

## 1999 TBRA Meeting Minutes - November 21<sup>st</sup> 1999

Call to order by Frank Mackzum, Director.

Officers Present Officers Absent

Frank Mackzum, Director Reneau Dubberly, Treasurer

Robby Fromin, Vice President

Marsha Andrews, Secretary

Clubs Present

Amateur Cyding Club of Memphis (ACCM), Robby Fromin

Allanti, Vicki Mackzum - proxy

Cedar Bluff Cyding, Gene Synder

CT Cyding, Suzanne & Mark Beck

Highland Rim Bicycle Club (HRBC), Kevin Uehlein

Memphis Rading Cydists (MRC), Billy Hatcher

MOAB, Todd Nordmeyer

North Chattanooga Cyding Club (NCCC), Charles Paris & Bill Parsons

River City Wheelmen (RCW), Billy Hatcher

Southern Cyding Operation (SCO), Steve Bacon

Tennessee Wheelmen Association, Joey Holland

Tri-Cities Road Club, Rick Offerman

Tennessee Valley Bicycle Club (TVBC), Ben Meeks & Sean McCombs

Upper Cumberland Wheelmen (UCW), Frank Mackzum

Guests

George Heagerty, USA Cyding

John Tarbert, USA Cyding

David & Julie Mallette, SE Wm.'s Category 4 Racing Series Coordinator

Greg Johnson & David Newsome, Fat Tire Association Jackson, TN

John & Barbara Rigsby

TBRA has \$1,638.37 in cash as of 10/18/99.

- 1) Voted to purchase trailer for \$1000.00 plus tax.
- 2) Voted against Vickie Mackzum becoming webmaster for TBRA website.
- 3) Voted for Bluff City Sports handling webmaster duties for TBRA website for one year.
- 4) Voted to charge \$20.00 fine for all returned checks to TBRA.
- 5) Voted to give member dubs 15 days from the day they are notified that they are in bad standing with TBRA to remedy the issue. From the 16th day forward, until the reason for bad standing is fixed, members of the dub in question will not be allowed to accumulated TBAR points nor be awarded a prize for the TBAR competition. They will also not be allowed to use the TBRA trailer. Once the situation is remedied, the members of the dub in question can again earn TBAR points. However, they will not be assigned points for races they had participated in during their dub's term in bad status. They will also be allowed to use the TBAR trailer.

6) Voted to add Women category 4 T BAR competition and eliminate Masters 35+ Women T BAR competition.

7) Voted to develop an off-road T BAR series starting in 2000 and designate a coordinator for said series.

8) Voted to stipulate that TBRA race promoters must distribute race announcements to all TBRA clubs at least 45 days in advance of their event and also follow USCF rule 1E3 in order to be considered a T BAR points event. Events that do not adhere to these rules will not be considered in the T BAR competitions.

Discussion :

1. Discussed purchase of the existing TBRA trailer from Utility Trailer, Inc. for \$1000 plus tax. Utility Trailer has donated the use of the current TBRA trailer for the past three years. They would like us to buy the trailer out right. Cost for a new trailer if we decided to return the trailer we have been using and buy a new one is estimated at \$1650.00. It was noted that the current trailer has roughly \$500 worth of advertising decals on it that would need to be replaced. It was also noted that the trailer may need new tires in the near future.

Frank Mackzum and several others noted the potential need for a new video tape player for the finish line equipment. The current one is in disrepair. A replacement player was estimated to cost from \$80 to \$110.

2 & 3) Discussed problems with timeliness of website updating. Several options were discussed to address this issue.

- Robby Fromin discussed using Bluff City Sports, Inc., a Memphis based business that deals with Internet sites, to help manage and continue to develop the TBRA site. BCS would like only to advertise on the site in return. BCS would be willing to find ways for race promoters to get results of T BAR races to TBRA more rapidly so that the T BAR points series could be updated in a very timely fashion during the racing season.
- Vickie Mackzum offered to manage the site and handle T BAR results herself for free. She submitted most of the results from races to TBRA in 1999. This would also help TBRA avoid any costs in administering the site.

Robby Fromin brought up how other organizations rely on funding and sponsorship from businesses. For a nominal sponsorship to link from TBRA to Bluff City Sports site, we could push work to them. As an example, EDS does the site for USA Cycling in return for sponsorship. ACCM also relies on corporate funding and individual sponsorship. TBRA needs to do the same or it will be limited to funding its current funding base and pure volunteerism in the future.

Once vote was taken it was agreed that the website with all its updates needs to be up by 1st TBRA race. A Director of Series Points will be designated and questions about T BAR points will be directed to him/her.

Tabled naming a person until 2000 officers are voted in.

4) Cleveland Cycling Club has a returned check for \$50.00 Frank Mackzum has spoken to them, but still has received no payment . Discussed at length fines for

dubs that lose their good standing with TBRA.

For 2000 the Cleveland Cycling Club must pay dues of \$35.00, returned check \$50.00, and \$20.00 fine to become a TBRA member for 2000.

5) Discussed how to handle dubs that lose their good member status (such as bouncing a check) in the future. It was decided that a posting will be made on the website to alert all members of a dub that their dub has become in bad status.

6) Discussed Masters 35+ women and Senior 4 women categories for TBAR awards.

7) Discussed the importance of off-road racing and the possibility of having a TBAR off-road competition. Need to contact off-road promoters in the state and develop a schedule. Billy Hatcher and Greg Johnson will work with Robby Fromin to develop rules for the new competition by January 15, 2000. They will be posted on the website

8) A Point Series Director will be appointed to oversee that each TBAR series is handled correctly. This person will make sure that event promoters are properly informing TBRA riders about TBAR events. Events that do not follow TBAR competition rules, regardless of whether they bill their event as a TBAR event, will not give out TBAR points.

Open Discussion:

- The TBAR Team Competition was discussed including how the calculations were made to determine the winner for 1999. The 1999 calculations weren't done according to the system voted on in 1998. The relevant portion of the 11/22/98 meeting's minutes were read.

"At each race the normal TBRA rider points, for the top two team riders, in each category, for each team, will be added to the team's competition scores. Highest team score at the end of the season wins the 'Best Tennessee Bicycling Racing Team' plaque. Plaque to cost up to \$25.00."

This means that the top two riders from each team in each TBAR category at each race will have the points they accumulate added to the team competition total.

Competition standings need to be posted on the site during the season.

- Suggest to all promoters to give a bonus (ribbon, medal, or certificate) to 15 and under.

- TBRA promoter requirements to hold a TBAR points series race will be on the Website by March 1.

- Request all dubs to send in their roster.

- George Heagerty, SE Regional Coordinator, discussed new programs from USAC for 2000 such as availability of bicycle insurance, changes to race permitting process, rider ranking system, Internet access service, and new partnership for online registration with ACTIVEUSA.com.

- David Mallette, SE Women' s Cyding Series Coordinator from Birmingham, AL discussed new regional women' s category 4 series for 2000. The series will probably include races in Tennessee such as Raccoon MTN RR, Allanti RR and Crit and Crossville RR, TT & Crit.

- John Tarbert, Dir. of Tech. Services with USA Cyding, Colorado, informed us the maximum \$6.00 late charge has been removed. Promoters may now charge late fees in any amount.

- Discussed TBAR rule stating that a complete TBAR category must be able to race at an event in order for it to give out TBAR points. Example: a category 2/3 race would count for TBAR points for category 3' s but not 2' s because category 1' ~~isn't~~ t allowed to race

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

President Robby Fromin

Vice-President Frank Madzum

Secretary Marsha Andrews

Treasurer Todd Nordmeyer

Director of NORBA Series and Director of Series Points will be appointed by the Executive Board.

Meeting for 2000 will be weekend of Nov. 4 & 5 in Nashville, TN. We will continue with the Night of Champions Banquet on Sat. Nov. 4.

Meeting adjourned by Pres. Robby Fromin  
Respectfully Submitted  
Marsha Andrews , Sec