

New York State Bicycle Racing Association 3Q Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Telecon: 7pm, Wednesday, 12Sep18

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Officer/Board Attendees: Jeff Poulin (President), Tom Weichmann (Vice President), Mike Cormier (Treasurer), Rich Scaduto (WNY Rep), Lucia Deng (NYC Rep), Shane Ferro (Women's Rep), Myles Romanow (LI Rep), John Roden (Junior Rep)

Officer/Board Absent: Liz Marcello (Officials Coord), Noel Bonk (Secretary), Gary Toth (Permit Coord; Adirondack Rep), Ben Freer (Member at Large), Ken Hammond (CX Rep), Eric Ragot (Hudson Rep), Kelly Neuner (Women's Rep), Leona Chin (Junior Rep), Lloyd Campbell (Central). Tony Saylor (GG and GF Rep)

• President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

a. Thanks to Recent Donors to NYSBRA:

- i. \$1000 from Dr. Ortiz for Juniors; well done, Leona!
- ii. \$40 from anon for Juniors; well done, Leona!
- iii. \$200 from Chris McBurnie for Juniors/women; well done, Jeff!

b. LA Summit, 14-15Sep in COS:

- i. I have sent a request for topics to nyraces and will post daily updates as always during the summit. It is only two ½-days this year.

c. Officer Elections for 2019-2020:

- i. This fall we will all renew our terms. The October newsletter will put out a call for interested parties to raise their hands!
- ii. The election will take place for the month of November so we are able to announce the new members at the December Quarterly telecon and begin any transitions.
- iii. I plan to run again for President
- iv. Noel has advised me he does not plan to return as secretary
- v. Please let me know your intentions!

d. New NYSBRA Board Position:

- i. Noel would like to remain engaged with NYSBRA and proposes that we add a Coaching Coordinator position to the NYSBRA team to serve as a liaison and point of contact for NY coaches
- ii. Noel sees a need for qualified coaches to help with NYSBRA Beginner Race Clinics as well as a variety of skills clinics throughout the state. This role will provide a point of contact for racers, race directors, and coaches looking for information and resources related to skills clinics and mentoring in NYS (that are supported by NYSBRA)
- iii. This position would be similar in status as our Junior and Women's reps and not be paid.
- iv. Discussion during the call was put on hold since Noel could not make it. Vote to approve was done by email and approved on 16Sep.
- v. Noel now has two jobs!

e. Issues with Race Directors:

- i. I have had a flurry of issues with race directors over the past 2 months. Issues range from riders in the wrong categories, working with officials on their crews, course set-up, permits, changing flyers, incorrect paperwork, incomplete results, etc. I have drafted an email to

some of them in the hopes of improving the situation. If you hear of any issues please forward let me know.

- f. **NYSBRA-branded Junior Racing Team**
 - i. Doug Toback (Director Sportif of Cuevas Cycling) has approached NYSBRA to provide leadership for a “NY state/Regional Junior Racing Team.”
 - ii. The idea is to get the best NY juniors riding together as “Team NYSBRA” at the biggest races in the Northeast/Atlantic region.
 - iii. Currently the disparate junior programs in NY (and especially near NYC) actually compete against each other at the larger events. However, while each program has a few great riders they do not have enough to be a force. By pooling those riders we could field a strong team and provide a much better experience for the juniors.
 - iv. Doug will set it all up and provide the labor.
 - v. Details (including funding) are TBD.
 - vi. I told Doug to go for it and keep me posted so I can pass along progress to the board
 - vii. Doug will soon announce a conference call for all interested (24 or 25Sep, 8pm, TBD)
- **Vice President’s Report / Upgrades (Tom Weichmann)**
 - a. Upgrades:
 - i. The board approved using the modified CX upgrade table. An announcement to all riders will appear in the next NYSBRA newsletter next week. For details, see:
 - <http://nebra.us/nebra-announces-new-cyclocross-upgrade-guidelines-for-2018-season/>
 - ii. Upgrade metrics:
 - The NYSBRA average time to process an upgrade request is just two days, greatly beating the 7-day guideline requested by USAC!
 - The average time to process an upgrade in NYC is .7 days! Amazing job, Lucia!
- **Secretary’s Report (Noel Bonk)**
 - a. Road/Track/TT Race Schedule: [Add the NYSBRA Google Road/Track/TT Calendar to your own Google Calendar](#)
 - b. Newsletter:
 - i. The next newsletter will come out next week, then one in October announcing the elections for the 2019-2020 term
 - ii. The October newsletter will include a reminder to juniors to claim their 2018 grants!
- **Web Site <http://www.nysbra.com> (Noel Bonk)**
 - a. Changes to website:
 - i. Noel will add a “Coaches” page to help riders find coaches and to serve as a resource for coaching information
- **Treasurers Report (Mike Cormier)**
 - a. Financial Update:
 - i. NYSBRA has a healthy balance of over \$44k. Part of the reason is requests for grants is down for the second year in a row. Another reason is additional fundraising (e.g., BikeReg!). Finally, the major year-end expenses occur in December.
 - ii. Please encourage riders and RDs to request grants!
 - b. Use of PayPal instead of mailing checks from Keybank: Mike recommends sending money via PayPal vs paper checks from Keybank. The board agreed with Mike’s recommendation so Mike will set this up and start transitioning to PayPal payments.

- **Grant Program: (Jeff Poulin)**
 - a. Grant Status: NYSBRA has committed about \$16,852 in grants YTD
- **Permits (Gary Toth)**
 - a. Permits pending:
 - i. tbd
- **Officials Coordinator (Liz Marcello)**
 - a. NYSBRA is still short officials:
 - i. We especially need new officials in NYC and WNY
 - b. Officials need to request races they want to work in our Officials Assignment Tool!
- **Cyclocross (Ken Hammond)**
 - a. CX Schedule: Add the NYSBRA Google CX Calendar to your own Google Calendar
 - b. CX Champs: will be hosted by Andy August at Park Ave Halloween CX, in Rochester, 28Oct
- **Women's Cycling (Kelly Neuner, Shane Ferro)**
 - a. Women's Introduction to Cyclocross Clinic:
 - i. Shane hosted a 2-day clinic in NYC 25-26Aug and had 15 women learn about cyclocross and have a good time. Thank-you Shane!
 - ii. Attendees are posted: <https://legacy.usacycling.org/results/index.php?permit=2018-2033>
 - b. NYSBRA Women's Grant at 2 Days of Buffalo: Tom Weichmann thanked NYSBRA for the grant that helped him double the size of his fields through reduced entry fees and advertising! Well done, Tom!
- **Junior Cycling (Leona Chin)**
 - a. In the News:
 - i. NYSBRA mentioned in the August 2018 NYC Department of Transportation Big Jump Newsletter; the link was listed as a redirect to the NYSBRA road schedule.
 - ii. Leona has been collaborating with DOT's bicycling representatives to share cycling events and DOT-sponsored events (e.g., helmet giveaways, car seat fittings, bike light giveaways, etc).
 - b. Fundraisers in progress:
 - i. Third Quarter Savers FUNDrive donations and collection ending on September 17, 2018. Our second quarter drive resulted in a donation of \$251.98.
 - ii. 2018 Fall Modell's Team Weeks -- Friday, September 7, 2018 through Thursday, October 18, 2018 (pdf link being updated). Our second quarter sales did not meet the minimum sales threshold so there was no distribution.
 - iii. Amazon Smile to benefit New York State Bicycle Racing Association on-going.
 - iv. Researching and proposing to join the "gotsneakers.com" fundraising campaign to leverage the sneakers donated to Savers campaign; a pair of wearable sneakers would receive \$1.00 per pair and if not wearable, organization would receive \$0.10. Collection is made by postage prepaid envelope (up to 20 adult pairs at a time) and the funds distribution is made by e-check every first of the month. There is no need to store items for a single collection date and the donation bags can be sent from any and many locations as the donation is associated with our account.
 - c. Junior Cyclist / Racers Outreach and Recruitment:
 - i. Girl Scout Troops -- Bike Awareness Seminar -- 9/9/18 postponed to 9/16/18 due to rain (Daisy Troop of 15 girls aged seven to nine years old)
 - ii. Middle School / High School Group Share / Ride -- planning for mid-fall or early spring start -

- discussion and introduction to NYSBRA, racing clinics, etc.
- iii. Next junior/women's track clinic -- October 7th at Kissena Velodrome:
<https://www.bikereg.com/kissena-womens-junior-track-clinic4>
- iv. Connecting with local bicycle shops to make them aware of NYSBRA and how we support junior cycling
- d. Race Directors Featuring New "Fee-Free" Junior Fields:
 - i. H&H Racing offered fee-free junior fields (13-18 year olds racing in their race categories) at their Thursday evening road series at Floyd Bennett Field
 - ii. Verrazano Bicycle Distraction Series (13-18 year olds racing in their race categories) -- Thursday evenings at Floyd Bennett Field and now Saturday mornings in Prospect Park
 - iii. Both series had low junior attendance but they are hoping to increase their junior fields in the spring by giving us advance notice of the races.
- **Gravel and Gran Fondos (Tony Sylor)**
 - a. TBD:
 - i. tbd
- **Other Business? (All)**
 - a. No additional Business!
 - b. Next meeting: 7pm, Wednesday, 12Dec18
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.