

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

Telecon, 7pm, Wednesday, 16Sep15

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Attendees: Jeff Poulin (President), Tom Weichmann (Secretary), Rod Millott (Treasurer), Myles Romanow (LI Rep), Mike Courmier (Member at Large), Liz Marcello (Women's Rep), Alan Atwood (Officials Coord), Dieter Drake (Adirondack Rep), Eric Ragot (Hudson Rep), Lucia Deng (NYC Rep), Dave Beals (CX), Gary Toth (Permit Coord)

Absent: Todd Scheske (VP), Camie Kornely (Women's rep), Eric Curtis (Member at Large), Lloyd Campbell (Central)

1. President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

- a. Women's Rep: Helen Hatch has stepped down as one of the women's rep to NYSBRA. Thank-you to Helen for her service! I have appointed Liz Marcello to replace Helen on the Board. Liz is the current CRCA President and has been active in promoting women's cycling for years. Welcome, Liz!
- b. Official's B upgrade module: The B upgrade modules are generally considered hard to use. Jeff will ask Mark Guthart on the status of the planned revision.

2. Grant Program (Jeff Poulin)

- a. Mission grants: we have given 7 grants ytd totaling \$3,095
- b. Free entry for Champions: 13 ytd
- c. Junior grants: 6 ytd. Now is the time for juniors to apply for their \$100 junior grants!
- d. Motos: 16 ytd
- e. New C official application fee / background check reimbursement: 1 ytd
- f. New C officials: 22 ytd (some for multiple New C Officials)
- g. New fields for Women and Juniors: 5 ytd

3. Vice President's Report / Upgrades(Todd Scheske)

- a. Todd is teaching tonight and not able to be present

4. Treasurers Report (Rod Millott)

- a. Finances: are in good shape. Outlook of expenditures ytd shows underspending based on 2015 budget
- b. Effectiveness of Grants?: how do we determine if the grants are achieving the desired effect; what metrics would we use? No easy answer.
- c. General agreement on the success of the "New C official grant" but to judge, for example, success of the "Free entry for Champions" we'd want to collect the number of free entries given out by each RD
- d. Long discussion on possible changes to the state championship grant with advantages and disadvantages. Action: Myles to draft option(s) to distribute to the board.

5. Secretary's Report (Tom Weichmann)

- a. September newsletter: featuring the new NYSBRA Crit and TT champions, will go out this week

- b. Newsletter topics: please send suggestions to Tom; Gary will write a “rule of the month” for feeding in CX. No change to feeding in USAC, UCI has changed. Another rule: avoiding barriers is a DQ
6. **Web Site <http://www.nysbra.com> (Tom Weichmann)**
- a. NY Champions: are posted
 - b. CX schedule: is posted on nysbra.com
7. **Permits (Gary Toth)**
- a. CX permits: are up to date and issued.
8. **Officials Coordinator (Alan Atwood)**
- a. Official Assignments: Officials are reminded to request races in the official’s tool.
 - b. Annual seminars: In addition to holding the usual winter clinics to train new C officials, Alan is seeking interest in holding a “CR clinic” especially in the NYC area. The target audience would be “C” officials interested in moving up to being CR.
9. **Cyclocross (Dave Beals)**
- a. 2015 CX Schedule: is posted on the Google CX calendar
 - b. 2015 CX NYS Champs: Will be 31Oct at the Plan2Peak Cyclocross in Buffalo hosted by Tom Weichmann.
10. **Women’s Cycling (Liz Marcello, Camie Kornely)**
- a. Lucia will present discussion topics from USAC “Women’s Cycling” telecons. Topics include ideas from other LAs to increase women’s involvement in cycling and racing, such as women’s clinics, women’s rides, mentors for women, etc.
 - b. Lucia will get Liz info so she can join future calls.
 - c. Action: Liz to read our charter, surf nysbra.com, and call Jeff with any questions!
11. **Other Business? (All)**
- a. Upgrade credit for non-USAC events: a healthy discussion ensued today on the proposal to give riders Category upgrade credit for results obtained in non-USAC races. The board did not agree that non-USAC races should count towards category upgrades.
 - b. Upcoming LA Agreement/Contract with USAC and rebate structure? USAC plans to release the draft 2016 LA Agreement and rebate structure nlt 2 weeks prior to the LA summit. Note that the agreement takes effect on 1Dec.
 - c. Upcoming topics for LA Summit?
 - i. USAC needs to stop overruling LA Upgrade decisions: A USAC employee has repeatedly overruled LA upgrade decisions regarding upgrades without consulting the LA, notifying the LA, or even documenting the action in the rider’s file. LAs cannot operate if USAC overrules our delegated authority.
 - ii. Need for Upgrade point calculator tool: a preliminary tool has been “soft” released by USAC to work out any bugs prior to a general announcement.
 - d. Open letter to USAC? (Myles): DBH has received a LOT of input on the problems USAC has created over recent years. Myles will draft a letter for NYSBRA to consider sending to him.
 - e. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, 16December, 7:00pm
 - f. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm