MOBRA Meeting Minutes Feb-9-2015

Attendance

Reid Cranmer MOBRA Board

Benjamin J Keane MOBRA Board

Derek W Christison Momentum

Jeff Maassen Momentum

Sean Thurman MOBRA Board

Brian Dzewa Hammer Down

Sara Rodney Offical

Peder Hulse Dogfish

Maryin Braadboart Dogfish

Mike Weiss Big Shark

Buddy Brownstein Official

Jen Schook Trek Women’s

Nick Hand MOBRA Board

Nosson Spielberg Junior Stars Racing

* No one on the phone tonight
* Meeting Started @ 8:09pm, went around the room and did introductions because we had a lot of new people tonight.
* Reid brings up board nominations. Jennifer Schook and Brian Dzewa are present and will talk about why they want to be on the board.
* Reid explains how we are going to go about the special elections. There were supposed to be 3 nominee present. Bj asked if anyone knew if the 3rd nominee was.
* Jen has been a racer for a few years and felt she could give a good female view to the board..
* Brian has been in the sport for 19 years from cat 4 junior to a national level Pro. Can bring a lot of experience to the board when it comes to young athletes coming up.
* Reid thanked the 2 nominees for coming and read Judy Slosar’s nomination form to show fairness. Judy is a metro east resident, new to women’s racing and has a son that races as well. Felt like she could give a good view of a parent brining up a Jr racer and the view of an eastside.
* Reid wanted to remind everyone that you could still be very involved on with MOBRA without being on the board.
* Jeff says Judy races for The Cyclery and her son is a good up and coming racer.
* Sara asked about making sure Judy was eligible for the board, in spite of her unfortunate location. (board humor) There are no rules not allowing an Illinois resident to sit on the board. Good to go.
* Reid passed out voter slips, asked the nominees for their votes and then asked them to leave in order for the vote eligible members to vote.
* The vote ended as

Jen 7 votes

Brian 9 votes

Judy 2 votes

* Jen and Brian are welcomed to the board.
* Reid stated that the next board nominations will come up in October.
* Sara said we should add a special election clause into the by-laws to determine if new members just elected would be up for election again this year if the member being replaced was up for re-election. The board all agreed.
* Next item was to continue the discussion about BAR from last weekend. Some background was given about spring meetings are filled with talk about how to improve things for next year. The board wanted to open the floor to discussion on improvements that could be made to BAR.
* Sara asked if we could add an item to the agenda, the Officials and race directors are in need of new radios to help with running races.
* Board agreed to move to that discussion.
* Radios would cost ~$40 per and Sara proposed buying 6.
* It was asked if 6 was enough and there was some discussion about buying more but 6 radios was settled on.
* Nathan asked why we did not look into a repeater. It was explained that we would need more help and it would require a license to use.
* Jeff asked for the total budget for MOBRA at the time, it is estimated to be around $8000-$9000 with some of that already ear marked for equipment and jerseys.
* It was determined that $400 for radios and a case was a good place to start.
* Nick made a motion to buy officials and race directors race radios and a case for $400.

Bj – 2nd the motion

Passed unanimously

* Discussion returns to BAR and an idea about creating a new elite crit series.
* We touched on earlier discussion about revisiting races from that month at each upcoming meeting to talk about what was done correct and incorrect at those races.
* Board members would split up the race calendar to make sure we were able to check in on promoters meeting requirements.
* Sara asked if it was good to have all the MO races on the BAR calendar? Was it better to create a more select series of races?
* It was thought it would be easier for riders to hit 10 important races than to try and hit all 30 BAR races.
* What is the purpose of BAR? When did it start? Why was it started?
* Mike Weiss being so old and having been around the longest was able to shine some light on the subject. The goal was to not exclude any race discipline, but at that time there were only 5 races in Missouri and most if not all were on the road.
* It is thought that perhaps BAR should be mean best all around road, and then there be BAM, BAT, BAX, for Mountain, Track, and Cross respectively.
* This would of course require more people to help with the score keeping.
* Nathan mentions how New York has season series that do competitions similar to TdF jerseys. Sean pointed out that we are very crit heavy here and that we are also not as big an LA as New York.
* Buddy asked what the objective of BAR was.
* Sara recommended that we put out a survey to the race community to ask them what they felt. The idea of an elite crit series should be in said survey. There was further discussion on how to make improvements but it was decided that the idea should be put to questions in the survey.
* Nick asked why there were ROAD races on the BAR calendar, whose flyers did not follow the BAR rules? They list P123 and ¾ which is expressly not allowed.
* Sara states that we either give promoters more leeway to get used to the rules or we have to make a hard line.
* Nick wanted to make a rule that all flyers are passed through the BARJ to insure all fields meet BAR rules.
* There was then conversation on fields and would it be detrimental to races if the rule was enforced.
* Maryin asked if it was fair to go back to race directors after their flyers were already approved?
* There was more discussion on the subject.
* Brian said he would contact the race directors about flyers that did not meet requirements.
* Discussion on BAR finished for the night
* Bj asked that we circulate the meeting minutes to the board members so that they could go over them to make sure there were no mistakes.
* Short discussion about stlbiking.com not going to a race’s website and instead to mobra.org
* Next month’s agenda, recap Froze Toes, Frozen Waffle, look over survey monkey survey. Discuss MO crit series. Officails info coming out for C clinic Sunday.

Meeting ended 9:28pm

Minutes by Nick Hand