

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

Telecon, 7pm, Wednesday 11 December 2013

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Attendees: Jeff Poulin (President), Andrew Ross (Vice President), Tom Weichmann (Secretary), Alan Atwood (RTC Rep), Gary Toth (NY Permit Coordinator), Gunter Spilhaus (MTB Rep), Todd Scheske (Western), Dave Beals (CX)

Not Present: Rod Millott (Treasurer), Armand Arekian (MTB Rep), Dieter Drake (Adirondacks), Lloyd Campbell (Central), Eric Ragot (NYC), Myles Romanow (Long Island)

1. President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

a. LA Summit and RD Summit Discussion:

- i. Open discussion on my minutes from the meetings with USAC.

b. NYSBRA support for NY anti-doping program (RaceClean):

- i. 2014 prices have increased from \$1750 test one event and \$3000 to test two events to \$1750 for one event, \$3500 for two events. Each event gets three tests.
- ii. USAC sent me send me a 2014 contract to sign. Our options are:
 1. \$1750 for one event
 2. \$3500 for two events
 3. USAC will not pay half of any additional tests.
- iii. NYSBRA has committed \$6k for 2014, with \$1k from NYSBRA and the rest from private donations
 1. The board voted and unanimously approved the \$3500 option. Action: Jeff will sign and submit the RaceClean contract (done!) and fee to USAC (done!).
 2. Our next newsletter will solicit private donations
 3. NYSBRA will consider contracting directly with USADA for additional tests on a case by case basis.

c. Officials Licenses:

1. Time for officials to renew!
2. New this year: mandatory background checks once every two years. Initiate the request on-line and pay \$21.25.
3. New this year: mandatory "SafeSport" training. This is a free online course that takes about 90 minutes to complete and is valid for 2 years.
4. These changes are required by the US Olympic committee
5. As always, officials are required to take a rules refresher every year. In the past this has not been seriously enforced. This year officials must sign up for the "1 CEU" class taught by Shawn Farrell. This year it will be 19Dec (the course is now full) and available by re-play. All officials must watch this rules refresher.
6. Coming next year are increased CEU requirements officials to maintain a license. Todd asked if the CEUs would lower license cost (Action: Jeff to ask Shawn Farrell; done! Shawn replied that the CEU requirements will

only apply to A and B level officials. It will not result in a lower license fee for A and B level officials.

7. Discussions centered on fear that these new requirements may drive officials from the sport and make it hard to recruit new officials. The “occasional C official” will likely decide not to renew.
8. Suggestion to allocate \$500 to reimburse up to 25 new officials for the CBC. Another suggestion to reimburse both the license and CBC, but only after they have officiated at least three times.
9. The board voted and unanimously agreed to reimburse up to 25 new officials for their official’s license (\$35 ea) and CBC (\$21.25), to be reimbursed after they officiate three events in 2014.
10. Actions: Jeff to update grant procedures (done!), Tom to upload to web and change web page, Rod to add to 2014 budget.

d. SafeSport Program- <http://www.usacycling.org/safesport/>:

1. Effective next year, LAs shall require a biennial CBC be completed for the President/Executive Director (or similar position) and any person that is formally authorized, approved or appointed by that LA (a) to a position of authority over, or (b) to have frequent contact with athletes.
2. In short, every LA must ID board members who must take the training (“those with frequent contact with athletes”).
3. My plan is that enough of you are officials and will take the training because of that, so the LA does not need any other board members to take the training. In addition, board members do not have frequent, recurring, in-person contact with athletes as part of their board duties.
4. The US Olympic Committee mandate requires it for all working with or in positions of authority over athletes, especially minors.
5. Effective during calendar year 2014, USA Cycling requires all Local Associations to create or adopt a CBC policy. LAs are encouraged to adapt and adopt the existing USA Cycling CBC Policy: (<http://www.usacycling.org/usa-cycling-criminal-background-check-policy.htm>) I have reviewed this policy and NYSBRA will adopt the USAC policy. Action: Tom to annotate nysbra.com with this information.
6. USAC will give me access to Criminal Background Check (SBC) results for board members NYSBRA designates. I am going to tell them I don’t want access to CBC results. Since NY is not designating any additional persons, this should not be an issue.
7. Jeff will advise the board as this plays out.

e. Riders Licenses:

1. Time for riders to renew!
2. USAC wants riders to buy annual licenses. USAC wants to discourage occasional racers from using one-day licenses.
3. Cat 5 licenses now mean “beginners” only. Now anyone that ever held a license over Cat 5 is no longer allowed to use a one-day license.
4. Discussion centered on how to enforce this (USAC admits this will be hard to enforce).

f. Event Permit Fees:

1. Permit fees for events did NOT change as dramatically as proposed at the LA summit. Instead of increasing the permit fee to \$125 for all events,

USAC reduced the 7% prize list fee for A/B/C events to 5% and only increased E event fees to \$50 (up from \$25) and D event fees to \$75 (up from \$50).

g. 2014 NY State Championship bids:

i. TT (1 bid):

1. NYS TT Championship, 22Jun (flexible), Tioga Center, NY (Jeff Poulin, Tioga Competitive Cycling). APPROVED

ii. RR (1 bid):

1. Hunter Summer Classic, 28Jun, Hunter & Tannersville, NY (Dieter Drake, Farm Team Cycling / Anthem Sports). APPROVED

iii. Crit (2 bids):

1. Chris Thater Memorial, 23-24Aug14, in Binghamton, NY (Jeff Poulin, Broome County STOP-DWI)
2. White Plains Downtown Criterium, 8Jun, White Plains, NY (Joe Markey, Tarmac Cycling / Iron Bridge Consulting) APPROVED
3. The board selected White Plains Downtown Criterium because Chris Thater was the 2013 Championship race.

iv. Track (1 bid)

1. NYS Track Championship, 26-27Jul14, Flushing, NY, (Alan Atwood, Century Road Club Association (CRCA))

h. 2013 Officer Stipends:

- i. Proposal for approval is based on last year's allocations.
- ii. The board voted and unanimously approved.

2. Grant Program (Jeff Poulin)

a. Mission grants:

- i. Since last meeting we approved one Mission Grant for \$400 for Daniel Vaughn (junior) to attend CX Natz.

b. Junior Grant Season!

- i. This is the time of year for Juniors to request \$100 Junior Grants; a reminder will be in the next email newsletter.

c. New Targeted Grant Ideas: Proposals I've come up with:

- i. Add grant for Motos; e.g., \$50/moto up to two motos. The board voted and unanimously approved. Action: Jeff to add to Grant Policy (done!); Tom to add to web site.
- ii. Andrew suggested increasing the amount of the junior grants from a max of \$100 to some other. After discussion the board decided to leave the amount at \$100, especially given the access to Mission Grants for travel to Natz, clinics, camps, etc.
- iii. No other Suggestions.

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

a. Upgrade Status:

- i. Last month Andrew suggested we ask USAC to provide automated support for the mandatory upgrade from Cat 4 to Cat 5 after 10 races; Jeff passed request to USAC IT and it is "in the queue"
- ii. The backlog is generally under control. Andrew sends reminders whenever a ticket goes over 7 days due, which is a big help in keeping our responses timely.

4. Treasurers Report (Rod Millott)

a. NYSBRA Finances in good shape:

- i. Full report will be presented at the annual meeting in January.

5. **Secretary's Report (Tom Weichmann)**

- a. Congratulations to our new Secretary, Tom Weichmann, East Aurora Racing Club
 - i. Tom will serve out the remainder of the officer's terms (elections next winter with change-over at the Jan'15 annual meeting)
- b. Next email to all riders (Action: Tom to send draft to Jeff for release before Xmas):
 - i. Junior Grant Reminder; apply now for \$100 (50% of \$200 of your race expenses; see example request on nysbra.com)
 - ii. Solicit donations for NYSBRA RaceClean program
 - iii. Call for officials
 - iv. Announce 2014 Championship events (TT, RR, Crit)

6. **Web Site <http://www.nysbra.com> (Tom Weichmann)**

- a. No major changes:
 - i. Anyone with suggestions, please tell Tom
 - ii. Hosting service ("Bizland") has been renewed.

7. **Permits (Gary Toth)**

- a. Up to Date!:
 - i. All permit requests are up to date, including CX events.
 - ii. Gary already approved the first permit 2014!
 - iii. Gary supplied a "rule of the month" on team uniforms and team names (important when renewing licenses) for the December newsletter.

8. **Regional Technical Commission Update (Alan Atwood)**

- a. USAC's New Official's Assignment Tool
 - i. Will come on line soon; now being used only for National assignments
 - ii. The tool does not include features such as invoices, etc. (yet!)
- b. USAC Officials Database (Chris Constantino)
 - i. Jeff wanted to suggest all CRs use USAC DB in 2014
 - ii. CRs must request assignments using tool, CRs must assign crew using tool
 - iii. Move to have all crew request races using the tool by having CR pick crew FIRST from the list of officials that requested the race in the tool.
- c. Way forward on tools?
 - i. Chris still supporting his tool at least through 2014
 - ii. NY will continue using Chris's tool in 2014
 - iii. We will evaluate the USAC tool as it matures.
- d. Officials Clinics for 2013-2014?
 - i. Jeff plans to do one in Central/Western NY c. Feb.
 - ii. NYC tbd.
 - iii. Albany tbd.
 - iv. Call for attendees will be made ~1 month in advance. Anyone interested in becoming an official should email Alan.
- e. Communications
 - i. Alan to send email to NY officials explaining the new requirements and giving general assistance.

9. **Cyclocross (Dave Beals)**

- a. 2014 CX Schedule:
 - i. Dave plans a promoter's meeting for the CX 2014 calendar around February'14
- b. 2014 CX NYS Champs:
 - i. Will be put out for bid as the 2014 CX comes together

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

- a. Google egroup:
 - i. Largely not used, Gunter to look at ways to stir it up with Armand
 - ii. Considering opening the egroup to all riders, not just promoters
 - iii. Gunter will continue to add MTB events to the MTB Google calendar.
- b. MTB Mission Statement (draft):

Please send comments to Gunter!

NYSBRA MTB Mission Statement:

The goal of NYSBRA MTB is to actively grow the sport of mountain biking in New York State. By maintaining a comprehensive race/event schedule, including: cross country, ultra-endurance/marathon and downhill disciplines. This will help create increased awareness of mountain biking in New York, and in cycling communities throughout all regions. To promote and support the clean sport of mountain bike racing for all ages and competitive abilities. And to ride responsibly within the IMBA Rules Of The Trail....

IMBA Rules Of The Trail <<http://www.imba.com/about/rules-trail>> :

- Ride on open trails only
- Leave no trace
- Control your bicycle
- Yield appropriately
- Never scare animals
- Plan ahead

11. Other Business? (All)

- a. Insuring weeknight Training races (“club competitive events”):
 - i. Jeff spoke with Todd Sowl (USAC CFO in charge of insurance) at the LA summit, who said there is no insurance product and won't be for “weeknight club training races.”
 - ii. Todd said the way to insure this is to have everyone buy annual licenses and insure the events as club race series.
- b. Next meeting(s):
 - i. Annual meeting will be held in Manhattan, NYC, 8th and 2nd, 10:00-2pm. Sunday 26Jan
 - ii. Schedule of 2014 Quarterly Telecons (7pm; meeting notices have been sent):
 1. 19Mar
 2. 18Jun
 3. 17Sep
 4. 17Dec
 - iii. Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Annual meeting will be held in NYC, 10:00-2pm. Sunday 26Jan
Hosted by Matt Vandivort/Lisa Kennish, Century Road Club Association (CRCA)**

**300 East 85th St (Southeast corner of 2nd ave)
Lobby Meeting Room**