

# **Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association**

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015

## **Opening**

A special meeting of the Board of the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association was called to order at 8:30 PM on March 10, 2015.

## **Present**

Evelyn Egizi, President; Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison

## **Topics Discussed**

- The issue of the Tour of Washington County Kickoff Criterium was discussed.
  - The promoter has requested a waiver of the new BAR rule requiring a women's field in this race.
  - Comment was solicited from the Women's Coordinator and an effort was made at reaching a compromise that is in the best interest of the parties and the racing community prior to the meeting.
- It was resolved by the Board that the Tour of Washington County Kickoff Criterium will need to have a women's field offered in compliance with the new BAR rule.
  - The promoter is to submit a permit with the appropriate fields.
  - The promoter will have the right to cancel the women's field but still retain the event's BAR status if there are fewer than 25 women pre-registered by a pre-determined date before the race.
- Separately the women's coordinator will be encouraged to use funds from the allocated budget line item for prize money and other attendance incentives for both MABRA stage races.
- Both the women's coordinator and the promoter of Tour of Washington County will be invited to attend to next general meeting to be held on April 6 to discuss this and other related matters in public.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next general meeting will be on April 6 at a time and location to be determined. The upcoming meeting will be open to the public. A conference call will be held on March 23 at 8:30PM. Call-in information will be circulated.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: 3/11/2015

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## **Present**

Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison

## **Topics Discussed**

- Agenda for the upcoming public meeting on April 6 was discussed. The agenda will be prepared by the Secretary and circulated to the membership through the identified points of contact.
- Agenda will consist of four main topics:
  - Discussing what it means to be a part of MABRA.
  - Explanation of the budget issues that MABRA will face in the coming years.
  - Women's Series.
  - Communication between the MABRA Board and the members.
- It was unanimously decided that since Team Integrity just became a member of MABRA that its requirement to pay fees associated with the race series it promoted will be waived for two years.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM. The next general meeting will be on April 6 from 7-9 PM at the Cleveland Park Library.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: 3/26/2015

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## Present

Evelyn Egizi, President; Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison; Dana Mellerio, Race Director Liaison

Also present: Deidre Mullaly, Jeff Dalik, Iris Ford, Todd Harris

## Topics Discussed

Budget Presentation by Robin Meidhof, Treasurer

- MABRA is currently spending more than it is collecting through licenses and fees. By the end of the year there will likely be little to no money left in both the budget and in MABRA's bank account.
  - A plan needs to be created to deal with potential for a shortfall in this year's ability to meet the proposed budget.
- A long-term plan is also needed to raise additional money and potentially limit expenditures. The following proposals were put on the table and discussed:
  - Ways to raise additional funds:
    - Ensuring with USAC that MABRA is receiving licensing fees from all VA zip codes that fall within MABRA's geographic area.
    - Raising fees paid by races to MABRA.
    - Increasing the number of races within the MABRA calendar.
    - Increasing the geographic limits of MABRA to include teams and areas currently outside its borders.
  - Ways to reduce budget expenditures:
    - Cutting timing and moto-insurance reimbursement. The question was posed should the promoters become completely responsible for the expenses of timing? Look at the cyclocross example.
    - Cutting the budget for the awards banquet.
    - Eliminating championship medals and BAR plaques.
    - Ending the 2-year fee waiver for new events.
  - Currently over a quarter of MABRA's budget is spent on two events- Tour of Page County and Tour of Washington County.

- While MABRA can run a short-term budget deficit, once the bank account is at zero MABRA cannot incur further obligations.
- Need to ensure equitable treatment by MABRA of all events throughout the calendar.
- Consider a sliding scale of reimbursement should funds run out. Consider also no reimbursement until the end of the year and then events may be reimbursed in a to be determined proportion.

#### What does it mean to be Part of MABRA? Presentation by Jason Meidhof, Member Liason

- Explanation of current Articles and By-law requirements for membership in MABRA and voting rights.
- The Local Association Agreement and MABRA website currently differ on the zip codes within Virginia that are considered part of MABRA. Need to coordinate with USAC to ensure that MABRA's geography is understood.
- Is it necessary to re-write the by-laws to better define club standards?
  - Number of licensed riders requirement? Currently for both categories of membership the minimum is 5 members.
  - Geographic Limits? MABRA has started admitting clubs from beyond the strict geographic limits. Should MABRA expand that program to other clubs?
  - Requirement to promote an event. Is it necessary to provide a clearer definition of what it means to "promote" an event? Should co-promoters count equally to the lead promoter?
- The Board will continue to discuss this issue internally.

#### Women's Series Report by Mary Schmerge, Women's Coordinator

- Report delivered by letter explaining the status of the women's series.
- Look to the MABRA website for further information.
- MABRA should study why local women become involved in cycling and what factors affect their desire to race.

#### Communication's Plan Report by Rob Kelly, Secretary

- The current means of communicating between the MABRA Board and the club membership is inadequate. Need to move away from using the general MABRA list serv to a more dedicated direct line of communication.

- Plan is to develop a list of dedicated points of contact for all MABRA clubs. Ultimate goal is to create a dedicated list serv for MABRA Board and club communications.
- Currently collecting e-mail contacts for each club. Will continue to do so and eventually move to create a MABRA Google Group.

Results of the election of the Board were announced. All five members of the Board were re-elected.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: 5/5/2015

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## **Present**

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## **Topics Discussed**

Argyle TT issues were discussed

- Concerns were expressed about the road guards and riders riding off course. The Board discussed that it is the responsibility of the rider to know the course; however, road guards not knowing or properly marshaling the course raises a serious safety concern. The Board will discuss the latter issue with the promoter to remind them of the importance of properly training road guards.
- BAR status will remain.
- The Board will inquire as to what the issues were which caused a protracted wait for results.

Review of the USAC Reg Tool

- Some issues were raised from early season races; but overall it has been positive.

Zip Codes for VA on Local Association Agreement

- The Board has become aware of a discrepancy between the zip codes in VA advertised as part of MABRA and the local association agreement draft sent for signature this year.
- It is not clear why the discrepancy exists.
- The change of zip codes affects the area near Culpepper, VA, and isolates the city from the surrounding countryside.
- The secretary will work with the President of VACA to determine what zip codes are listed in their agreement and work to remedy the issue.

## Reimbursements

- Based on the current pace we should be able to cover all reimbursements for the remainder of the year.
- The Treasurer reminded the Board that over ¼ MABRA funds are currently used for reimbursement of just the Tour of Page County and Tour of Washington County and that if funds run short an equitable solution for reimbursement may need to be devised.

## BAR Awards

- Some awards from this year's BAR Award Event still have not been picked up.

## Officiating Numbers

- The Board discussed issues related to communication problems between a race director and the local USAC officials.
- All race directors are reminded that it is their responsibility to engage in a robust and early discussion with USAC officials regarding the events that they are promoting.
- The importance of having chief referees assigned at the earliest possible time was also discussed. Early discussions should help to militate the potential for time-pressured disputes arising.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: 5/13/2015

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## **Topics Discussed**

Local Association Meeting: Report presented by the President regarding a recent conference call between USAC, VCA and MABRA and the zip codes designated for MABRA.

- It was agreed that MABRA shall be designated as the local association with responsibility over the following VA Zip Codes: 20101 to 22799
- A discussion was held regarding possible redistribution of district lines generally and specifically with regard to MABRA and VCA. The view has been expressed that there may be a benefit to MABRA to subsume VCA and create a larger local association.
- The question for the Board and the membership is whether there is additional value to the associations and riders to balance out the increased costs for officials, racer travel time and larger BAR competition.
- The Board would like to get more opinions from MABRA members regarding redistricting. There will be a meeting with USAC officials at the World Championships in Richmond in September to discuss.
- It was decided to post the Local Association agreement with USAC on the MABRA website.

## **Championship Medals**

- Medals have been ordered, received and distributed to the initial championship events.
- The Member Liaison will reinforce the rules with promoters of these championship events about determining the eligibility of racers to compete in specific categories at the time that the awards are distributed.

## Women's Series

- A preliminary review of the results of the recent survey was conducted. The data still needs to be further analyzed; however, the Board thanks the Women's Coordinator for her work in collecting the responses and analyzing the data.
- A new women's specific MABRA website was created:  
<http://www.mabrawomen.com>
- The Board would like to see continued action by the Women's Coordinator in promoting women's participation in all MABRA events including events not specifically listed in the Women's Series.
- The Board would like to propose additional collaboration between the Women's Coordinator in MABRA and her counterparts in PA and VA, along with local businesses and supporters.

## Awards Banquet

- Discussion was held about how to improve the quality of the awards banquet and encourage attendance. It was proposed to separate the banquet from the annual meeting and make the latter much more of a streamlined event.
- The Member Liaison and Secretary will work to generate ideas for how to improve the banquet and for new awards and honors.

## Budget

- The Board wants member input on whether there is a consensus on the need for continued subsidizing of all timing costs for stage races in light of the current budget shortfalls, especially given that cyclocross uses similar timing systems and does not receive a subsidy.
- As of May 18, 2015, the MABRA Treasurer has received requests for \$750 for motorcycle insurance reimbursement and \$3,000 for stage race timing reimbursement. The MABRA Treasurer has only received \$1,998 in MABRA fees. The Board discussed issuing reimbursements at the end of the year once all MABRA fees are in.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: 5/21/2015

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## **Opening**

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## **Present**

Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison

## **Topics Discussed**

MABRA jurisdictional issues:

- Allegations have been made to the Board by members that several veteran racers have recently knowingly violated USAC rules related to fair competition at Tour of Page County, the Church Creek Time Trial and Tour of Washington County. In certain cases USAC officials provided warnings or penalties which members feel were insufficient to deter repeated violations.
- It was unanimously determined that the Board, as BAR administrator, has the authority to determine rider eligibility to compete in the Best All-Around Rider competition. As such, the Board has the authority, upon the petition of members and based on credible evidence submitted to the Board for review and consideration, to revoke points earned by riders in the BAR event in question for violation of USAC rules. The Board also has the authority under appropriate circumstances to declare a rider ineligible to compete in the MABRA BAR competition based on the nature of, or repeated violations.
- In addition, as the representatives of MABRA members to USAC, the Board has the authority to act as a conduit of appeals for members who believe a rule has been violated and not adequately addressed by officials on-scene.
- The members are reminded that the obligation to initiate such actions is incumbent upon them. If members witness another competitor violating USAC rules they have the right to bring that to the attention of the officials. If they do not feel that the officials on-scene have effectively dealt with the violation they have a right to bring the matter to the attention of the Technical Director of USAC. If they want the Board to submit an appeal on their behalf, they must provide the Board with written documentation of their complaint and any relevant support they wish to have forwarded to USAC.

## Officials Assignments

- The Board wants to encourage open and early communication between the officials and race directors. Promoters are directed to contact Jim Patton as early as possible in the process of organizing their events to discuss the number and availability of officials who will be assigned to their events.
- Promoters are advised that they have the right to have input into the identity of specific officials who are assigned to their event. The Board is encouraging the establishment of long-term partnerships between officials and race directors to assist in the continued success of MABRA events and growth of the sport.

## Treasury Report

- To date MABRA has collected \$3,133 in fees from races. MABRA has received \$1,150 in requests for reimbursement related to moto insurance fees. All moto insurance requests have been paid. MABRA has also received \$5,745 in requests for timing fees. Of that amount, and on account of current budget shortfalls, only \$1,500 has been reimbursed. Promoters may only receive reimbursement for moto insurance OR timing services, not both. The members were notified of this policy by the Secretary via email on June 7, 2015.
- The Treasurer has determined that all promoter requests for moto insurance or timing services reimbursement will be paid out of fees received from MABRA events. USAC license rebates are reserved to cover all other MABRA expenses including, but not limited to, administrative expenses, the Officials' Program, the Juniors' Program, MABRA BAR awards and championship medals. This is being done to ensure that adequate reserves remain for previously budgeted allocations.
- All promoter requests for reimbursement are handled in line as received. No requests for reimbursement will be paid to a race director until MABRA fees for that event have also been paid. The members were previously notified of this policy by the Secretary via e-mail on June 7, 2015.
- To date MABRA still has not received fees from Bike Doctor associated with Black Hill Circuit Race and from ABRT associated with Church Creek TT #1. The Secretary will follow up with both teams to determine when fees will be paid.
- MABRA has also not received the license rebate due to it from USAC for quarters 1 & 2 of 2015. The Treasurer will follow up with USAC to determine when those rebates will be issued.

## New Board Members

- At least two of the current board members are stepping down effective at the end of the year. These positions will need to be filled.
- If anyone is interested in applying for a Board position, they can contact any of the current Board members.

Report of recent local association and USAC meetings was delivered by the Secretary.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: 7/6/2015

# **Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association**

Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2015

## **Opening**

A meeting of the Board of the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association was called to order at 7:30 PM on August 10, 2015.

## **Present**

Evelyn Egizi, President; Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison

## **Topics Discussed**

A petition was made to the Board regarding Mario Zometa. It was stated that he drafted off several riders and arranged to have a car provide him a draft all at Church Creek 1.

The Board was presented with statements from multiple witnesses and a video of a rider, identified as Zometa by the person who took the video and others.

The statements detail that Zometa drafted off at least two competitors at Church Creek 1. In one instance his drafting was so pervasive that the rider had to interrupt his race to order Zometa off his wheel.

The video clearly illustrates a rider working in connection with a car for several minutes at a proximity that he could gain a draft advantage. Further witnesses indicated that the car behaved in a manner that indicated a plan with Zometa and that the driver and Zometa were seen conversing after the event.

The nature, number and premeditation of the violations of USA Cycling rules and the basic concepts of fair play and good sportsmanship have compelled the Board to act. There is substantial evidence to support the allegations in the petition and no countervailing evidence has been presented.

As such, the Board, by unanimous vote has determined as follows:

- Any BAR points awarded to Zometa for his race at Church Creek 1 are revoked.
- Zometa remains eligible to compete for and win the BAR competition.
- No awards will be given to the Masters 45+ BAR as other riders have communicated to Board representatives that because of Zometa's actions they have decided not to compete.
- If Zometa wins the BAR he is free to refer to himself as the 2015 champion. Zometa will not be eligible for free race entry in 2016 or have the right to wear the MABRA BAR jersey or any custom jersey bearing the logo or indicia of the BAR champion in 2016.
- The President will inform Zometa and his team of this decision.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

- MABRA received funds from USAC for 2015 Q1 & Q2 licenses totaling in excess of \$10,000.
- MABRA has not received fees from Giro di Coppi or the Wilmington Grand Prix. The Treasurer & Bar Coordinator will follow up with the promoters of both events to determine when those fees will be remitted.
- The updated spending allocations are available on the MABRA website and updated bimonthly.
- MABRA has collected approx. \$5,000 in MABRA fees and paid promoters approx. \$7,000 in motorcycle insurance and timing reimbursements.
- In 2012, due to a MABRA surplus, the Board unanimously agreed to waive MABRA fees for all new races in their first two years. The Board also agreed to waive MABRA fees for Championship races as a way to encourage promoters to take on these events. MABRA is no longer experiencing a surplus, and is continuing to operate at a deficit. For the benefit of MABRA's continued financial health, it was unanimously agreed that the temporary protocol of not collecting MABRA fees from new MABRA events or from Championship events will be discontinued at the end of the 2015 season.

## **Local Association Representation at USAC Annual Meeting**

- Pete Lindeman will represent MABRA at the Local Association meeting in Colorado Springs in October.

## **Annual Meeting and Awards Party**

- The Board is considering splitting up the two events in an effort to encourage participation and attendance.
- The Member Liaison will investigate new procedures for voting, proposals and debate to help streamline the meeting and eliminate inefficient use of meeting time. The goal is to encourage early submissions of proposals and robust written debate prior to the meeting so that decisions at the meeting will be swift and educated.
- All uncontested championship event proposals will be awarded prior to the meeting.
- The Secretary will locate an appropriate venue for the meeting and party.
- All voting rights, including class A and class B status, will be determined prior to the meeting. Only MABRA clubs meeting the appropriate standards will be allowed to vote.

## **Pactimo Negotiations**

- The CX and Race Director Coordinators are negotiating an agreement with Pactimo regarding the provision of MABRA Championship Jerseys and tape for CX at a substantially reduced rate.
- A report of those negotiations will be forthcoming.

### **Women's Initiative**

- The President met with contacts from BBC regarding ideas on how to encourage the continued growth of women's participation in MABAR along with maintaining the participation of those who are already competing. Further report will be forthcoming as developments occur.
- There has been no further follow up regarding the status of the women's series from the Women's Coordinator

### **Tour of the Panhandle Omnium**

- MABRA and the Board have previously been notified by Team Integrity of its intention to expand the Poorhouse Road Race to include a criterium. TI is calling this proposed event the Panhandle Omnium.
- Per MABRA rules an omnium must include at least three separate events, so this would not qualify for BAR purposes as an omnium.
- TI has unfortunately not submitted any follow up information or the appropriate permit to the BAR coordinator since making its announcement. It was unanimously decided that do to the failure to timely submit the appropriate paperwork that if any event happens it will not have BAR status this year. TI it encouraged to timely submit any paperwork for future iterations of this event.

### **Board positions and volunteer coordinators**

- A general call is being made for anyone interested in becoming a Board member or coordinator. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact any of the current members of the Board.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: August 17, 2015

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A meeting of the Board of the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association was called to order at 6:10 PM on March 10, 2015.

### Present

Pete Lindeman, Vice-President; Robin Meidhof, Treasurer; Rob Kelly, Secretary, Jason Meidhof, Member Liaison

### Topics Discussed

- Pactimo Contract: Pactimo and MABRA are working together to come to terms on a multi-year contract for MABRA jerseys.
  - Pactimo has agreed to provide MABRA championship jerseys and skinsuits at a dramatically reduced price that is advantageous to the association's members.
  - Pactimo has also agreed to provide MABRA with a substantial amount of CX tape free of cost for this year. There was an initial delay associated with the provision of this tape do to issues outside of Pactimo's and MABRA's control. Those issues have been resolved.
  - The Board agrees that the terms of the contract and prices are in the best interest of MABRA and resolves to enter into this contract.
- Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 24 at 3PM at Tenley Bar and Grill.
  - The issue of proxies was discussed. The Board will limit the number of proxies that can be carried by each person to one.
  - A packet of all proposals, board candidates and a voting sheet will be submitted to the club representatives prior to the meeting. The club representatives should bring those packets and voting sheet with them to the meeting. Spare copies will be available.
- Working Groups: In effort to increase the opportunity for members to become involved and to promote a diversity of opinions the Board would like to create a series of working groups for next year to discuss specific issues and potentially create proposals for how to improve MABRA.
  - Currently the following working groups are being considered: 1) BAR, 2) Womens, 3) Juniors, 4) Beginner Riders and 5) CX

- The Board will notify the membership and hold a meeting for all interested parties in December.
- The Board will follow up with USAC regarding the following issues: breakdown of zip codes for VA based ridership and race day concerns.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next general meeting is to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Kelly

Approved on: December 1, 2015