

**2009 MABRA Annual Meeting
January 23, 2010**

Clubs in Attendance:

ABRT	LSV	Potomac Velo Club
Antietam Velo Club	Monticello Velo Club	Sports TEAM
Artemis	DC Velo	Squadra Coppi
Chesapeake Wheelman	Patuxent Velo	Whole Wheel Velo
Team DRT	Route 1 Velo	Battley Harley
Evolution Cycling Club		

I. Introduction/Special Guests:

- 1) *Big Guy Group*: Presented and demonstrated a new registration software that merges USAC and BikeReg.com data.
 - Multiple features to track/find riders using USAC database
 - All options can be downloaded into Excel format
 - Day-of releases can be printed out with rider info after license scan
 - Export registration data into results module:
 - Has error recognition (i.e.: duplicate #s)
 - Can add on seconds/laps for CX
 - Can drag & drop riders in the results
 - Initial plan: rent software, then own after full training & support
 - Works with both PC & MAC

- 2) *Special Events Medical Services*: (www.protectyourevent.com) A professional EMS company that specializes in a variety of sports events of any size. (Handout brochure provided)
 - Does about 1000 events a year, and recently, *Bike Jam*
 - An all EMS service that can be customized to meet your event needs:
 - ALL aspects of medical response managed by them
 - Provides uniformity throughout cycling events
 - Licensed in MD, VA, DC
 - Wrote safety standards for Steeple Chase (horse race) under direction of MIMS

II. Welcome/Meeting called to order (Chris Merriman, President)

- 1) Approval of past meeting minutes: approved 15/0
- 2) Equipment Report (Jim Patton): Latest purchase was new Official's tent
- 3) Treasurer's Report (Betsy Baysinger): We have a surplus
 - Budget reviewed (overages & underages) & 2010 budget adjusted
 - New category that provides money for travel for international/training/development events
 - Approval process will occur based on discussion/consultation between the club and the Board of Directors.

- Implement “pilot programs” utilizing funds such as: results programs, chip timing system, & medical services, for example.
- 4) Cyclocross Report (Chip Sovek): Increased growth overall, but especially with women and juniors.
- Juniors will get their own race, as will cat 3 & 4 women
 - Series will change from series winner’s jersey to a leader’s jersey
 - Intent is to stimulate more interest throughout the series.
 - 11 races now in the series
 - There is a possible need for a second equipment kit
 - CX publicity has increased via other medias/services
- 5) Junior Report (Frank Loversky): more junior racers from more clubs; more junior girls; more juniors from outside of the area coming to MABRA to race.
- Because of no Junior Girls field, older junior girls will be encouraged to do C4 women races
 - Junior Natz in Bend, OR in June; MABRA juniors will not be out of school yet
 - **Junior Cost Cap Credit** presented and process discussed:
 - Mail-in procedure updated to e-mail process for form
 - Junior applies to Jr. Coordinator, who gives Jr. a voucher # & alerts the promoter. Promoter sends back the form for re-imbusement of fee.
 - Fee removed out of MABRA payment submission, therefore, involvement of the Official needs process review and education
 - Propose that the \$10 fee be applied to Jr. Girls racing Cat 4 women’s race.
- 6) Women’s Report (Evelyn Egizi): Cat 4W growth has stabilized, but more women are continuing to race as Cat 3, and upgrading to Cat 2
- Believes that the new USAC upgrade points structure (based on field size) has made it more difficult to upgrade to cat 3 & 2
 - After over 10 years of running the “women’s series” Evelyn will step down as the promoter, but will continue to function as the MABRA Women’s Coordinator
 - Several clubs now support a women’s squad and promoters continue to include women’s races.
 - Promoters are encouraged to continue to work with Evelyn on devising appropriate women’s fields, and are HIGHLY discouraged from holding Cat ¾ combined races. Cat 4-only races must be maintained
- 7) Trustee Report (Jim Patton): News
- Elimination of race radios
 - Riders with obstructed numbers will not be placed
 - Vehicular support for TTs clarified
 - Criterium Rules: re-written re: dropped riders & free lap
 - Entrants must be RACING to take advantage of the above
 - MABRA has 67 event days: NEED MORE OFFICIALS!
 - Out of 55 officials, 25 worked more that 4 events
- 8) USAC Regional Rep Report (Randy Inglis): Handles Cat 1 upgrades & mtn bike permits
- Wants all promoters to do on-line permitting and will provide assistance
 - Interested in establishing high school racing

- Presented concept of “Grand Fondo” racing: USAC-type century as a method to introduce riders to a timed event.
 - Riders are split into appropriate classes for starts and results based on times
 - Nationally, licensed women make up ~12% of overall (325 women in PA/MD/VA)
- (9) Website Report (Chris Merriman):
- Despite less use, site will be maintained, but articles/features will not be added
 - Google calendar has been maintained & is up to date, but lacks the feature to link to the “Official Race Flyer”
 - MABRA site should be the source for the official flyer; will investigate a way to find the race flyer along with the race info for the site
- (10) Championship Report (Evelyn Egizi):
- 2009 Championship jerseys will arrive in time for MABRA awards party on Feb. 13th
 - Promoters (especially new) are required to be familiar with the Championship rules before submitting request to host a championship event. In the past, some promoters did not know what fields were necessary or which received medals
 - Championship Coordinator makes every effort to attend championship events to assist in awarding medal to winners who are eligible

III. BAR Proposals

- 1) 2010 Budget Approval: approved 16/0
- 2) BAR Rules Updates: With addendum that proposal change #4 allow Chief Refs to earn 1st place points for their club when they officiate. Approved 15/1
- 3) Women’s Masters BAR: 2 proposals to change the age to (1) 40+ or (2) 45+ . Move to have proposal amended to delineate the BAR into 35+ and 45+, with both being championship categories. Approved 15/1
- 4) Men’s Masters 35+ A&B BAR Categories: Amended to exclude Cat 5 and have B class be 3/4 35+ and A as 123 35+. Approved 15/1
- 5) Men’s Masters BAR: Proposal #2 (Change Men’s Masters ages to 35-44, 45-54, 55+) was withdrawn.
 - A move was made to change the masters age categories to 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+
 - Data presented indicating that 30-45 was the largest age group, with 35+ & 45+ being evenly distributed, suggesting that the above move serves the largest membership
 - Approved 15/1
 - Proposal #6 (Resume masters age categories to 30, 40, 50, 60+) was not approved 16/0

IV. Championship Event Proposals

No overlap in request for events, thus all approved 16/0:

- Senior Criterium: Hagerstown
- Senior/Masters TT: Church Creek
- Senior Road Race: Page Valley
- No proposal for Masters Crit or RR, Track

V. Miscellaneous:

- 1) BoD Elections: Barry Hollman was nominated to fill a vacant position. Approved 16/0
 - Barry does CX & runs a non-profit org for disabled Para Olympians
- 2) DC Velo announced a free “1st Responders” course for all clubs to attend at Cyclelife on 1/30
- 3) LSV proposed a ‘pilot project’: Organize a baby-sitting tent at race events

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn Egizi (one-time acting Secretary)