

New York State Bicycle Racing Association 1Q19 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Telecon: 7pm, Thursday, 14Mar19

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Officer/Board/Member Attendees: Jeff Poulin (President), Tom Weichmann (Vice President), Mark Walling (Secretary), Mike Cormier (Treasurer), Tony Saylor (GG and GF Rep), Bike Rep), John Roden (Junior Rep), Gary Toth (Permit Coord; Adirondack Rep), Leona Chin (Junior Rep), Shane Ferro (Women's Rep), Rich Scaduto (WNY Rep), Jim Lyman (Track)

Officer/Board Absent: Noel Bonk (Coaches Rep), Ken Hammond (CX and Fat), Lloyd Campbell (Central), Myles Romanow (LI Rep), Eric Ragot (Hudson Rep), Rob Quan (Member at Large), Corey Williams (NYC Rep), Konrad Ratzman (NYC Rep)

President's Report (Jeff Poulin)

a. LA Agreement signed:

- i. USAC still refuses to increase the LA rebate that has remained nearly unchanged since 2003
- ii. As a reminder, the "new method" that USAC introduced last year is actually a major cut to LA funding
- iii. Last year we were able to get USAC to rebate to NYSBRA the maximum of the old vs new method
- iv. Without this, we would have lost \$1,486 last year!
- v. This year I was able to get USAC to agree to giving NYSBRA the same "maximum of the old vs new method" of rebates like we had last year
- vi. I signed the LA Agreement for 2019.

b. NYSBRA-branded Junior Racing Team (update)

- i. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the initiative for a NYSBRA-branded Junior Team
- ii. The juniors would have had a great opportunity, but there were too many adults involved
- iii. Thank you to Doug Toback and Noel Bonk for all of the effort they put in to trying to make the junior team a reality.

c. Upgrade rule for Mixed Fields

- i. As you know the rule awards upgrade points based on "raw order across the line" in mixed fields. Unfortunately, this means (for example) that if a Mixed field of 50 Cat 3s and 50 Cat 4s take the start then the Cat 4s probably have no chance at an upgrade point.
- ii. After no action in two years we may get progress on improving the rule after NEBRA complained about scoring separately to give proper upgrade credit to riders
- iii. I am working with NEBRA and USAC to develop a better policy
- iv. Now that USAC moved the upgrade rules from the rulebook to a policy document this should be easier to accomplish.

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

a. Upgrade status:

- i. The table shows the 2019 1Q upgrade stats:

Region	Total Processed	% of Total	% Denials	Average TAT	Max TAT
Adirondack	2	4%	0%	4.6	9.1
Central	6	13%	33%	3.7	4.8
Hudson Valley	2	4%	50%	7.3	9.8
Long Island	6	13%	83%	16.7	34.8
New York City	21	46%	14%	0.8	6.7
Western	1	2%	0%	0.5	0.5
Track	8	17%	25%	5.0	35.7
Total	46	100%	35%	3.6	35.7



- **Secretary's Report (Mark Walling)**

- a. Newsletter Production:

- i. The email list has not been updated in about two years and is sadly out of date. The optimal solution would be for USA Cycling to provide an updated email list, but they are still trying
 - ii. In addition, USAC has promised for 2 years to provide a tool for LAs to send their newsletters directly from USAC's IT and DB. That tool is still not even a twinkle in USAC's eye
 - iii. Jeff and Mark have been working this with USAC for the past month... stay tuned.

- b. Newsletter Content:

- i. Ideas?

- c. Web Site:

- i. <http://www.nysbra.com>

- **Treasurers Report (Mike Cormier)**

- a. Financial Update:

- i. NYSBRA received a generous rebate from NACS of \$961. Thank you, NACS!
 - ii. NYSBRA received a generous donation of \$200 from Chris McBurnie for Juniors. Thank you, Chris!
 - iii. Mike keeps a separate accounting of money raised by Leona for juniors and reserves that money to spend only on juniors.
 - iv. Mike noted that about \$1800 in grant checks last year were never cashed. Our policy is to not reissue checks but we actually will on request (since despite telling recipients that the checks from our bank look like junk mail we understand that people still throw them out by accident)
 - v. Mike will work with Mark to set up a "donate to juniors" feature on NYSBRA.com as requested by Leona
 - vi. Make sure use "Amazon Smile" with NYSBRA as the beneficiary whenever you buy something on Amazon!

- **Grant Program: (Jeff Poulin)**

- a. Grant Status: See sheet. The season is just starting so there have only been a few requests so far.

- **Permits (Gary Toth)**
 - a. Race Director Licenses: USAC is not automatically renewing these for club RDs so we are getting a lot of questions from RDs that cannot permit races.
 - b. To renew license: contact USAC. Jeff will post an RD on this.
- **Officials Coordinator (Jeff Poulin)**
 - a. 2019 clinics:
 - i. 10Feb in Muhlenburg, PA. NYSBRA had one official attend.
 - ii. 16Mar in Danbury, CT. This is part of [the big NYSBRA-sponsored Northeast Officials Symposium!](#) (See details below.)
 - iii. There will also be a clinic focused on track for existing officials on 24Mar.
 - b. 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!>
 - c. 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!
 - d. [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](#)
 - Ken is waiting on just a few more CX races to finalize the schedule
 - ii. CX Champs: Ken had two bids for the 2019 NYSBRA CX Championship
 - Cobbs Hill CX, hosted by Scott Page and Shana Lydon of Full Moon Vista, 9Nov, Rochester
 - Kirkland CX, hosted by Mark Williams of Mohawk Valley Cycling Club (MVCC), 15Sep, Clinton
 - iii. The Board voted to approve Kirkland CX for the 2019 Championships.
 - b. Fat Bike:
 - i. See the [Fat Bike Race Schedule](#)
- **Women’s Cycling (Shane Ferro)**
 - a. Women update:
 - i. The “tobedetermined” blog has been active on topics related to promoting bike racing. The posts are truly excellent and Shane is going to work with the author (Matt Vandivort) to produce a blog post on women’s cycling
 - ii. Read it here: <https://www.tobedetermined.cc/>
- **Junior Cycling (Leona Chin, John Roden)**
 - a. Fund drives:
 - i. The Savers FUNDrive is in progress and we will collect donations until April 28, 2019 and we will have another spring Modell’s Team Weeks campaign (dates to be issued).
 - ii. There is a current NYC team that is working towards adding a junior development team.
 - b. Junior Fun Rides:
 - i. We have scheduled a group ride in Brooklyn’s Prospect Park this Sunday at 8am with Coach Paul McCarthy to gauge interest in a junior ride club
 - ii. We will also host a Queens junior ride club in and around Flushing Meadows Corona Park
 - c. Recent deaths of young cyclists: Leona raised the issue of recent deaths experienced nationally and the board discussed the issue and things to potentially aid in riding safely. Jim Lyman agreed to write some

short articles for the newsletter on this topic.

- **Gravel and Gran Fondos (Tony Saylor)**
 - a. Gravel Season is here:
- **Coaching (Noel Bonk)**
 - a. Email group for coaches is launched: nysbra-coaches@googlegroups.com
 - i. Website form is available for NYS Certified Coaches to send me their info for website listing: <http://www.nysbra.com/about/coaching/#coachregister>
 - b. Upcoming clinics/mentored events include:
 - i. GVCC Clinic in Rochester, 30-31Mar
 - ii. WCTR - Mentored Training Race Series in Warners, 1May
 - iii. Plan2Peak Cat 4/5 Skills Clinic in Buffalo, 21-22Apr
 - iv. BonkWerx Clinic in Brewerton, 8-9Jun
- **Track (Jim Lyman)**
 - a. [View the 2019 Kissena Track schedule](#)
 - b. Track season starts in three weeks
 - c. The cumulative "Best All-around Rider (BAR)" Series on weekends is set up with title sponsor [VIE13 Kustom Apparel](#).
 - d. Just a reminder about the Track Official's Clinic on 24Mar! Contact Jim!
- **Other Business? (All)**
 - a. No other business.
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.