

New York State Bicycle Racing Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Telecon: 3pm, Saturday, 19Jan19

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Officer/Board/Member Attendees: Jeff Poulin (President), Rich Scaduto (WNY Rep), Myles Romanow (LI Rep), Mark Walling (Secretary-elect), John Roden (Junior Rep), Gary Toth (Permit Coord; Adirondack Rep), Leona Chin (Junior Rep), Jim Lyman (Track), Tom Weichmann (Vice President), Mike Cormier (Treasurer), Eric Ragot (Hudson Rep), Rob Quan (incoming Member at Large)

Officer/Board Absent: Lucia Deng (outgoing NYC Rep), Noel Bonk (outgoing Secretary/incoming Coaches Rep), Tony Saylor (GG and GF Rep), Kelly Neuner (Women's Rep), Lloyd Campbell (Central), Ben Freer (out-going Member at Large), Shane Ferro (Women's Rep), Liz Marcello (Officials Coord), Ken Hammond (CX and Fat Bike Rep)

- **President's Report (Jeff Poulin)**

- a. Road/Track/TT Race Schedule:

- i. [The NYSBRA Race Schedule is always on NYSBRA.com](#)
 - ii. The schedule is now "final" for 2019, which means I will now upload the schedule to the NYSBRA Google Race Calendar and Gary Toth will start approving 2019 race permits (he waits until the annual meeting to ensure all RDs get a fair chance at all dates)
 - iii. I will continue to update the Google sheet, especially to either confirm or delete any events that are still in "red"
 - iv. [Add the NYSBRA Google Road/Track/TT Calendar to your own Google Calendar](#)

- b. 2019 NYSBRA Championships Events

- i. RR: Bristol Mountain Road Race, hosted by Rick Dalton of Western NY Bike Racing Club (WNYBRC), Bristol, NY, 2Jun19
 - ii. Crit: Trumansburg Criterium, hosted by John Compton of Main Street Bike Shop, Trumansburg, 10Aug19
 - iii. Gravel: The Prattsburgh Gravel Classic, hosted by Tony Saylor of Livingston Cycling Club/ Sam Patch Promotions, Inc, Prattsburgh, 20Apr19
 - iv. TT: The NYSBRA Time Trial Championship, hosted by Jeff Poulin of Tioga Velo Club (TVC), Tioga Center, 14Jul19
 - v. Track: All hosted by Jim Lyman of the New York Velodrome Association at the Kissena Velodrome in Flushing:
 - Elite/Master Endurance Champs, 27Jul19
 - Elite/Master Sprint Champs, 18Aug19
 - Junior Champs, 24Aug19

- c. NYSBRA-branded Junior Racing Team (update)

- i. Doug Toback (Director Sportif of Cuevas Cycling), Noel, and myself are making progress on the "NYSBRA state/Regional Junior Racing Team;" the idea is to get the best NY juniors riding together as "Team NYSBRA" at the biggest races in the Northeast/Atlantic region.
 - ii. On 22Oct we had a great kickoff telecon with NY junior team leaders (~47 invited, ~20 attended) and the consensus opinion was positive!
 - iii. Financial commitments for NYSBRA remain as previously discussed; approximately \$750 for

team jerseys (up front) and \$500/event for up to six events; e.g., up to \$3,750.

iv. Near term goals for the team are:

- Announcement to juniors to apply
- A 2-day intro “training camp” c. March
- Racing as a team at an early season race (e.g., Trooper Brinkerhoff)

d. “nyraces” egroup transition from Yahoo to Googlegroups

i. I have finally moved nyraces from Yahoo to Google, which consolidates all NYSBRA egroups under Googlegroups

ii. All NYSBRA Board members need to be a member of nyraces@googlegroups.com!

iii. Here is a summary of our egroups and their intended audiences. Please join the groups to match your interests! Also, please invite others (for example your club officers) to join!

- Nyraces (nyraces@googlegroups.com)- for Race Directors, Club Officers, and also Officials. This is the primary communication method for people having key roles in NY cycling!
- NYSBRA Officials (NYSBRA-officials@googlegroups.com)- for USA Cycling Officials to exchange information unique to officiating
- Kissena Track Officials (kissenatrackofficials@googlegroups.com)- for Officials interested in supporting events at the Kissena Velodrome
- NYSBRA Coaches (nysbra-coaches@googlegroups.com)- a new egroup specifically for Coaches
- (Note: We also have a MTB group that is currently unused and a private group for internal NYSBRA Board discussions)

iv. To sign up please follow [the Google instructions](#) or you can always contact me and I’ll help you out.

e. Thank you to the NYSBRA Board!

i. Thank you for all you do!

ii. All of you are dedicated volunteers and you do an often-thankless job! I want to end my report today by recognizing you for all the work you do in your passionate support for the sport we all love!

iii. Many of you have served for a very long time and others are new. As you know, whenever someone joins the board, I have spent time with you to explain the various roles on the Board, and your specific qualifications, responsibilities, expectations, and benefits

iv. Much of what you do is up to you, your own initiative, and your own discretion. Your membership on the board gives you additional resources and leverage to pursue what you think is important. You control your own destiny! Leona’s wonderful work with NYC juniors is a great example of how her tireless efforts have yielded concrete results!

v. Since we have several new members this year I have written down [my standard in-brief](#) and the roles/responsibilities of the various positions we have added to the board

vi. The documents describe the history of NYSBRA and the clarifies the responsibilities/benefits of each special position (i.e., the appointed positions that are in addition to the NYSBRA Board as defined in the Bylaws)

vii. Finally, I’d like to acknowledge that some of the board gets a very small stipend for their administrative workload as a token “thank you.” This tiny stipend is not a salary and not meant as compensation; we volunteer to serve NYSBRA because we love cycling!

viii. I can’t thank you enough for all you do!

• **Vice President’s Report / Upgrades (Tom Weichmann)**

a. Upgrade status:

- i. The 2018 totals for NYSBRA are below. USAC asks that we process upgrades within 7 calendar days and our average is 2.0 days. WELL DONE REGIONAL UPGRADERS!

Region	Total Processed	%of Total	% Denials	Average TAT	Max TAT
Adirondack	48	7%	40%	2.4	8.9
Central	54	8%	33%	3.4	10.3
Hudson Valley	69	10%	38%	2.9	16.7
Long Island	66	9%	52%	3.5	16.0
New York City	325	46%	30%	0.8	7.2
Western	75	11%	3%	2.4	16.9
Track	73	10%	18%	3.0	75.8
Total	710	100%	30%	2.0	75.8



b. NYC Rider Rep:

- i. Lucia Deng stepped down as NYC Rider Representative after our election period in November as she moves on to continue serving NY Cycling as the President of the Century Road Club Association (CRCA). Lucia has done a fantastic job as the upgrade official for NYC and I have highly valued her counsel and advice. Thank you, Lucia, and good luck with CRCA!
- ii. We put out a call for her replacement in the January Newsletter.

- iii. Lucia has nominated Corey Williams to replace her.
 - iv. Eric Ragot has nominated Konrad Ratzman.
 - v. Rob Quan, a USA Cycling Official was also interested, but Rob resides outside the NYC limits on Long Island. Rob will join the board as a “Member-at-Large.” Welcome, Rob!
 - vi. Discussion: After the board vote between Corey and Konrad resulted in a tie, they agreed to share the responsibilities and move forward as NYC co-Reps. Welcome Konrad and Corey!
- **Secretary’s Report (Noel Bonk outgoing- Mark Walling incoming)**
 - a. Transition to Mark Walling: Welcome Mark!
 - b. Newsletter:
 - i. Mark will start publishing the monthly newsletters in February
 - c. Web Site:
 - i. <http://www.nysbra.com>
 - ii. Noel has added a “Coaches” page to help riders find coaches and to serve as a resource for coaching information
 - iii. Noel has replaced the former MTB page with “Fat Bike” and added the Fat Bike race schedule (on Google Sheet) compiled by Ken Hammond. Ken is looking to build Fat Bike as a standalone discipline under the NYSBRA umbrella.
- **Treasurers Report (Mike Cormier)**
 - a. Financial Update:
 - i. NYSBRA started 2018 with a balance of about \$30k and ended the year with a balance of about \$27k. This is a reasonable deficit given the lack of funding from USAC and sits squarely within the range that the officers feel is comfortable for NYSBRA.
 - ii. Mike keeps a separate accounting of money raised by Leona for juniors and reserves that money to spend only on juniors.
 - iii. Mike will work with Mark to set up a “donate to juniors” feature on NYSBRA.com as requested by Leona
 - iv. Make sure use “Amazon Smile” with NYSBRA as the beneficiary whenever you buy something on Amazon!
- **Grant Program: (Jeff Poulin)**
 - a. The NYSBRA Grant Program is the best in the USA!
 - b. We created NYSBRA to return the USA Cycling rebate money (~\$25,k/yr) to the State of New York and we have been wildly successful in doing exactly that!
 - c. Grant Status: NYSBRA has committed about \$21,903 and actually paid out \$18,584 in grants YTD
 - d. 2018 Grant Totals (as of 6Jan19):
 - i. Mission Grants (mostly rider and official clinics): 15 totaling \$5,088
 - ii. Free Entry for NYSBRA Champs: 15 totaling \$2,031
 - iii. Junior Development: 35 totaling \$3,372
 - iv. Moto Officials: 10 totaling \$1,150
 - v. New C Official license/Background fees reimbursement: 2 totaling \$102
 - vi. New C Officials at events: 21 totaling \$3,092
 - vii. New fields for Women/Juniors: 3 totaling \$500
 - viii. State Championship Events: 7 totaling \$3,000
 - ix. New Event Permit: 3 totaling \$90
 - x. NYSBRA Intro to Racing Class: 7 totaling \$1,100

- e. Unfortunately, USA Cycling continues to refuse to share their numerous fee increases with the Local Associations. In 2019 USA Cycling is once again increasing many fees, to include the (at least 4th increase in) rider license cost to \$80! Until USA Cycling agrees to fairly share these increases with Local Associations such as NYSBRA, NYSBRA will remain financially challenged to achieve our mission.
- **Permits (Gary Toth)**
 - a. Permits pending:
 - i. 2019 Permits will be approved now that we “finalized” the 2019 Race Calendar at the annual meeting.
- **Officials Coordinator (Jeff Poulin)**
 - a. New Officials Coordinator: Liz Marcello has stepped down as Officials Coordinator and has been replaced by Jeff Poulin. Thank you to Liz for all her efforts to support NYSBRA officials!
 - b. NYSBRA is still short officials:
 - i. We especially need new officials in NYC and WNY
 - ii. 2019 clinics are on the calendar:
 - 10Feb in Muhlenburg, PA
 - 16Mar in Danbury, CT. This is part of [the big NYSBRA-sponsored Northeast Officials Symposium!](#) (See details below.)
 - There will also be a clinic focused on track for existing officials on 24Mar.
 - c. The Northeast Officials Symposium for all officials will be held 16-17Mar in Danbury, CT.
 - i. This is for ALL OFFICIALS! All NYSBRA officials need to be there!
 - ii. Jointly sponsored by NYSBRA, NEBRA, and USA Cycling
 - iii. [Register at BikeReg!](#)
 - iv. Or: <https://www.bikereg.com/northeast-officials-symposium!>
 - d. Weekly Officials Tips!
 - i. To help build comradery and professionalism with NYSBRA officials I have initiated weekly “tips” that I am sending/will send out every Monday over the winter
 - ii. I am also sending out “Race Director Tips” every Thursday to the nyraces egroup.
 - iii. I am bcc’ing the NYSBRA Board on both!
 - e. [Officials need to request races they want to work in our Officials Assignment Tool!](#)
- **Cyclocross and Fat Bike (Ken Hammond)**
 - a. CX:
 - i. Schedule: [Add the NYSBRA Google CX Calendar to your own Google Calendar](#)
 - ii. CX Champs: Ken will solicit input for the 2019 CX calendar and issue a call for the 2019 Champs at the conclusion of the CX season
 - b. Fat Bike:
 - i. There is a new [Fat Bike Page](#) on nysbra.com
 - ii. Ken created a [new Fat Bike Race Schedule](#)
 - iii. Fat Bike Champs: The initial NYSBRA Fat Bike State Championship will be recommended to be held at the 2019 CX Championship race as “Open Men” and “Open Women” categories. Stay tuned!
- **Women’s Cycling (outgoing- Kelly Neuner, Shane Ferro)**
 - a. Women update:

i. n/a

- **Junior Cycling (Leona Chin, John Roden)**

- a. Fund drives:

- i. Leona has personally raised approximately \$1600 this year for juniors with more coming. Well done, Leona!

- b. Junior Grant Program: Thank you for John for working to increase the grants for Juniors starting in 2019. Well done, John!

- **Gravel and Gran Fondos (Tony Sylor)**

- a. n/a

- **Coaching (Noel Bonk)**

- a. n/a

- **Track (Jim Lyman)**

- a. There is a new Track page on the NYSBRA.com

- b. Alan Atwood and I have developed [the 2019 Kissena Track schedule](#)

- c. The schedule will include more weekend Omniums with a focus on longer distances than what is typical for the Wednesday Night Twilight Series

- d. We are also planning on creating a cumulative “Best All-around Rider (BAR)” Series on these weekends.

- **Other Business? (All)**

- a. Welcome to Rob Quan: Rob joins the board as Member-at-Large! Welcome Rob!

- b. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.