

**MABRA Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday January 21, 2012**  
**Georgetown Public Library**

1:20 call to order by Chris Merriam, MABRA president.

2010 Minutes approved unanimously 1:22

**Equipment Report (Jim Patton, Officials Coordinator):**

Pretty good equipment kit. 2 year old tent and computer, generator added in 2010. Not big need for new equipment. Question from Bill Leucke/NCVC regarding cost of generator

**Officials Report (Jim Patton):**

450 days of official days/60 officials + Greenbelt = 76. 33 officials worked 5 events or more. Recruited from NJ, MABRA and other areas to cover.

New official clinic on Feb 3. Usually 10 people attend the class, half become officials. Need new officials for 2012.

Barbara Whitelaw MABRA 2011 Official of the Year.

**Budget Report (Betsy Baysinger, Treasurer):**

Chris Merriam -- Last year board requested creative idea from clubs to spend down cash surplus. Not many ideas forthcoming from membership.

License fee rebate revenue up slightly. Race fees down slightly (a few check outstanding from cx races). Bill L. summed pre-reg and calculated \$14,500. Question if we had a drop in races and/or riders. Jim Patton felt that fields were smaller.

Two questions: Are numbers off (Betsy will calculate race-by-race)? Why is ridership down?

Expenses -- Advertising in Competitor mag monthly, improved website. Beginner rider skills, two clubs took advantage (500 available in 2012). Spent half of budgeted cx publicity. Helped juniors and U23s attend national/international experience at races and camps (Sam O'Keefe (USAC EuroCross Camp) and Jeff Bahnon (Cyclocross World Championships)).

New budget item -- Indemnification against loss for MABRA Championship, track. Lehigh Velodrome charging more upfront cost to hold event. Open to other events that require indemnification against loss.

Jerseys - sent refund checks and not everyone cashed them.

Juniors Program - no juniors requested support to do adult races. Question from Scott Thompson, Coppi, whether MABRA can support juniors to racing at nationals. Merriam answered that BOD had limited grants to international competition as a balance between realistic budget outlay and costs that were traditionally covered by USAC before rebate program.

Officials Program increased in proposed 2012 budget to account for additional development and regional/national training for MABRA officials.

Pilot Programs -- membership hasn't used in past years. Maybe opportunity to do programs related to the proposed DC track (officials program). Issue regarding medical services at races to ensure consistency and full coverage at all MABRA races.

Budget item for new USAC Race Promoter program

Travel budget available for USAC meetings; has been used for USAC Local Association meeting but could cover other (NRC Race Director, Cyclocross National Meeting, etc.)

Total TT timing reimbursement requests increased in 2011. Per event costs have also increased.

Issue with timing service at Church Creek (Iain Banks/ABRT).

Shaun Blumenfeld (Hub Racing) suggested that MABRA develop standards for the quality of timing. Ian Banks said they've considered chip timing but the cost is prohibitive. Jim Patton noted that there is a significant amount of error in chip timed

event in the US last year. Will (BOD) noted that triathlons all use chips. Frank Loversky (Rock Creek Velo) countered that the cost and number of racers make chip timing possible in tris.

Chris Merriam suggested that MABRA could invest in the chip timing hardware if someone w/in MABRA could operate the timing equipment.

Randy Inglis (USAC Regional Rep) proposed the TT promoters get together to come up with an RFP to get one timer for all races.

Website -- Frank Loversky. Lots of starts and stops on getting the CMS and database going. Those seem to be resolved and the project is ready to move forward. The \$5000 budget is largely a "one-time" budget to get a good site up but there will be yearly expenses to maintain connectivity with USAC site and to keep the site update to attract users.

Women's Program -- Some 2010 expenses rolled into 2011.

Expenses outpaced Income in 2011. Dave Harrell (WWVC) asked the income to expense ratio historically. Betsy will provide the data.

### **USAC Report (Randy Inglis)**

Slower growth last year. 1.5% versus 5% in earlier years. MABRA tracked with national trend, down 1.5%

2% increase in MABRA events, but some early season races cancelled. Same as national.

New communication plan to keep riders engaged.

Re-Re-launched ratings and rankings. Easier uploads for promoters to submit results. Tom Mahoney at USAC is available to help. If results get rejected email them to Tom and he'll fix it. MABRA had a very high submission rate.

Mobile Technology -- more riders using phone to register. USAC will be adding apps (noted that the USAC apps are designed to integrate with USAC registration service).

USAC Online Registration -- 12% marketshare. BikeReg as 25%. The majority of races in the country don't use online registration at all. Locally it's 72% BikeReg and 2% USAC.

With USA cycling online registration requires no wet signature at the race.

There has been some growth in Mtb registrations due to CX licensing. New regional Mtb races in the region in addition to Greenbrier. Some USAC questions regarding how to incorporate administrative structure of Mtb in Local Associations or to have them be their own LA. There won't be a "national" requirement for how this gets done.

### **Rule Updates (Jim Patton)**

Younger riders can get licenses (youths ages 6-9 yo). Races on closed course, less than 5km in length. Won't require licenses but will require waivers.

Redefined "Mass Start Bicycle." Riders < 12 can only ride Mass Start Bicycles. In 2013 this will apply to 12-14 year olds.

Cat 5s have to finish 10 races to move up.

Physical assault on a referee can result in up to a lifetime ban.

New rules published in the front of the 2012 rulebook which is available online.

### **BAR (Dave Harrell, BAR Administrator)**

Having BAR process online helped. Working with Frank Loversky on improving BAR website. Takes 1.5 hours to upload results from each race. Promoters submitting results to USAC.

Frank asked about adding CX to BAR. CM indicated it will be taken up at the CX meeting.

## **Juniors (Frank)**

20% growth per year, especially in CX. Some races w > 60 youth. Trying to be more grass roots oriented and get MABRA clubs to have junior specific programs. 10-11 clubs with junior programs and 200+ juniors total. Goal is to get to 500 active junior riders. Need to get some of the bigger clubs engaged.

## **CX (Merriam)**

Great growth. 20 events including a later calendar event. Biggest change is two trailers and more equipment to cover two series in MABRA. Worked fairly well. Number of national champions (in Madison, WI) and a world master's champion. Excellent results in both events.

Going back to MABRA medals for championship events (based on complaints about the USAC medals).

## **Proposals**

Road Race -- MVC. Question of junior age groups. Couldn't score BAR points with how MABRA scores (5 year increments). Conflict w Virginia scoring. No > 40 women's race. Could be MABRA and VA champion if you live in VA and are a member of MABRA club.

Motion by Joe Jefferson (AVC) and seconded to accept. 19 for, 1 against (Dave Harrell, WWVC). Suggestion to communicate to promoter the need to clarify age groups.

Senior Championship Criterium -- Paxvelo, Leonardtown Crit 2012. Joe Jefferson raised the issue of conflicts w Liberty classic. Women and Officials may be an issue. Jim Patton indicated officials will not be an issue. Sean (Hub Racing) felt that women racing at the national level have to make a choice to either race national or local events when they conflict.

Motion by Bill Leucke (NCVC), second by Randy Inglis. Unanimous consent.

Senior Championship Road Race

Motion to vote on remaining slate en bank by NCVC. Unanimous approval.

Motion to accept slate (Frank Loversky). Unanimous approval.

Reduction in per rider fee to \$.50 per registration. Steve (?) -- currently series races are .50. Betsy (BOD) -- difference on revenue would be approximately \$5000. Shawn (Hub) -- would only increase promoter take by \$100 - \$250 which wouldn't give money back to the racers and would only benefit the big promoters. Some promoters felt that their small events lose money and this would help increase their revenue. With decrease in riders, decreasing fixed revenue doesn't make sense. Will Miller (BOD) suggested w the economic climate it makes sense to hold on to money for operations and growth. Iain (ABRT) concurred. Randy, with the USAC rebate there's no current need to keep this and halving the fee helps small promoters. Dave H -- license payments from USAC don't cover MABRA expenses. The carryover is from pre-2008. Dave and Bill brought up the current requirement that if the carryover exceeds 2.5 x the prior year actual expenses, the clubs get reimbursed. Frank, there is no standard regarding the amenities that would benefit riders.

Joe Jefferson motion to end debate. Unanimous.

Joe Jefferson moved to vote. 3 for, 15 against, 1 abstain.

### **Budget Vote**

Betsy proposed adding \$500 to the TT timing budget.

Bill L. questioned the need for MABRA to support CX events with supplies and advertising. It has outgrown the need for the subsidy. Jim Patton said the smaller CX races couldn't survive without the support. Joe Jefferson, it would challenge the Sportif and standalone events. One event disappeared when it wasn't accepted into the Sportif series. Shawn argued that the amount sent on TT and Junior support are proportionally higher beneficiaries of MABRA support so CX should continue be supported. NCVC discussed setting a fee for supplies.

Frank moved to vote on the budget in total, seconded. 17 for, 2 opposed.

Frank moved to vote on the budget (including Betsy's change). 12 for, 3 opposed.

### **Board of Directors**

NCVC nominated Paul Mica, seconded

Racing with NCVC since 1999. Racer-oriented perspective, interested in working with USAC, building juniors, improving communications and website, large club affiliation. Membership and communications professional.

Artemis nominated Evelyn Egizi, seconded.

Will Miller and Barry Holman withdrew from consideration for continuing their respective BOD positions.

Joe Jefferson moved to vote, seconded. Unanimous.

Vote on the slate of 5 proposed board members (Baysinger, Merriam, Hegnst, Egizi and Mica), unanimous.

### **Other**

Joe Jefferson asked that, with no proposal for age-graded criterium, would a proposal require all the categories? Answer (CM) if there are no options for a race, the BOD won't disqualify a bid.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 3:55pm.