drake (Adirondacks), Wayne Miner (Race Dir- Tour de Syr), Brian Klotz (Race Dir- Hornby, Corning), Gunter Spilhaus (MTB), Eric Ragot (NYC), Alan Atwood (NY Regional Technical Commission), Anthony Van Dunk (Race Director- NYC series), Gary Toth (NYSBRA Permit Coordinator), Todd Scheske (Western)

Board/officers not present: Keith Lyndaker (Secretary- resigned), Myles Romanow (Long Island), Lloyd Campbell (Central)

Message from the President:

I am happy to welcome everyone to our first annual meeting scheduled for NYC, where the majority of NY racers live. Even going back over many years well before NYSBRA even existed, I do not recall a meeting in NYC. It is about time and I am very much hoping to put faces to names I have known and worked with for many years.

(Sadly we got snowed out and held the meeting by telecon only... but hopefully we will try again next year!)

In 2011 NYSBRA got the grants program off the ground and I plan to keep expanding participation through increased advertising, especially to juniors.

In 2012 we focused on consistency of rider upgrades, getting the word out on:

- First, rider upgrades depend on having their race results in the USAC results database so riders must continue to insist promoters submit their results.
- Second, rider upgrades are done as consistently as we can, in accordance with USAC rules and guidelines, and are processed fairly and promptly (normally within 1 week).

For 2013 I want to build support for an ongoing NY Anti-Doping Program supported by NYSBRA, clubs, and private donations. This is the right year for this, given recent events in Pro cycling. This is a formal program with the backing of USA Cycling and USADA. I hope all clubs pledge to support this effort!

Next year... I'll be pushing the USA Cycling Official's database so officials should get on board now. Stay tuned!

Thank-you! Now let's go out and ride!

-jeff

1. President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

- a. 2013-2014 NYSBRA Officers and Board:
 - i. The 2-yr terms 2011-2012 are up and all current officers and board members are willing to continue to serve NYSBRA and ran unoppose
 - ii. The new two year terms are now in effect beginning today. Wish us luck!
- b. 2013 NY State Championship events are:
 - i. Crit: Chris Thater Memorial, 24-25Aug, Binghamton
 - ii. TT: Jonathan Dechau TT, 15Jun, Rushville
 - iii. RR: Tour de Syracuse RR, 19May, Tully (near Syracuse)
 - iv. The CX bids will go out soon via Dave Beals.
- c. 2013 Road Race Schedule
 - i. We reviewed the final draft and it is ready for publication
 - ii. Schedule will be published on Google Calendar!
 - iii. There will be a web page (Monthly view) and a link to "Add to My Google Calendar"
 - iv. Calendars will be set up for Road, CX, and MTB.
 - v. Todd Scheske wants to remove non-USAC events from the calendar. These events have been on the calendar since it was first created over 10 years ago and are major events in their area. In addition, it is an effective recruiting tool as Jeff has been able to convince three of them to become USAC events as a result. Recommendation is to leave them as there is no harm done and it is a service to our riders. After some discussion, the board voted to remove the non-USAC events from the NY calendar. Jeff renamed the calendar from "NY" to "NYSBRA" as a result.
- d. NYSBRA support for NY anti-doping program:
 - i. NYSBRA will start up a random drug testing program with funding of \$5k in the first year and \$1k per year thereafter
 - ii. USAC has decided to officially sponsor this program nationwide and will produce a standard contract agreement "any week now"
 - iii. As of 8Feb, USAC is still waiting for USADA to finalize the contract
 - iv. Next steps:
 1. NYSBRA will publicize the program (e.g., by email to all riders) as soon as we contract with USADA
 2. NYSBRA will need to raise additional donations from private sponsors, USAC clubs, other sources
 3. Donations are earmarked for the anti-doping fund and NYSBRA cannot use the funds for anything else
 4. Donations are fully tax-deductible (NYSBRA is a 501(c)3 non-profit)
 5. CRCA has made a significant donation from its members of \$2,000 in 2012 and pledged \$2-3 per riders in 2013
 6. NYSBRA will solicit clubs for \$1/member via nyrares
 7. NYSBRA will add an "anti-doping" page to <http://nysbra.com> and include a section acknowledging clubs and individuals that donate to the fund.
- e. Misc Business:
 - i. LA Agreement is signed and in the mail to USAC for 2013
 - ii. Officer's General Liability insurance is renewed for 2013.

2. Grant Program (Jeff Poulin)

- a. Mission grants:
 - i. During 2012 we granted \$10,365, including the \$5k to launch the anti-doping program. Rod will present the other grant amounts and the 2013 budget during the Treasurer's report

- ii. Mission grants are approved by the entire NYSBRA officers and Board.
- b. 2013 Targeted Grants will continue:
 - i. Targeted grants are “pre-approved” in principle by the NYSBRA board and each individual request is approved by the officers
 - ii. Junior Grants (\$100 per yr)
 - iii. New Officials Grants (\$70 per official)
 - iv. Free Entry for Champions (\$100)
 - v. New separate fields for Women Cat 4 and Juniors (\$100)
 - vi. Collegiate grants (\$500) for hosting USAC event
 - vii. State Championship Grant (\$500) for hosting NYSBRA State Champs (RR, TT, Crit, CX).
The board voted to add a \$500 grant for track.
- c. Skills Clinics:
 - i. USAC is moving to require a clinic in addition to race experience, especially for a Cat 4 upgrade; “experience in 10 mass start races” will no longer be sufficient
 - ii. NY needs more clinics; NYSBRA is looking for ways to encourage more
 - iii. NYSBRA will continue to grant requests for clinics. Rather than a standard amount (e.g., \$250 ea.), NYSBRA will continue to handle grants for clinics on an individual basis.
 - iv. According to the USAC rules, a rider can also get race-day credit for “mentored race experience by a Cat 3 rider.”
 - v. As with clinics, NYSBRA must pre-approve the request for “mentored race experience.” Criteria include considering the event where the experience will take place and ensuring that the mentor is a USAC Cycling Coach or Cat 3 rider with significant experience. The mentor must document the session in order to receive credit.
 - vi. Jeff will seek ideas/best practices on how to best implement this from the other LAs at the monthly telecon and present them at the 1Q Board Telecon.

3. Vice President’s Report / Upgrades (Andrew Ross)

- a. Recent Changes to USAC upgrade guidelines
 - i. Riders who are more than halfway through a series may request a waiver of mandatory upgrade so that they may finish the series provided the series is under a single permit, with a single race director, approved by the director, granted for a maximum of 3 event days and used only once per rider per category.
 - ii. Upgrade points no longer expire. Within 12 month period limit no longer applies.
 - iii. Road Cat 3 to 2 upgrades now requires 30 points.
 - iv. Road Cat 2 to 1 upgrades now requires 35 points.
 - v. Riders will not be downgraded in the same year that they were upgraded
 - vi. USAC sanctioned clinics (at least half day) will count as 3 qualifying races for Cat 5 to 4 upgrades up to a maximum of 5 qualifying races, which will also count as 3 points for Cat 4 to 3 upgrade. Riders upgrading to Cat 4 will receive 2 race days credits for participating in a mentored race. experience where the mentor is at least a cat 3 rider approved by local association.
 - vii. Cross Cat 5 to 4 requires experience in 10 races is a mandatory upgrade.
 - viii. Cross Cat 4 to 3 voluntary upgrade with 10 points. 15 points or 2 win in field over 30 racers is mandatory upgrade.
 - ix. Cross Cat 3 to 2 voluntary upgrade with 15 points. 20 points or 2 wins in field over 30 racers is mandatory upgrade.
 - x. Cross Cat 2 to 1 voluntary upgrade with 20 points. 25 points or 2 wins in field over 40 racers is mandatory upgrade.
 - xi. Juniors exempt from mandatory upgrade.

- xii. Only registered clubs and teams may have clothing bearing commercial sponsorship in addition to the manufactures logo and club name.
- b. Feedback on new CX Cat 5:
 - i. NYSBRA believes this raises more complications than benefits. NYSBRA had recommended against it.
 - ii. Andrew will send USAC some rationale for discussion at the next LA telecon.
- c. Summary of NYSBRA upgrades for 2012:

2012 Total Requests	Longest wait	Average Days for Cat Change	% Within 7 Days	% Approved	% UnApproved
899	56 Days 15 Hours	4 Days	84%	72%	28

4. Treasurers Report (Rod Millott)

- a. 2012 Financial Report:
 - i. Rod distributed a full financial report to nyrares before the meeting and discussed it in detail during the call
 - ii. NYSBRA is in good financial shape!
- b. 2013 Budget:
 - i. Rod presented the proposed budget for 2013. The budget is in line with 2012 actual expenditures with the goal of spending approximately our 2013 income from USAC.

5. Secretary's Report (Andrew Ross- acting)

- a. Secretary position open:
 - i. Keith Lyndaker has resigned as NYSBRA secretary due to personal reasons.
 - ii. Anyone interested in serving as the NYSBRA Secretary, please contact Jeff.
 - iii. Thank-you to Keith for serving us the past 2 years! Well done!
- b. Next email to all riders (due end of Feb):
 - i. Call for new Secretary
 - ii. Call for content on the Facebook page
 - iii. Publicity for the Facebook page
 - iv. "USAC Rule of the month"

6. Web Site <http://www.nysbra.com> (Andrew Ross)

- a. Schedule in Google Calendar:
 - i. Andrew will take this on immediately after the call
- b. Facebook:
 - i. Ran free (\$50FB dollar) add campaign late Dec-Jan 18th.
 - ii. 549 likes so far
 - iii. Typically >200 views
 - iv. Looking for nicely written race reports with photos

7. Permits (Gary Toth)

- a. Assigning Chief Referees: NYSBRA policy has been for RDs to ID a CR on the permit request; if they didn't Gary would reject the permit and offer to help the RD identify a CR. In the future when a promoter does not request a chief referee when applying, Gary and/or Alan will assign a CR, considering the size and complexity of the event and geographic proximity of the official to the venue.

8. Regional Technical Commission Update (Alan Atwood)

- a. NY Representative to the USA Cycling RTC

- i. Alan Atwood has agreed to serve as NY rep to the USAC RTC
 - ii. Thank-you Alan!
- b. Officials Assignments:
 - i. As long as events run smoothly NYSBRA will continue to ensure a qualified CR is identified on the permit and after that the CR fills out a suitable crew. However, in cases where NYSBRA has had numerous and repeated complaints about an event, the officials, the paperwork, the results, etc, NYSBRA will assign the CR and crew for the event starting in 2013.
- c. NY Official of the Year:
 - i. Congratulations to Jeff Poulin for being elected “2013 New York Official of the Year!”

9. **Cyclocross (Dave Beals)**

- a. CX Board Member
 - i. Dave Beals has agreed to serve as CX rep on the NYSBRA Board
- b. 2012 CX Schedule:
 - i. The call for the CX 2013 calendar went out and Dave is populating the calendar now.
- c. 2012 CX NYS Champs:
 - i. There is one bid in already from Christophe Jammet for the 2013 CX champs
 - ii. The call for bids is out and open until end of February, at which time Dave will announce the selection.

10. **Mountain Bike (Gunter Spilhaus, Armand Arekian)**

- a. MTB: Jeff has appointed Gunter and Armand to represent the MTB community on the NYSBRA board
 - i. TJ Zydel (wnymba VP) also expressed an interest to help
 - ii. Thank-you to Gunter, Armand, and TJ!
 - iii. The appointments are valid as long as they are willing to build the NY MTB community!
- b. NYSBRA Governance:
 - i. MTB does not fall under NYSBRA’s charter and NYSBRA gets no fees from MTB licenses (NYSBRA is funded \$10/road license fee)
 - ii. Randy Inglis (USA Cycling NE Region) says most Las do not want to govern MTB
 - iii. If NYSBRA wanted to, NYSBRA would get \$5/add-on MTB license per rider.
- c. MTB Egroup:
 - i. Gunter created the group **NY-MtbRacePromoters**. Please join!
 - ii. Visit this group's homepage: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/ny-mtbracepromoters>
 - iii. Email this group: ny-mtbracepromoters@googlegroups.com

11. **Other Business? (All)**

- a. Next NYSBRA Board Meeting:
 - i. The NYSBRA Board meets quarterly, 7pm by telecon
 - ii. In 2013: 13Mar, 12Jun, 18Sep, and 11Dec
- b. NYSBRA Annual Meeting:
 - i. Next annual meeting location is tbd and date will be in Jan/Feb 2014.
 - ii. Adjourned at 2:45pm.