

New York State Bicycle Racing Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Telecon: 3pm-7pm, Sunday, 29Jan17

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

Officer/Board Attendees: Jeff Poulin (President), Tom Weichmann (old Secretary, new Vice President), Dave Beals (CX), Mike Cormier (old Western Rep, new Vice President), Myles Romanow (LI Rep), Lucia Deng (NYC Rep), Leona Chin (Junior Rep), Liz Marcello (Women's Rep, new Officials Coord), Tony Saylor (Junior Rep), Rich Scaduto (new WNY Rep), Gary Toth (Permit Coord; Adirondack Rep), Eric Ragot (Hudson Rep)

Riders attending: Steve Frasier (Endicott)

Officer/Board Absent: Noel Bonk (new Secretary), Shane Ferro (Women's Rep), Todd Scheske (old Vice President), Rod Millott (old Treasurer), Alan Atwood (old Officials Coord), Lloyd Campbell (Central), Justin Strauss (Junior Rep)

President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

a. 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 stepping down and will be replaced by Liz Marcello. Thank-you VERY much to Alan for his many years (15+?) of service coordinating officials in NY! Liz has big shoes to fill!

v. Board changes are effective at the beginning of the annual meeting on 29Jan17

b. By-Law update:

i. 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.

- ii. The changes correct miscellaneous typos and clarify that NYSBRA is an independent non-profit (501c3) organization with the mission of supporting competitive cycling in NYS.
- c. Championship Bids ended 9Dec16:
 - i. Criterium: hosted by Jeff Poulin of Tioga Velo Club (TVC) at the 34th Chris Thater Memorial Criterium, Binghamton, NY, 12-13Aug17
 - ii. Road Race: hosted by Todd Relyea of Onondaga Cycling Club (OCC) at Syracuse Race Weekend, Tully, NY, 25Jun17
 - iii. Track: hosted by Alan Atwood of Atwood Racing Services at the Kissena Velodrome, Flushing, NY, 19-20Aug17
 - iv. Time Trial: TBD. No bids were received; NYSBRA will continue entertain bids. ACTION: Gary Toth will ask Jim Walker (Lake Placid) if he is still interested and coordinate with Tom Weichmann and Jeff Poulin. Tom may be interested in hosting the TT near Buffalo.
- d. 2017 NYSBRA Road/Track/TT Race Schedule:
 - i. Questions?
 - ii. ACTION: Noel to publish above events on website and on NYSBRA's Google Calendar; please [add the NYSBRA Google Calendar to your own Google Calendar](#)

2. Vice President's Report / Upgrades (Tom Weichmann)

- a. Upgrade Process: NYSBRA racer category upgrades are performed by the regional representatives, who are most familiar with the events and riders in their region.
- b. Rider Responsibility: The rider requests an upgrade through their USA Cycling account by opening a "ticket." The rider is responsible for ensuring their race results are in the USA Cycling results DB and the rider should list the upgrade points (if applicable) that the rider is claiming for each race in the ticket. The regional rep will verify the information and act on the upgrade request accordingly.
- c. 1-week Response Time!: acknowledging that everyone is basically a volunteer, Regional Reps are responsible for checking the pending upgrade list at least once a calendar week. The NYSBRA VP is also responsible for checking the queue once a week to ensure NYSBRA is meeting this service level to our riders. Likewise, riders should allow adequate time for the upgrade process; e.g., do not request an upgrade for a race the next day!
- d. Upgrade Appeals: Riders wishing to appeal a decision made by a regional rep should first contact the VP. If necessary, the rider may then appeal to the President. Having exhausted those remedies, the rider may appeal directly to USA Cycling.
- e. Upgrade Status: NYSBRA has an excellent record of responding to upgrade requests on time. Upgrade requests that take longer are usually due to the upgrade coordinator waiting for more information before being able to act on the upgrade. Mike Cormier recommended denying the request and asking the rider to contact the upgrade official directly to work on supplying the necessary results. Gary Toth does similar.

3. Secretary's Report (Noel Bonk)

- a. Transition: Tom is working with Noel to transition the secretary job to Noel
- b. Newsletter: always looking for topics; please send to Tom and/or Noel!

4. Web Site <http://www.nysbra.com> (Noel Bonk)

- a. Transition: Tom is working with Noel to transition the web site to Noel
- b. Facebook Update: Tom W now has full admin role from Andrew Ross. Tom, Lucia, and Noel

are now full admins. There is a second FB page that we don't use; we are still trying to get full admin rights from Andrew to link those accounts.

- c. Twitter Update: Lucia has configured FB so that updates will be automatically tweeted!

5. **Treasurers Report (Rod Millott/Mike Cormier)**

- a. Transition: Rod is working with Mike to transition the treasurer job to him
- b. 2016 Financial Report (Rod): Review [NYSBRA's 5 year financial summary and grant history](#).
- c. 2017 Budget (Mike): the officers are reviewing a 2017 draft budget that Mike has pulled together based on 2016 actual spend. Once the officers agree, Mike will distribute the

6. **Grant Program: 2016 YTD (Jeff Poulin)**

- a. Mission grants (e.g., beginner clinics): 15 grants ytd (\$7,876)
- b. Free entry for Champions: 16 ytd (\$1,200)
- c. Junior grants: 49 ytd !!!! (~\$3,716)
- d. Motos: 19 ytd (most for 2 motos/event) (~\$2,490)
- e. New C official application fee / background check reimbursement: 0 ytd
- f. New C officials: 27 ytd (most for multiple New C Officials) (\$3,899)
- g. New fields for Women and Juniors: 3 ytd (\$200)
- h. A Level Races: 4 ytd (\$4,000)
- i. NYSBRA Championship events (\$1,600)
- j. Collegiate Cycling: (\$500)
- k. **TOTAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED BY NYSBRA ACROSS NEW YORK IN 2016: \$24,981!**

7. **Permits (Gary Toth)**

- a. 2017 Permits: Gary has about 8 permits in process. NYSBRA policy is to hold on approving the permits until this annual meeting so we can work out any potential conflicts with the early appliers. Gary will review and approve the 8 permits right away.
- b. Chief Referees: A permit must have a CR identified before Gary can approve the permit. As per NYSBRA practice, Race Directors may request a CR at the time they fill out their permit and Gary will approve the permit if the requested CR is qualified. If the RD does not request a specific CR, Gary will work with the RD and/or the Officials Coordinator to assign a CR.

8. **Officials Coordinator (Liz Marcello)**

- 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. Liz Marcello will be attending with about 5 other aspiring officials. [Contact Liz Marcello for info!](#)
 - iii. the annual New C/Moto clinic normally held in Danbury, CT will be in Williamstown, MA on 18-19Mar17. [Contact Liz Campbell for info!](#)
- b. Kissena Track Officials: Liz has set up a Google Group for Kissena Track officials. Please [join the group](#) if you are interested in officiating at Kissena!
- c. Officials Assignments: All RDs and Officials are reminded to use [the officials assignment tool](#). The process is:
 - i. Liz enters events into the assignment tool after Gary approves the permit
 - ii. Liz assigns the CR listed on the permit she receives from Gary
 - iii. All NY officials use the tool to request which races they want to work
 - iv. The CR builds the crew using the requests from officials that want to work the race
 - v. Liz periodically reviews the upcoming events to ensure crews are being filled out in advance and that they comply with the guidelines for numbers and qualification of

officials as per USA Cycling Policy IV.

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 at the same time
- c. WNY CX: Tom W mentioned that John Roden does a great job organizing CX in WNY and Dave said he will coordinate with John
- d. CX Schedule: [Add the NYSBRA Google CX Calendar to your own Google Calendar](#)

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

- a. Seeking a new NYSBRA Women's Rep: with Liz now coordinating officials, she'd like to transition her role as women's rep to a new enthusiastic volunteer. [Contact Liz Marcello for info!](#)
- b. Women's races: Shane is helping to get more women to the Women's Woodstock Gran Prix (WWGP) on 6May. [Contact Shane for info!](#)
- c. Women's Road Clinic in Buffalo, 7May: Plans by Alisa Martens to run a clinic fell through so this event is cancelled. Tom W will work with Alisa to try and re-instate the clinic if possible
- 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). These include:
 - i. Amazon Smile affiliation: Registration with "Amazon Smile" will provide the transfer of funds (0.5% of sales) made through affiliate link or the selection of NYSBRA Juniors as the Amazon Smile recipient organization.
 - ii. Modell's Sporting Goods Spring Team Weeks campaign: Leona proposes to host a Spring Campaign with possible four week dates of Friday, April 7, 2017 through Thursday, May 4, 2017. The Fall'16 Modell's Team Weeks Campaign from 10/7/16 - 11/3/16 had \$603 in sales resulting in a \$30.17 donation to NYSBRA Junior Development.
 - iii. R&A Cycles (Brooklyn, NY) educational workshops for parents and juniors: dates and hours to be determined based on availability of parents and shop personnel
 - iv. Other downstate bicycle shops have agreed to host evening / afternoon with the juniors and their parents: we've spoken to several shops and teams that are interested in helping out with the juniors. In-progress.
 - v. Family Biking Forum (1/28/17 held at LaGuardia Community College, LIC, NY):
Summary: We connected with local cycling advocacy organizations as well as the Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives and the local Police Precinct's community service representatives.
 - vi. Also: The Community Outreach Event Coordinator from Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield spoke with us to offer a free table at their community events this spring.
- b. Leona seeks input!

12. 2017 LA Agreement and Rebates; USA Cycling Local Association Summit (Jeff)

- a. 2017 LA Agreement and Rebates: Jeff has proposed a rebate increase to USAC with justification and is awaiting a response from USAC
- b. LA Summit: will be held in Colorado Springs from 8-12Feb. Jeff will attend and report daily from

the summit as usual.

- c. ACTION: Jeff to solicit input from “nyraces” prior to the summit.

13. Other Business? (All)

- a. Rider Survey: Lucia suggested running a rider survey to collect input on what motivates riders and thereby help RDs improve their events
 - i. Gary suggested questions that would help ID where riders from various region race and why
 - ii. Lucia is working with a survey expert to generate questions and construct a survey that would allow us to analyze demographics (i.e., by region)
 - iii. ACTION: Jeff will ask USAC to dig up and forward their survey from 2-3 yrs ago
- b. Next Board Quarterly Telecon:
 - i. 7pm, 15Mar17
- c. Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.