

# New York State Bicycle Racing Association Annual Meeting Agenda

Telecon, 10am-2pm, Saturday, 31Jan16

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

Absent:

## 1. **Message from the President (Jeff Poulin)**

- a. Today's Agenda: Past annual meetings have largely been devoted to recapping the year and re-publishing items of interest to ensure the word gets out. This year's agenda will instead look forward to 2016. Following the officer and board member reports, we will have a presentation (and hopefully a good discussion!) on the results on the NYSBRA sub-committee set up to investigate ways to increase ridership and grow the sport. We will then discuss new NYSBRA grant proposals, which are one of the key ways NYSBRA has to accomplish our mission:

*"NYSBRA's mission is to promote amateur bicycle racing in New York State"*

- b. Conference Call Etiquette (please):

- i. MUTE YOUR PHONE!
- ii. ID yourself by name when you speak (we may not know your voice)
- iii. Give some background to frame your comment/question; e.g., your role, location, event, background on the issue, etc.
- iv. BE POLITE, RESPECTFUL, and PROFESSIONAL
- v. That includes being concise. Get to the point in 10-20 seconds or less and let someone else talk
- vi. Stick to the point; one topic at a time!

## 2. **Increasing NY Riders (Tom Weichmann, Eric Curtis, Mike Cormier, Jeff Poulin)**

- a. Presentation on sub-committee ideas to increase ridership in NY?
  - i. Tom Weichmann, Eric Curtis, Todd Scheske, Mike Cormier, and Jeff Poulin agreed to discuss more grant ideas and create proposals to present at the annual meeting. Goal is to allocate the expected 2016 budget increase.

## 3. **President's Report (Jeff Poulin)**

- a. Western NY Rep: Eric Curtis resigned from his role as WNY rep since he felt he was unable to meet the role's duties. Mike Cormier, from WNY and serving as a "Member at Large," offered to fill out the remainder of Eric's term. Since Eric is a valued member of NYSBRA he agreed to swap roles with Mike and thereby remain involved at a lower level of commitment.
- b. USAC \$4M Umbrella Insurance: USAC announced the new rates for coverage in 2016; this is

required in NY for any RR with a DOT permit so most RRs will pay either \$550 or \$750:

- i. 1-99 participant days- \$350
- ii. 100-249 participant days- \$550
- iii. 250-999 participant days- \$750
- iv. 1,000-4999 participant days- \$1,000
- v. 5000+ participant days- \$1,500

**4. Grant Program (Jeff Poulin)**

- a. Mission grants: we have given 8 grants ytd totaling \$3,895 (\$800 will be paid next year)
- b. Free entry for Champions: 17 ytd
- c. Junior grants: 7 ytd
- d. Motos: 17 ytd (most for 2 motos/event)
- e. New C official application fee / background check reimbursement: 1 ytd
- f. New C officials: 26 ytd (most for multiple New C Officials)
- g. New fields for Women and Juniors: 5 ytd

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

- a. TBD: tbd

**6. Treasurers Report (Rod Millott)**

- a. TBD: tbd

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

- a. TBD: tbd

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

- a. TBD: tbd
- b. 2016 Road/Track schedule: add the NYSBRA Google Calendar to your own at:  
<http://www.nysbra.com/road/schedule/>

**9. Permits (Gary Toth)**

- a. TBD: tbd

**10. Officials Coordinator (Alan Atwood)**

- a. Official Clinics: We need officials! We will hold a clinic if we can get a quorum but so far no one has expressed interest.
- 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.

**11. Cyclocross (Dave Beals)**

- a. 2016 CX schedule and champs: Dave will send out a call for CX events and the call for CX champs out in March. Add the NYSBRA Google CX Calendar to your own at:  
<http://www.nysbra.com/cx/schedule/>

**12. Women's Cycling (Liz Marcello, Camie Kornely)**

- a. TBD: tbd

**13. Grant Program proposals:**

- a. Policies:
  - i. The NYSBRA grant procedure states: "As a reminder, acceptance of the grant requires you show the NYSBRA logo on all literature for the event with the statement "This event supported by a grant from the New York State Bicycle Racing Association (NYSBRA)". Some events consider all the this text onerous; proposal is to relax the requirement to "when space is available" or similar; the NYSBRA logo would still be required. Vote?

- ii. Other ideas?
- b. New Grant ideas:
  - i. Upgrade New C Official targeted grant by paying entire New C Official fee? (i.e., if the new C is working an "A" event, the fee is \$115, higher than the "E" level rate of \$70/day allowed in the grant) Goal: to enhance a very successful grant program
  - ii. New targeted grant to support Cat A and higher events? Proposed by Todd Scheske.  
Rationale:
    - National and international level (i.e. A-Level/NRC/UCI) events in NY State can submit a request for a targeted mission grant from NYSBRA. As marquis-level, aspirational events these events seek to engage the larger non-cycling community and an audience that would otherwise be outside the realm of cycling. High-profile professional events draw spectators and racers from beyond the immediate community and can spotlight cycling with media coverage (local, national and industry) and community involvement in a manner and magnitude that grassroots races cannot. These events also incur significantly higher fees and requirements from communities and governing bodies that create prohibitive challenges for success. Therefore grant support will be used to off-set and reduce the incurred cost to the promoters associated with personnel and logistical support (i.e. officials, security) for event production.
    - Suggested targeted amounts are \$500 (same as State Champs and Collegiate grants) or \$1000.
    - There are four of these events currently in NYS (Rochester Crit, Chris Thater Memorial, Ellison Park CX, and SuperCX)
    - Jeff Poulin (RD of Thater) and Myles Romanow (RD of SuperCX) are recused from voting.
    - Vote?
  - iii. Pay license fee (or a flat fee) to active officials? For example, either their license fee (\$50/C, \$65/B, \$90/A, \$115/Nat Comm) or a flat \$100 bonus to any official that works 5 or more times a year. Goal: encourage more officials and encourage licensed officials to actively officiate? Vote?
  - iv. Other ideas?
  - v. Action: Jeff to modify Grant procedures resulting from the above.

#### **14. Other Business? (All)**

- a. Jeff has set a goal to send grants to every permitted race in NY in 2016!
- b. Changes to NYSBRA By-Law Discussion:
  - i. If ready.
- c. Next Board Meeting:
  - i. NYSBRA Annual Meeting, Sunday, 31January, 10am-2pm
  - ii. Jeff has scheduled the 2016 Quarterly NYSBRA Board Telecons (16Mar, 15Jun, 14Sep, 14Dec)
- d. Meeting adjourned at xxxxx pm.