

New York State Bicycle Racing Association 4Q Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Telecon: 7pm, Wednesday, 14Dec16

Dial in: 1 (605) 475-5920 Participant code: 298-2449#

Officer/Board Attendees: Jeff Poulin (President), Tom Weichmann (Secretary), Dave Beals (CX), Mike Cormier (Western Rep), Myles Romanow (LI Rep), Lucia Deng (NYC Rep), Leona Chin (Junior Rep), Liz Marcello (Women's Rep), Tony Saylor (Junior Rep), Noel Bonk, Rich Scaduto, Shane Ferro (Women's Rep)

Officer/Board Absent: Todd Scheske (VP), Rod Millott (Treasurer), Alan Atwood (Officials Coord), Lloyd Campbell (Central), Gary Toth (Permit Coord; Adirondack Rep), Andrew Ross (Member at Large), Eric Curtis (Member at Large), Eric Ragot (Hudson Rep), Justin Strauss (Junior Rep)

President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

a. Championship Bids ended 9Dec:

- i. We had one bid for the Criterium and Road Race, none for Time Trial. One bid to host a Women's track championship (does not include men champs)
- ii. Criterium: hosted by Jeff Poulin of Tioga Velo Club (TVC) at the 34th Chris Thater Memorial Criterium, Binghamton, NY, 12-13Aug17
- iii. Road Race: hosted by Todd Relyea of Onondaga Cycling Club (OCC) at Syracuse Race Weekend, Tully, NY, 25Jun17
- iv. Time Trial: TBD
- v. Women's Track: hosted by Travis Rabbit of Down Cycles at the Kissena Velodrome, Flushing, NY, 20-21May17
- vi. Men's Track: hosted by Alan Atwood of Atwood Racing Services at the Kissena Velodrome, Flushing, NY, date tbd
- vii. ACTION: Tom to publish above events on website and the next newsletter; NYSBRA will evaluate any future TT proposals
- viii. Vote: approved.

b. Officer/Board elections:

- i. Officer elections were unopposed. Results are:
 - President: remains Jeff Poulin
 - Vice President: Tom Weichmann replaces Todd Scheske
 - Secretary: Noel Bonk (new!) replaces Tom Weichmann
 - Treasurer: Mike Cormier replaces Rod Millott
 - LI rep: remains Myles Romanow
 - NYC rep: remains Lucia Deng
 - Hudson Rep: remains Eric
 - Adirondack Rep: remains Gary Toth
 - Central Rep: remains Lloyd Campbell
 - Western Rep: Rich Scaduto (new!) replaces Mike Cormier
 - Women's Reps: remain Liz Marcello and Shane Ferro
 - Junior Reps: remain Tony Saylor, Leona Chin, and Justin Strauss

- ii. Thank-you to Rod and Todd for their YEARS of service to NYSBRA and NY cycling!
- iii. Eric Curtis and Andrew Ross no longer wish to continue as advisors to the board. Thank-you to Eric and Andrew for their service!
- iv. Appointed positions are:
 - Permit coordinator: remains Gary Toth
 - Officials coordinator: Alan Atwood is looking to step down; his replacement is TBD
- v. Board changes are effective at the beginning of the annual meeting on 29Jan17
- vi. The vote to approve NYSBRA By-Laws changes was 25 votes Yea to 0 votes Nay. The changes to the By-Laws are therefore accepted and effective immediately. ACTION: Tom to post the new By-Laws to the web site.

c. 2016 Officer and Upgrade Official Stipends:

- i. Percentage allocations for officers remained the same, except that Todd and Rod got ½ the usual allocation (7.5% ea) since they worked part time in 2016.
- ii. Percentage allocations for upgrade officials remained the same at 5%, except that Dieter and Gary split the year representing Adirondack so get 2.5% ea and Lucia increased to 12.5% for filling in for Todd part of the year and for the additional workload from NYC.
- iii. Hired positions for permit, officials, and CX coordinator remain the same.
- iv. Total budget for stipends is \$8k, of which \$7k will be paid out (\$500 less than previous years)
- v. Vote: approved. ACTION: Jeff to distribute checks.

d. 2017 Insurance:

- i. USAC requires LAs to obtain insurance; they recommend their product for \$200/yr
- ii. I have always bought it, but this year while (re-)reading the summary cannot verify the terms of the insurance; e.g., who and what it covers
- iii. I am working this with USAC now. Ideally, they'd just let us read the policy but USAC won't do that.
- iv. Lucia offered to also read the summaries that I have and possibly provide a PoC for the insurance that CRCA uses.

e. 2017 Race/Track Schedule in progress:

- i. About 50% of events confirmed so far
- ii. Will be "finalized" at the end of Jan for approval at annual meeting

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

- a. N/A: not present (stuck in the snow)
- b. Pending upgrades: Tom Weichmann (incoming VP) notes that there are a number of pending upgrades in the DB that he wants to get taken care of.

3. Secretary's Report (Tom Weichmann)

- a. Transition: Will be working with Noel Bonk to transition the secretary job to him
- b. Newsletter: always looking for topics; please send to Tom and/or Noel!
- c. 2016 Road/Track schedule are posted: [add the NYSBRA Google Calendar to your own Google Calendar](#)

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

- a. Facebook Update: Lucia has been very active boosting the use of social media, especially in NYC. The official FB name is the full text "New York State Bicycle Racing Association". ACTION: Tom will investigate adding the acronym to the name.

- b. Twitter Update: Lucia was reinvigorating the automatic tweet option for our website/FB and it looks like it is working! Every FB update will be automagically tweeted!
- c. NYSBRA OFFICIAL BUSINESS: is NOT conducted on social media. Any formal questions or responses posed on social media need to be routed to email for disposition by the appropriate member of the board!
- d. Web Site Renewal: Bizland renewed our web hosting/domain name for 3 yrs; cost \$394.20.

5. Treasurers Report (Rod Millott)

- a. 2016 Financial Report: *(Jeff notes that we are about \$8k revenue negative for 2016)*
- b. 2016 Budget: the 2016 budget needs to be completed (will mostly represent actuals) (ACTION: Rod)

6. Grant Program: 2016 YTD (Jeff Poulin)

- a. Mission grants: 15 grants ytd (\$7,835)
- b. Free entry for Champions: 16 ytd (\$1600)
- c. Junior grants: 47 ytd !!!! (~\$4500)
- d. Motos: 19 ytd (most for 2 motos/event) (~\$1500)
- e. New C official application fee / background check reimbursement: 0 ytd
- f. New C officials: 27 ytd (most for multiple New C Officials) (\$3500)
- g. New fields for Women and Juniors: 3 ytd (~\$200)
- h. A Level Races: 4 ytd (\$4000)
- i. TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED BY NYSBRA ACROSS NEW YORK IN 2016: approximately \$22,635!

7. Permits (Gary Toth)

- a. Up to date: Gary is starting to get 2017 permit requests. As per our policy, Gary will hold on 2017 permit approvals until the RR/Track schedule is "final" at the end of January. This gives all events equal opportunity to work out any potential conflicts
- b. Consistency between BikeReg and Flyer: Gary reminds everyone that the flyer has precedence over BikeReg. As part of his approval, Gary checks for consistency but sometimes a Race Director will change one and not the other! The flyer rules!

8. Officials Coordinator (Alan Atwood)

- a. New Official Clinics (contact Deb Schiff, NJ, for info: ds1121@aol.com)
 - i. in Lehigh Valley, PA 19Feb
 - ii. in Clinton, NJ, 25Feb taught by Judy Miller
 - iii. the annual New C/Moto clinic in Danbury, CT in late March (weekend TBD). Contact Liz Campbell for info: msslizvt@yahoo.com)
- b. We need officials in NYC!: Jeff is in contact with Jeffrey White, Charlie Issendorf, Alexis Kraft, and Travis Rabbit on getting new officials and recently trained officials to work in NYC

9. Cyclocross (Dave Beals)

- a. 2017 CX schedule: Dave will send out a call for dates in March after the UCI schedule comes out
- b. CX Championships: The call for the 2017 New York State Cyclocross Championships will go out early next year
- c. Google Calendar: Tom worked with Dave to get the NY CX events onto the NYSBRA Google Calendar (by importing into Google). Well done!
- d. CX Schedule: [Add the NYSBRA Google CX Calendar to your own Google Calendar](#)

10. Women's Cycling (Liz Marcello, Shane Ferro)

- a. USA Womens Racing Telecons: none held by USAC
- b. Women's races: Shane reported efforts to get more women to the Women's Woodstock Gran

Prix (WWGP) on 6May. Gary suggested that later starts help riders get to the races by providing more travel time in the morning.

- c. Women's Road Clinic in Buffalo, 7May: Plans tbd by Alisa Martens to run a clinic. Stay tuned!
- d. Future Women's CX Clinic: Liz and Shane are planning a CX clinic in late summer; contact them if interested!

11. Junior Cycling (Justin Strauss, Leona Chin, Tony Saylor)

- a. Sponsorship for Junior Programs (Leona): Leona is pursuing fundraising ideas to specifically support Junior racing. This would make the NYSBRA program self-supporting (instead of depending on NYSBRA grants).
 - i. Modell Fundraiser nets \$30.17: Leona set up a rebate program with Modell and is looking at doing discounts or other promotions with local bike shops for licensed juniors
- b. Junior Program Updates: Leona will keep the NYSBRA board posted using the distribution list and welcomes input and help from all. Several board members offered assistance; e.g., answering FAQs, mentoring, etc.
 - i. Free Junior Track Training Sessions: hosted by Joe Brennan and also Pink Rhino Racing are scheduled about once a month at the track. Contact Leona.

12. 2017 LA Agreement and Rebates:

- a. USAC Proposal: USAC asked all LAs to accept a continuance of the 2016 contract and rebate terms
- b. Rebate: Jeff analyzed the data since the inception of NYSBRA. Since 2003, when the LAs were formed, the LAs have received \$10 per license without any change. The rebate was meant to be 20% of license sales. Last year USAC added .17/racer day. The additional revenue added about half of what we would have gotten based on 20% of license sales
- c. Much discussion ensued on how to negotiate with USAC over 2017 rebates
- d. Strike?: The board generally supported not completing permits/upgrades/etc. until USAC negotiated in good faith to rebate NYSBRA a fair share of revenues from NY.
- e. ACTION: Jeff

13. Other Business? (All)

- a. Next Meeting:
 - i. Annual Meeting (telecon), 10am-2pm Sunday 29Jan17
- b. Next Board Quarterly Telecon:
 - i. 7pm, 15Mar17
 - ii. Jeff will send out meeting notices for the 2017 Quarterly telecons
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.