

Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association

Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2015

Opening

The Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association was called to order at 3:40 PM on January 4, 2015.

Present

Evelyn Egizi, President; Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison; Jamey Lees, BAR Coordinator; Jim Patton, Officials Coordinator; Mary Schmerge, Women's Coordinator; Dana Mellerio, Race Director Coordinator, Stuart Lamb, USAC Regional Representative

Corporation Members Present: (20 voting members in *Italics*)

<i>Battley Ducati</i>	<i>ABRT</i>	<i>Monticello Velo Club</i>
<i>Rock Creek Velo</i>	<i>Arlington Masters</i>	<i>Veloworks-Spokes Etc.</i>
<i>Evolution</i>	<i>Foreign Auto Svc</i>	<i>Page Valley Cycling</i>
<i>Artemis</i>	<i>NCVC</i>	<i>Team BBC</i>
<i>Bike Doctor</i>	<i>Squadra Coppi</i>	<i>Kelly Benefits</i>
<i>DC Velo</i>	<i>The Bike Lane</i>	<i>WWVC</i>
<i>AABC</i>	<i>AVC</i>	<i>BRR</i>
<i>Chesapeake Wheelman</i>	<i>District Velocity Racing</i>	<i>CAWES</i>

Reports of the Corporation

- Introductory report provided by Evelyn Egizi
- Peter Lindeman provided a report as the Vice-President and Junior's Coordinator:
 - Seek to increase participation and numbers from junior women.
 - Per RCV rep, there has been an increase this year in junior women.
 - Bike loan program has been highly successful.
 - Two largest MABRA members currently involved in bike loan programs for juniors are NCVC and RCV. RCV alone has 60 bikes to loan to juniors. There is a requirement that recipients race bikes that are loaned.
 - The goal is to encourage juniors to start with CX before moving to road racing. This mirrors the model from other areas to encourage the development of bike handling skills.

- Joe Naley from Team BBC delivered a report on the development of the Baltimore Youth Cycling program:
 - City-wide program throughout Baltimore. Already involves 6 local shops.
 - BYC will have a meeting to vote on directors on 1/18/2015.
 - Aiming to have an active presence at CX events in 2015 for ages 8-18.
 - BYC is soliciting equipment and bikes for donation along with small sized kit. BYC participants will be provided with a jersey.
 - Information will be linked on MABRA website.
- Jason Meidhof delivered a report on his role on the board.
- Jim Patton delivered a report as Official's Coordinator:
 - No new rule changes for 2015 to impact race planning.
 - MABRA had 74 event days in 2014 and over 49 officials.
 - Wayne Lerch earned is Cat "A" certification and Mimi Newcastle became a National Elite Commissaire.
 - MABRA Officials of the Year:
 - Jon Agazzi
 - Jared Ferber
 - MABRA needs new officials. There will be two entry level clinics this year.
 - On behalf of Lew Srader, Upgrade Coordinator:
 - 476 cases this year, majority approved.
- Jamey Lees delivered a report on the status of the BAR.
- Dana Mellerio delivered a report on the new race director position:
 - MABRA needs to develop a promoters list to facilitate communication and the sharing of ideas.
 - Goal should be to raise the excitement level of road races to match that currently seen at CX events.
 - New Level "C" Certification for race directors: As explained by Stuart Lamb, Regional Representative from USAC.
 - Clubs can get an unlimited number of free race director licenses.
 - There will now be a race director curriculum and test, including continuing education units.
 - In 2015 you will need to have a race director license to register and promote events.
 - The goal with this new program is to increase safety of events and the overall quality of racing.
 - Develop checklists to help navigate the permit process for race directors.

- Including potentially a mentorship/workshops for new race directors.
 - Junior Development program: Separate calendar through USAC.
- Evelyn Egizi provide a report on behalf of Jon Hicks regarding the status of CX:
 - CX is growing and chip timing is a huge success.
 - World Championships in Richmond next year will require changes to the CX calendar.
- Stuart Lamb, Regional Coordinator for USAC, delivered a report on the status of the USAC registration tool:
 - Goal is to make registration easier for both the competitor and promoter and to generate additional revenue for the race director.
 - 3 key points:
 - Rebates:
 - \$.40 per rider for any race with pre-reg numbers of at least 50.
 - Tiered annual bonus program based on participation in a club's annual promoted races.
 - Electronic waivers: reduce race day paperwork
 - Event cancellation insurance
 - Other benefits:
 - Use of the USAC messenger system including for wait lists
 - Easier result submissions.
 - One-click refunds.
 - Permit fees automatically deducted
 - BAR results are directly tied to race result submissions and license number rather than racer name.

Budget for 2015

- Robin Meidhof, Treasurer, submitted a proposed budget to the members.
- MABRA will not issue monies for 2014 reimbursement requests after December 31, 2014.
- MABRA continues to run a yearly deficit. Reserves, previously built up, are nearly depleted and cuts will be required in order to continue to fund important MABRA functions.
- MABRA revenue stream and major expenses were discussed.
 - Cuts were made across many categories of the budget.
 - Largest expense remains timing reimbursement and the largest recipients of that reimbursement are Tour of Page Valley and Tour of Washington County.
 - In past years the budget for timing reimbursement has been over spent.
 - Proposed budget would limit timing reimbursement to \$500 per time trial event and \$500 per stage of a stage race (total of \$1500 for both Page and Washington County races).
- It was explained that championship events pay no fees. All new events are given a two-year grace period on fees for new events.
- Page Valley Cycling & Whole Wheel Velo Club, proposed an amendment to the budget increasing the per stage reimbursement for timing to \$1000 (for a total of \$3000).
 - It was explained that this level of reimbursement exceeded prior year reimbursement totals for both Page County and Washington County.
 - Membership voted to approve the amendment 13 to 0.
- Budget was then voted upon with amendment and approved 15 to 1.

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	2013 Proposed Budget	2013 Actual Budget	2014 Proposed Budget	2014 Actual Budget	2015 Proposed Budget
MABRA Treasury					
Balance carried forward from previous year	\$39,014.07	\$39,014.07	\$22,854.44 as of 2/28/14	\$22,854.44	\$16,996 as of 1/23/15
INCOME					
License Payment from USAC - % of local licenses purchased	\$15,000.00	\$18,811.00	\$18,000.00	\$16,993.00	\$18,000
MABRA Race Fees - "\$1 per rider day" fee	\$12,000.00	\$11,211.40	\$12,000.00	\$11,290.00	\$11,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$27,000.00	\$30,022.40	\$30,000.00	\$28,283.00	\$29,500
EXPENSES					
Advertisizing	\$1,000.00		\$0.00		
Awards Expense - BAR plaques, medals, party	\$3,500.00	\$5,750.10	\$3,500.00	\$4,508.65	\$5,000
Bank Charge - Bank Fees	\$200.00	\$283.71	\$300.00	\$211.95	\$300
Beginner Rider Skills Clinic	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200
Cyclocross Tape, storage, fencing, tents, stakes, barriers	\$5,000.00	\$4,786.42	\$5,000.00	\$4,530.10	\$5,000
Cyclocross Publicity	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Equipment Expense - durable hardware (race kit & transport)	\$5,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500
Grants for USAC and International Events, UCI promoter grants	\$2,000.00	\$2,525.98	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000
Indemnification against loss for MABRA Championship events	\$2,000.00	\$1,365.46	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
Insurance: Liability for Officers	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$150
Insurance: Permits (MABRA Championship Jersey Stipend) as of 2014, Reimbursement only for MABRA Track Champion Jersey/Skinsuit	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Juniors' Program (awards, clinics, bikes)	\$1,800.00	\$914.07	\$1,360.00	\$237.66	
DC 501(3)(c)/incorporation fees	\$10,000.00	\$7,398.23	\$7,500.00	\$7,119.70	\$5,000
Motor Insurance Rebate - 50% of moto ins. costs	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200
Office Supplies - forms, other consumables	\$2,700.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,038.00	\$4,000
Officials' Program	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$96.54	\$200
Permit Expenses - postage, envelopes, etc	\$6,000.00	\$6,645.39	\$6,000.00	\$4,913.21	\$5,000
Pilot Programs (chip timing, registration, Composite team)	\$300.00	\$250.24	\$300.00	\$175.00	\$300
Drug Testing Fund	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
Promoters' Program - clinic & education	\$6,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00		
Travel Expense - travel, lodging, meals (Local Association Meeting, etc)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$200
TT & Stage Race Timing/Results Services	\$1,000.00	\$1,232.14	\$1,500.00	\$763.92	\$1,000
Veterans/Military Race Support Fund	\$7,000.00	\$10,564.29	\$7,500.00	\$8,284.49	\$10,000
Website Expense - MABRA.org costs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Womens' Program - prizes, etc	\$750.00	\$361.02	\$500.00	\$257.76	\$400
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$33,900.00)	(\$18,104.65)	(\$15,960.00)	(\$6,103.98)	(\$10,950)
End Year Balance	\$5,114.07	\$20,909.42	\$6,894.44	\$16,750.46	\$6,046

Proposals

Proposals are listed in order as they appear on the MABRA website. There were 20 voting members present. In cases where the totals do not equal 20, members either abstained from voting or absented themselves from the meeting.

1. Syn-Fit BAR process proposal was not approved by a vote of 0 to 11
2. DC Velo BAR modification proposal was not approved by a vote of 9 to 9
3. Bike Lane women's series proposal was approved by a vote of 10 to 7
 - a. This proposal increased the women's race budget from \$1000 to \$2000.
4. Bike Lane standard race fields proposal was approved by a vote of 12 to 3
 - a. It was explained this proposal requires, at a minimum, every BAR race must include one women's field.
5. NCVC juniors BAR categories proposal was approved by a vote of 14 to 0.
6. NCVC juniors gender parity proposal was approved by a vote of 14 to 0.
7. ABRT juniors BAR proposal was approved by a vote of 10 to 5.
 - a. This proposal modified the NCVC juniors BAR categories proposal to include an additional 9-10 year old category.
8. NCVC junior jersey race category proposal was approved by a vote of 17 to 0.
9. MVC Age-Graded Championship for Miller School was approved.
10. PVC Sr. Road Race Championship for Page Valley was approved.
11. AVC Sr. and Age-Graded Criterium Championships were approved.
12. LSV Age-Graded Criterium Championship for Bike Jam was not approved. The vote of 12 to 5 was in favor of the Fort Richie Criterium.
13. ABRT TT Championship was approved.
14. Highway to Heaven Hill Climb Championship was not approved by a vote of 12 to 5.
15. AMVC Track Championship was approved.
16. FSV DE/MD State CX Championship was not approved. The vote was in favor of the TEAM CX Championship for that event.
17. TEAM CX Championship was approved.
18. Team Integrity's membership in MABRA was approved 17 to 0.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next general meeting of the Board is to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: 1/20/2015

Due to a procedural oversight, a vote on the current MABRA Board of Directors was not taken at the annual meeting held January 4, 2015. The Secretary reached out to the member representatives who attended the meeting and solicited a vote of “Yes” or “No” since all of the offices were uncontested.

Evelyn Egizi, President – [10 yes, 1 no]

Pete Lindeman, Vice-President – [11 yes]

Robin Meidhof, Treasurer – [10 yes, 1 no]

Rob Kelly, Secretary – [11 yes]

Jason Meidhof, Member-at-Large [11 yes]

By majority vote, the MABRA Board is CONFIRMED for 2015-2016.

Officially recorded: February 27, 2015.