

MBRA Annual Meeting Conference Call - January 25, 2011

Members Present: Al Pendergrass, Don Russell, Jason Delmue, John Weyhrich, Tamara Bessette, Dave Peck, Bill Cochran, Byron Deford, Julie Zichovich, Sheli Thomas

The meeting began at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes from the last annual meeting were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that Tamara was not listed as one of the participants; her name was added. The minutes were approved.

Executive Officers were nominated, discussed, and voted in. They are:

President: Tamara Bessette

Secretary: Sheli Thomas

Treasurer: Jason Delmue agreed to remain as Treasurer and no objection was raised nor did anyone voice a desire to take over the position.

Change "CFO" to "Treasurer":

It was suggested that the Bylaws be amended to change the officer position "CFO" to be called "Treasurer." This was moved, seconded, voted, and passed.

Other Officers are:

Permits and Statistics: John Coulthard

Website Coordinator: Al Pendergrass

Officiating and Licensing: Don Russell

Juniors Coordinator: Dean Hatch

Mountain Bike Coordinator: Dave Peck

Women's Coordinator (currently vacant)

Sponsorship Coordinator (currently vacant)

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jason Delmue discussed the current bank account balance, the general status of revenues and expenses and changes from years past, and indicated that 2010 Financial Statements would be prepared, circulated, and posted to the MBRA website once finalized. There was discussion regarding the posting of the budget.

It was suggested that MBRA not collect any per racer fees from promoters this year. This was discussed and (later in the meeting), was moved, seconded, and passed. (MBRA will continue to collect the \$50.00 team fee for the year)

It was also suggested that the MORS account become part of the MBRA account. This item was voted on and passed.

Discussion ensued as to the positive impact MBRA has made on juniors. Dave P. added that MBRA has also made a positive impact on mountain bike racing.

Numbers:

There was discussion about going to a two number system (for road races only). Don R. pointed out that both Oregon and Washington have a two number system. This item was voted on and passed.

Tamara B. pointed out the importance of getting numbers to promoters in a timely fashion.

One Day Licensees:

Discussion moved on to one-day licensees. It was moved, seconded, and passed that one-day licensees could race in the B field only, when entering a race that has both A & B categories. Annual license holders are not precluded from racing in a B race.

Executive Officer Chain of Command:

It was discussed, moved, seconded and passed that the secretary would take over for the president, should the president no longer be able to perform her duties.

It was suggested that the Bylaws be amended to re-allocate the former Vice President's duties to the Secretary, since the Vice President position was eliminated by a prior vote.

Lowering Masters' Age:

Much discussion ensued about whether or not to lower the masters' age to 35. This did not pass.

Women's Racing Clinic:

This item was tabled and will be looked at later.

Cyclocross Numbers:

Don R. pointed out the practicality of having all cyclocross numbers placed on the left hand side of the jersey (for ease of carrying the bike). This item was voted on and passed.

Cyclocross Waves:

There was a fair amount of discussion regarding the idea that cyclocross races run at least three waves. A committee will look into this and come back with their recommendations. The committee will be headed by Don R. The following people were recommended to be invited to be on the committee: Shaun Radley, Bill Cochran, Geoff Proctor, John Weyhrich, and Dave Peck.

Cyclocross and Mountain Bike Race Lengths:

It was discussed whether to shorten CX and MTB XC race lengths according to national standards. The impact of this change on new racers, juniors, and women was discussed. This item was tabled and suggested to be considered by the committee that will address cyclocross waves.

Promoters:

Also discussed was the idea that we require promoters to secure a chief referee before they can have their race placed on the schedule, and before they get their permit. This item was voted on and passed.

It was pointed out that the promoter should let Don R. know who their CR will be. The importance of having the CR review the flyer before it is posted, was also pointed out.

Race Schedule Meeting/Call:

It was discussed that a meeting or conference call of race promoters take place in December to set the schedule for the upcoming year. This item was tabled and was not voted on.

State Championships:

The following races were identified as state championship events:

Great Divide - Road

Phillipsburg - TT

(Tamara will check with Craig Prather about having the state championship crit during the Great Northern race)

Cat 3 Proposal:

There was much discussion about Tamara's Cat 3 proposal. The proposal was that Cat 3s race with Master As, and Master Bs' race with Cat 5s. This leaves the Cat 4s to race by themselves and the 1,2s by themselves. Both the merits of and disadvantages of this proposal were debated and the consensus was that this would be a good idea to try, at least for this year. The main driving force behind the proposal was to bring back Cat 3 racers who have dropped out of racing. This item was voted on and passed.

Prizes:

2010 series prizes were discussed. All at the meeting agreed that we should give out etched coffee mugs and award prizes 3 deep in each category, retroactively for last year's winners. It is hoped that the mugs will be ready by the time Roubaix comes around.

Continuing Education:

All agreed that MBRA contribute \$100 towards Sheli's travel expenses to officiate at Walla Walla. This assignment is necessary to give Sheli the experience needed to get her B official's license.

The meeting ended at 10:00 PM.