

MABRA 2012 Annual Meeting
January 7, 2013
Sonoma Restaurant

22 voting members in attendance

Call to order -- EE

Approval of 2011 minutes -- Unanimous (21-0)

Coordinator Reports

USAC Update by Jim Patton, MABRA Officials Coordinator

- Modification to fee structure for permits, including earlier deadlines/penalties
- Race Director Certification program being encouraged; one free director license per USAC club/year
 - Comment from Tracy Lea/TEAM Fuji that the Race Director test was not well designed and had questions that were not relevant, or focused on information that didn't need to be memorized. Asked to provide feedback to USAC.
 - Merriam noted that MABRA also qualifies to have one free Race Director each year, and could create a Coordinator position for race directors if there was interest
- Referee Assignment: USAC seeking to have local association coordinator do all assignment of officials to increase experience for new officials and reduce promoter favoritism (consistent with long-standing MABRA practice, so no change here).
- USAC Rulebook being substantially reworked to remove legacy rules for one-off situations and administrative/permit regs.
 - New upgrade rules in place
 - Single waiver for series events in same location (i.e. Greenbelt)
 - Racers may race in higher categories for time trial events (to encourage experienced triathletes to enter category consistent with their ability rather than Cat. 5)
 - Protests related to positions in the prize list following the podium ceremony will affect placing, but not prizes
- New Rider Survey conducted by USAC
 - Cat 5 fields diminishing, and retention is a problem
 - Comment from Randy Inglis/USAC Regional Rep that some regions are adding a Cat. 5 35+ field to increase retention and racing opportunities
- Skills Clinics encouraged by USAC
 - Several models of series-style clinics exist
 - Artemis has a long history in MABRA of road racing clinics for beginners, but other clubs can assist or develop other opportunities
 - Comment from EE/Artemis that the availability of extra "races" toward the 10-race Category 5 upgrade did not seem to increase attendance.

MABRA Officials Report by Jim Patton, MABRA Officials Coordinator

- 72 Race days in 2012, with 2 race days cancelled
- Roughly 18,000 riders pre-registered (Jim provided a chart with 2012 and 2011 numbers broken out by type of event)
- Development of Officials continuing:
 - Two new Category B Officials qualified
 - Robin Meidhoff and Paul Berhens sitting for Category A exam
- Wayne Lerch is MABRA Official of the Year 2012
- Effort to increase retention through on-site training

Women's Report by Evelyn Egizi, MABRA Women's Coordinator

- Women's series does not currently have a director
- EE is still the Coordinator
- Encouraging race directors to provide separate fields to increase Cat 4 retention

BAR Report by Evelyn Egizi, BAR Coordinator

- After several years of running the BAR scoring and awards, Dave Harrell is retiring from the coordinator role
- Dave worked to develop amendments to the BAR rules that would permit automated BAR scoring through BikeReg/RoadBikeResults.com in exchange for BAR races using BikeReg registration (currently used by vast majority of MABRA events and sponsor of cyclocross)
 - Question from Steve Gorham/LSV about whether this change would mandate use of BikeReg, BOD answer yes, for an event to have BAR status.

Cyclocross Report by Chip Sovek, MABRA CX Coordinator

- Noted another annual increase in rider participation in MABRA cyclocross events
- Two successful series (Sportif and Super8)
- Appreciates MABRA support for shared equipment; request that budget for equipment continue at same level, not requesting renewal of press/promotion budget item.
 - Comment from Tracy Lea/TEAM Fuji that equipment subsidy is necessary for small races to develop. Similar fixed costs for course tape for events with 100 or 600 riders.

Discussion of Proposed 2013 Budget -- Robin Meidhof MABRA Treasurer

Draft budget with comparison to earlier years circulated.

Discussion of particular items:

- Gregg Abbot of NCVC showed one of the Felt 24" and 650c road bicycles that MABRA intends to purchase for loan to juniors. NCVC arranged the purchase of 30 total bikes (20 for NCVC and 10 for MABRA). Details will be in the Junior section of MABRA.org
- Timetrial timing service reimbursement will be linked to submitting a report on the utility and any issues with the provider
 - Comment from Randy Inglis/Team Deep Blue that the subsidy is very important to the development of TTs and the success of the MATTS races.
- USADA/USAC testing at regional events. Proposed budget includes \$6,000 for two days of testing (USAC would match with \$6,000 to cover all costs of USADA presence).
 - District Velocity moved to reduce funding to 1 day/\$3k. Motion voted down 20-2.
 - Extensive discussion of potential benefits to image of sport, message to new racers, securing sponsors, as well as risks of positive tests for non performance enhancing substances, privacy concerns.
- Vote called, proposed budget adopted 21 for, 1 against.

-Discussion/Vote on Championship Race bids:

Bids were submitted before the meeting for

- Senior Road Race
- Age-Graded Road Race
- Senior Criterium
- Time Trial
- Cyclocross Championship
- Track Championship

Motion was made from the floor for the Highway to Heaven to be the Hill Climb Championship
The slate of proposals was unanimously approved.

-BAR Rule Amendments unanimously approved

-Modification to 35+ 3-4 BAR withdrawn for further consideration during the 2013 season.

-BOD Positions (returning):

**Evelyn Egizi
Robin Meidhof
Eli Hengst
Chris Merriam**

(new)

Kornel Schuebel