

# MOBRA Meeting Minutes - 08-Feb-2016

## Tonight's agenda items:

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- Missouri Bicycle Federation Presentation
- Board member election proposal
- Annual MOBRA Awards Banquet status update
- On-going business updates
- Proposal Review: Event Scheduling and State Championship Road Race Selection

## Meeting attendees:

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- Reid Cranmer - Summit Racing
- Jen Schook - MOBRA Board
- B.J. Keane - MOBRA Board
- Justin Maciekowicz - Korte Hammer Down Racing
- Mark Ewers - MOBRA Board
- Mike Hennies - MoBikeFed
- Joshua Carter - Sammys
- Julie Carter - Lindenwood / Penrose
- Brian Dziewa - MOBRA Board
- Nick Hand - MOBRA Board
- Mike Weiss - MOBRA Board

## Missouri Bicycle Federation Presentation - Mike Hennies

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Mike covered many aspects of his organization's activities. MoBikeFed mainly focuses on

- coordination with local advocacy organizations such as Trailnet in STL and KC Bike Walk in KC
- working with MODOT on state-wide initiatives, projects, and planning

Mike discussed at length state-wide issues brought by elected officials and what they might mean for the coming months and years. He mentioned Wildwood MO as a good example of an effective bike and pedestrian friendly community which could serve as template for others.

This is a list of activities sponsored or run by MoBikeFed. Mike encouraged participation and input:

- Gravois Plan (MO DOT plan)
- Rock Island Trail ( Similar to Katy Trail but with southern traverse )
- Capital City Bicycle & Pedestrian Day - 11-April - all invited
- Gran Fondo in conjunction with Tour of KC
- Bike MO ride in Columbia (early August)
- Tour de Wildwood ( Fall ride )

## Board member election proposal

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Josh Carter petitioned the board for consideration for a recently vacated seat. Mark Ewers moved the petition be accepted and put to immediate vote. The motion passed with all in favor. Josh will serve the remainder of a 2 year term ending in Nov-2017.

MOBRA welcomes Josh Carter as its 7th board member.

## Annual MOBRA Awards Banquet

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The banquet is scheduled for 20-Feb. It will be held at Urban Chestnut at their facility on Manchester Rd. An e-vite has been sent to MOBRA membership, and the event is listed on the [MOBRA calendar](#)

## On-going Business Updates

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### Finance - Mike Weiss

Mike Weiss reported that the current budget situation is tight. Obligations such as licensing for Race Manager software put a strain on account balances. Mike reported a sampling of budget items:

- race manager ( \$4800 annual cost )
- State Champ jerseys ( \$2500 )
- Awards Banquet ( \$1500 )
- Officials needs for races ( varies )
- Grants ( varies )

Expected annual revenues typically amount to approximately \$14,000 per year. It is not known at the current time what will be the impact of USACycling's new licensing and racer days rebate program will be on the MOBRA budget.

There was a general consensus that MOBRA should take a conservative approach to expenditures until more information is available.

## **Permitting and Scheduling - Mark Ewers**

Mark Ewers reported there had been no new calendar changes in the past month, and that several races have begun and/or finished the permit process.

Brian (Kayce) Shelton's Community Series Track Event remains the only MOBRA event with unresolved obligations with USACycling. All others have been settled.

## **2016 BARR competition - B.J. Keane**

Nothing to report. No races have taken place

# **Proposal Review: Event Scheduling and State Championship Road Race Selection**

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Discussion continued from last month about the matter of state championship races. Brian Dziewa presented his work on a by-law change he will be proposing. The changes will serve as a better framework for event scheduling in general and for state championship race selection in particular.

All agreed the proposal is a step forward. There were a few inputs, mostly having to do with deadlines, generated from the discussion. The document is expected to be finalized by the next meeting, at which it can be accepted and voted on by MOBRA membership.

## **Other Discussion Topics**

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Out of a concern for the fewer number of events on the 2016 calendar, there was a short discussion about what MOBRA could do to help race directors put on more events. Nick Hand proposed that MOBRA consider reducing or eliminating the MOBRA fee where appropriate. Reid Cranmer reported that while this would be helpful it would not go far against the typical investment - \$5000 to \$8000 is considered normal - which race directors must make before the first registration can be taken.

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The next MOBRA meeting will be held on 14-March at 7pm in Sieck Hall, Concordia Seminary. More information and directions can be found at MOBRA.org. Please plan to attend.