

2009 TBRA Fall General Membership Meeting

Sunday, December 6th, 2009

Cumberland University - Edward Labry Hall - Classroom #130

Officers Present:

President	Todd Nordmeyer
Secretary	John Carr
Treasurer	Dennis Ley
Director of Road Racing	Tim Hall
Director of Mountain Bike Racing	Jennifer Morehead
Director of Points	Bill Parsons
Director of Cyclocross Racing	Dwayne Letterman

Officers Absent:

Vice-President	Melissa Hudson-Gant
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Clubs Present:

Acme MultiSports	Greg Clark
Cumberland Transit Cycling	John Carr
Cumberland University	Tim Hall
Cycology Bicycles	Jay Nevans (Proxy)
East TN Junior Cycling (ETJC)	David Tankersley
Jackson Spokes	Jennifer Morehead
Knox Velo	Robbie Kidd
Memphis Velo	David Bell
Middle TN Velo	Mike Mead (by phone)
NashvilleCyclist.com	Tim Hall
Road Less Traveled	Marshall Bassett
Scenic City Velo (SCV)	Ken Radley
Southern Cycling Operations (SCO)	Jay Nevans
SVMIC Cycling	Kevin Freeman
Team Bikers Choice	Joey Holland
Team Gran Fondo - Bianchi	Robert Gregory
Team Harpeth Bicycles	Nathan Taylor
Tri-Cities Road Club (TCRC)	Janine Pleasant (by phone)
Velo Bella - Kona TN	Jennifer Morehead
Wood -N- Wave KY	Shawn James
Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains	John Hart
King College	Dennis Ley (Proxy for Dan Kreiss)
865 Juniors Cycling	Jay Nevans
Tomato Head/TVB	Jerome Tester (Proxy for Scott Smith)

Additional Guests/ Promoters:

Club or Race Name (if applicable)	Guests
Scenic City Velo	Bill Parsons
SVMIC	Marshall Bassett
Harpeth Bicycles	Jay Spiegel, James Martinez
Tri-Cities Road Club	Dwayne Letterman, Reneau Dubberley
USAC	Stuart Lamp
USAC	Frank Mackzum, Vicki Mackzum
Sparta/White Co. Chamber of Commerce	Aaron Shafer, Terri White
Oak Ridge Velo	Jon Crowson
ETJC	Jessica Lange (by phone)

2009 Highlights:

A review of 2009 season highlights was conducted by Todd Nordmeyer. Featured items included improved consistency in race promotion and race flyers; use of Race Manager software and improvements to TBRA

website (including sponsor logos, stat packages, & results database); continued education and an increased number of officials in TN; continued growth, popularity, and consistency in the Cyclo-cross series; growing interest in MTB endurance events; increase in Junior Development; increase in female participants; improved TBRA Marketing campaign; outreach to similar organizations such as the Nashville Triathlon Club/USAT; review of 2009 rider counts; and the 2009 Celebration of Champions Weekend which had the largest attendance of TBRA celebrations to date.

Financial Review:

A budget and account summary was distributed by Dennis Ley. A review of TBRA financial status was conducted and filings related to TBRA's not-for-profit status were discussed. Increased expenditures for Junior Development and Celebration of Champions weekend, and continuation of a reduced BAR/per-rider fee contributed to a decline in account balance. Concerns were raised about the current account balance and financial decisions made in 2009. Reneau Dubberly requested that annual budget be presented, approved, and followed as described in TBRA bylaws. [Specific financial details to be available to TBRA member clubs upon request.]

USAC Presentation:

Stuart Lamp, USAC Southeast Regional Coordinator, presented a summary of 2009 USAC activity in Tennessee; highlighting the counts of annual licenses sold, event permits, and USAC clubs. Stuart noted that a review of this activity shows that the state maintained its number licensed racers during a difficult economic year, increased education of officials and created a new base of licensed officials, and the website has been key in keeping riders informed and adding value. Suggestions for additional initiatives included an outreach program to non-competitive events [educational pamphlet to century rides, schools, etc- include information about the sport, lower barrier of entry to events, include link to website], addition of a TBRA Club Competition based on collegiate cycling rules [noting a higher incentive to recruit women in collegiate series], and increased education of promoters and officials.

USAC Rules & officiating updates:

Frank Mackzum and Vicki Mackzum reviewed officiating updates and USAC rule changes.

- Percentage of riders to officials is good; but number of participating officials needs to be increased.
- Promoters need to be educated to the requirement of state/local permitting and proper course marshaling. Frank to create book
- Frank shared his thanks for local support in the recent USAC regional trustee election.
- USCF updates
 - no change to Jr gears for road events; rule changes affect track events only.
 - Riders must complete the final 8k of a criterium. Officials to do the math in order to determine 8k distance. Free laps end at 8k; as opposed to previous interpretation of 'no free laps in last 8k'. The new rule indicates 'Rider granted free lap must rejoin the race prior to the final 8k.' Change will be reflected in new rule book. Suggest other revisions be submitted up to USAC for review through TBRA and/or Frank Maczum; discussion of proportional rule i.e. time instead of fixed distance.
- The rule regarding dropped riders in crits is no longer interpretive. Previously the chief referee decided if that person was intentionally dropping back. Now a dropped rider can no longer assist the overtaking group; disciplinary action may include DQ.
- Cross: Chief referee can make the determination that feeding may be allowed.
- Cat 5 rule: no change. 50 limit, may be up to 75 total riders. Another rule indicates Cat 5 can not be combined with an open category [i.e. Jrs (as a 1/2/3/4 field)]; number of Cat 5 riders in a field may not exceed 50 riders at any time.

2010 Road and Mountain Bike Racing Schedules:

A draft of a tentative 2010 TBRA schedule was created by Tim Hall and Jennifer Morehead, in conjunction with event promoters and Stuart Lamp (USAC).

Election of TBRA Officers:

An overview of board positions and current vacancies was provided.

President	(Open)
Vice President	(Open)
Secretary	(Open)
Road Director	(Open)
MTB Director	(Open)

A review of voting eligibility was conducted per club. Cycology Bicycles was excluded due to non-payment of USAC dues. The representative for Middle TN Velo exited the conference call prior to voting; no votes were cast by this club. Two clubs (Wood -N- Wave KY; Velo Bella – Kona TN) were included by extension of TBRA membership granted in 2008. Scenic City Velo was granted eligibility as arrangements for final payment of TBRA race fees had been made with TBRA Treasurer. Four clubs established for 2010 (King College; Tomato Head/TVB; Friends of the Great Smokey Mountains [FGS]; 865 Juniors Cycling) paid 2010 TBRA dues and requested eligibility to vote in the Election of Officers. Eligibility for 2010 was granted by a vote of TBRA officers [5 in favor; 2 opposed]. Clarification of eligibility requirements was added to the list of action items for the 2010 Board. A quorum was reached as representatives for 21 clubs out of 33 were present for voting.

Nominations for board positions were accepted from the floor, statements by candidates were provided, and votes for each office were held in the following order per TBRA By-laws: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Director, MTB Director, Points Director, Cyclo-cross Director.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
P	Kevin Freeman (SVMIC)	Jay Nevans	Dennis Ley
P	Vicki Mackzum (Columbia Cycling Club)	Janine Pleasant	Robert Gregory

A vote was conducted by roll call per club. Votes were 11 for Kevin, 10 for Vicki.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
VP	Reneau Dubberly (TCRC)	Janine Pleasant	Robert Gregory
VP	Jerome Tester (Tomato Head)	Kevin Freeman	John Hart
VP	Vicki Mackzum (declined nomination)	Dwayne Letterman	

A vote was conducted by roll call per club. Votes were 11 for Jerome, 10 for Reneau.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Sec	Reneau Dubberly (TCRC)	Robert Gregory	Bill Parsons
Sec	Jay Nevans (SCO)	Dennis Ley	Kevin Freeman

A vote was conducted by roll call per club. Votes were 20 for Reneau, 1 for Jay.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
T	Dennis Ley (ETJC)	Robert Gregory	Kevin Freeman

With no other candidates receiving nomination, Dennis was elected by popular acclaim.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Road	Dennis Ley (ETJC)	Jerome Tester	Kevin Freeman
Road	Dwayne Letterman (declined nomination)	Tim Hall	
Road	Tim Hall (declined nomination)	Jon Crowson	

With no other candidates receiving nomination, Dennis was elected by popular acclaim.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
MTB	Jennifer Morehead (Jackson Spokes)	Shawn James	Jon Crowson
MTB	Jay Nevans (SCO)	Dennis Ley	Kevin Freeman

A vote was conducted by roll call per club. Votes were 14 for Jennifer, 7 for Jay.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Points	Bill Parsons (SCV)	Todd Nordmeyer	John Carr

With no other candidates receiving nomination, Bill was elected by popular acclaim.

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Cross	Dwayne Letterman (TCRC)	Kevin Freeman	Dennis Ley

With no other candidates receiving nomination, Dwayne was elected by popular acclaim.

Officers-Elect for 2010 TBRA Board:

President	Kevin Freeman	(SVMIC)
Vice-President	Jerome Tester	(Tomato Head/TVB)
Secretary	Reneau Dubberly	(TCRC)
Treasurer	Dennis Ley	(ETJC)
Director of Road Racing	Dennis Ley	(ETJC)
Director of Mountain Bike Racing	Jennifer Morehead	(Jackson Spokes)
Director of Points	Bill Parsons	(SCV)
Director of Cyclocross Racing	Dwayne Letterman	(TCRC)

New business:

The following items were discussed for potential review and implementation by 2010 TBRA Board:

- Quarterly meetings of the board and quarterly Treasurer's report.
- Clarification of voting status/eligibility for out-of-state clubs that have been granted TBRA membership [currently authorized under temporary exemption extended by board]; clarify terms of membership as related to voting status for upcoming calendar year.
- Revision of bylaws to incorporate creation of Cyclocross Director position [e.g. voting order].
- Succession planning for transition between board members [change of office, resignation, discharge, election of new members, etc].
- Change TBRA bylaws to reflect USAC guidelines for the assignment of officials (i.e. assignments are to be made by officials coordinator not TBRA series director).
- Create enforcement mechanism for collection of TBRA fees. Consequences of late payment to be determined [e.g. not posting results, removal of TBRA series designation in following year]. Also needs to be partnered with invoicing system from TBRA. Vicki Mackzum volunteered to create form for use by TN officials and to review this process during upcoming required meeting. [Officials are required to go to this meeting in order to be a chief referee/judge in 2010].
- Interest from promoters to initiate a 4-race MTB Endurance Events series for 2010; Todd suggested that interested parties create a written proposal for review.
- Expansion of 2009 Race Schedule Posters program to allow for promoters to use posters in alternative locations [e.g. schools].
- Club competition based on collegiate model- suggest review of collegiate rule book prior to changes
- Reconcile TBRA series vs State championship eligibility (e.g. Masters racing down an age group in TBRA series vs. in championship events - inclusive of State championships- masters may not race down in age group).
- 2010 State championship events format /selection criteria to be determined by the Board.
- Stand-alone MTB championship. [Noting that TBRA itself has not typically taken the role of race promotion- as race promotion is a role of USAC clubs, not local associations.]
- Review creation of TBRA Junior women's categories scored separately from men's. Create clear designation for use on flyers. Suggest template for scheduling categories in such a way that there are spectators present for Juniors races.
- TBRA rule change to require promoters to provide free entry fee for previous year TBRA series champions; suggested plan would have series champion pay for entry fee with a rebate issued by promoter upon completion of event while wearing jersey.
- Temporary BAR fee increase to \$2 for budgetary reasons.
- Update contact information for clubs. Expanded list of email addresses will be available to TBRA as part

of 2010 local association agreement.

- More widespread distribution of TBRA results/event database data.
- Review of potential revisions and requests for modifications to Race Manager software (e.g. electronic interface with Finish Links camera system).
- Review and possible revision of Division I designation/TBRA point scale criteria.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John Carr, Secretary