

MABRA Board of Directors Meeting January 10, 2014

1) Retention of Committed Board Members

- Discussion of how to recruit and keep volunteers who are committed to serving on the MABRA Board. Problems over the past few years with burnout of those board members who take on majority of tasks and members who just disappear. Issues with non-response from championship coordinator to address membership emails about ordering BAR jerseys. 2013 Bar plaques have not yet been ordered; task was assigned last October at Board meeting.
- Discussion of options: →Require membership clubs to put forth a nominee every 3 years →Ask promoters to waive race fees for Board Members. It wouldn't be more than \$50-\$70 on any given weekend. Concern that we not ask promoters to take hit on race fees. →Have MABRA pay license fee (usually \$70) for Board Member →Have MABRA pay USA club fee (\$150) →Greg Abbott is putting forth proposal for membership to consider at annual meeting Questions about accountability: need to prepare Board position descriptions and tasks as a way to provide benchmarks in return for MABRA contribution/offset. Although proposed incentives are not profit or compensation, By-Laws may need to be amended because as currently written, members may not profit through role.

2) 2014 Proposals

- Proposals were due today, January 10th to allow 2-weeks before meeting on January 25th. EE will announce to membership that deadline has been extended to January 16th. Board agreed there will be no exceptions after that date. Proposals received by the 16th will be posted by RM on website. EH will send email to listserv informing membership of Bar Meeting & Banquet and where to view 2014 Proposals

- Composite Team proposal – EH has spoken with leadership of MABRA clubs to create a standing composite team that would serve as an outlet/stepping stone for riders to get to bigger races. Proposal would model that of the NY CRCA club. 3-parts funding (\$2,500): clubs kick in per rider, MABA kicks in, sponsor pool assists. Proposal will be presented at annual meeting. **3) Championship Jerseys**
- EE has been fielding emails from membership about deadlines for ordering. Board will need a new volunteer to fill Championship Coordinator position for 2014. Due to lack of communication re: jersey order status, EE volunteered to contact VOLER to check status, and take action as necessary.
- Board has been receiving proofs for customized MABRA Champion jerseys. Concern because the Rules have not been followed for BAR champions. There is no jersey for 35+ 3/4 Men. Board agrees there cannot be 51 different looking MABRA Champion jerseys. Rules are posted on the website and have been clear that all customized jerseys must be Board approved. Board will make clear to BAR promoters they are not required to provide reduced entry for any MABRA jerseys not approved by the Board.

→ Greg Abbott will submit proposal for annual meeting to address standard guideline for customized MABRA champion jerseys, similar to UCI and National jersey guidelines.

4) Accounting

- RM preparing accounting for annual meeting, still need to true up for the remainder of the year to see what line items were met, exceeded, not used. RM to follow up with promoters where missing MABRA fees. Board discussed reimbursement for Shenandoah TT – no

reimbursement for timing services if the event is not a Championship event or paying MABRA fees. Event has been reimbursed for 2 years.

5) Race Clean Contract

- RM will post to the website so membership can see details. Each Board member will send EE a list of proposed races to test. EE will select to make it blind submission.

6) Misc

- EH will prepare Facebook MABRA page – especially important for Juniors as they seem to communicate primarily through FB
- BAR/Bike Reg results – not spectacular in administration this year. USAC has an on-line registration in place and a BAR processing program with complete access to correct license information. EE will ask Randy Inglis (Regional Coordinator) to present more accurate information on this to the Membership at Annual Meeting.

Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association

Meeting Minutes September 14, 2014

A new member orientation for the board of the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association was called to order at 7:30 PM on September 14, 2014.

Present

Evelyn Egizi, President; Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member-at-Large; Jamey Lees, BAR coordinator; Dana Mellerio

Topics Discussed

BAR Issues:

- Discussed issues related to the TT championship and specifically issues related to the Women's 4 and 1/2/3 fields.
 - Promoters and Race Directors are reminded that they need to check the categories as displayed on a rider's licenses at the time of registration.
 - The President will address the eligibility for championships for one-day license holders.
- Best All-Around Rider Awards: BAR Coordinator will work with the remaining promoters to acquire and tabulate final results. It was approved by unanimous vote that BAR points will be awarded for the Shenandoah TT. The promoter will not be required to submit BAR fees this year but will not receive timing reimbursement.
- Proposals for changes to the BAR for 2015: Member-at-Large will put together proposals for changes to the BAR.

- Interested members are requested to submit proposals to the Board prior to the annual meeting.
- Changes currently being considered include but are not limited to:
 - Standardization of categories and prize lists for all BAR events.
 - Reduction in the number of events to be included in the BAR.
 - New requirements for events to be considered for the BAR including meeting the USAC requirements for event types.
 - Sprint/KOM competitions.
 - Eligibility for participants for championships
- There is a goal to harmonize USAC and MABRA processes for the approval of races and expectations that MABRA has for promoters both pre and post race.
 - BAR Coordinator will put together a proposal to help promoters and race directors understand their respective responsibilities and expectations.
 - Proposals for changes to MABRA by-laws for 2015: The board is soliciting proposals for potential changes to the by-laws with regard to team membership in MABRA.
- Currently the by-laws recognize two categories of membership for MABRA clubs.
- Review of other local associations shows no clear consensus exists regarding eligibility for clubs, obligations of membership or voting authority.

- A proposal was brought regarding redesigning the MABRA championship jersey. The Secretary will put together a series of proposals for consideration by the Board.

Race Proposals

- A course design proposal from Washington County Stage Race was discussed. The Board determined that it could not support the proposal because of concerns for the safety of the riders and the potential for violating Maryland law.
- Rules regarding the admission of new races to the Sportiff and Super 8 CX series were discussed. The Board determined that it did not have authority to compel changes to admission requirements for these series. Annual Meeting
- A date for the annual meeting and party was discussed. Splitting the two events will be considered. Locations and dates will be proposed in a forthcoming meeting.

Attendance at the USAC annual meeting was discussed. Further discussion will be had regarding who will travel to Colorado to represent MABRA.

An executive session was held from 7:50-8:05.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined. Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly Approved unanimously by the MABRA Board: 5-0 on September 22, 2014.

Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association

Meeting Minutes November 22, 2014

A general meeting of the Board of the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association was called to order at 5:30 PM on November 22, 2014.

Present

Evelyn Egizi, President; Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison; Jamey Lees, BAR Coordinator; Jon Hicks, Cyclocross Coordinator; Jim Patton, Officials Coordinator; Mimi Newcastle, Event Permits Coordinator; Mary Schmerge, Women's Coordinator; Lew Strader, Upgrades Coordinator

Topics Discussed

- Report of the USAC Local Association Annual Meeting was delivered by Evelyn and Jim. Officials Assignment Tool proposal from USAC was discussed and a comparison was made with the system currently in place for MABRA. How USAC incorporates Race Directors into the process was also presented.
- E-mails to the Board regarding complaints or concerns regarding any MABRA position should be forwarded to the appropriate Coordinator.

Report on the Budget was delivered by Robin.

Ways to continue incentivizing both junior's and women's participation were discussed, including:

Proposals for the Annual Meeting and Championship Events are due on December 1 to the Secretary. Notice of this has been posted on the MABRA listserv and reminder e-mails will be posted.

Decreases the possibility of riders racing in races, which they do not qualify for, i.e., racing below their licensed category.

No need to do waivers on the day of racing, as registration requires electronically agreeing to the terms.

\$.80 per rider goes to the race director. Results processing and tabulation are superior. Junior's fees: There are currently no published standards on the maximum fee that juniors can be charged. There are also no published rules regarding charging late fees to juniors for day of registration.

Fees are at the discretion of the race director.

There is a tradition within MABRA to limit junior's fees to \$10. The Board agreed that this limit has not kept pace with the growth in other costs associated with promoting races. As such, the Board has no concerns with regard to raising the traditional fee to \$15.

It was reported that the Junior's Coordinator has resigned.

Permitting multiple races happening on the same day in different locations with different fields.

MABRA branded beginning racers program. MABRA supported clinics. Bike Reg v. USAC Reg: The advancement of USAC's registration tool was discussed. There are several advantages to encouraging the use of this tool:

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined. The Annual Meeting is set for 3:30PM on January 4 at Stanton & Greene, 319 Penn Ave. SE.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly Approved on: 12/1/14