

BBC Meeting Dec 2012

Members present: Brenden Conway, Paul Etheridge, John Roden, Tricia Betcher, Scott Lytle, Frank Grillo, Jon Rosen, Robert Johnson, Tim Williams, Joe Brennan, Tom Robinson

Treasurers report

Balance \$6688.75

Assets Trailer & J-Chip system

New Business

Larkin Crit May 16,23,30 Jun 6,13,27 Jul 11,25

- Frank Grillo in charge with Crit board: Robert Johnson, Chris Tirone, Frank Mesi
- Crit committee: Brenden Conway, Joe Giovenco, Bob Sobon, Tim Williams, Paul Etheridge
- Closed course. USAC sanctioned. Cat 1/2/3 race & Cat 4/5 race. Would like to include (2) youth races
- May be an issue with June 6 due to Corporate challenge and lack of police availability
- Frank would like to have 4 police for each week. 2 were used at Casino site. May contract with local security too.
- 6 Marshals needed per event
- Waiting on permits, cannot be started until Jan 1. Need permitted with City by March 7, USAC by March 15

Comments

- Suggested to make portable barriers and road closure signs.
- Question raised How to do crit training & rider development?
- Suggestion made to use Lockport industrial park for 1 training crit. April 28 Scott Lytle to run.
- Suggested to add clinics to a couple races.
- Suggested to add Categories with MM 45+ & Women?
- Suggested to have escort on moto to pull riders?
- Question asked how much vehicle traffic? Most traffic gone by 4:45. Will need to marshal Van Rensselear & Exchange intersection.
- Bikereg only no day of reg
- Get Chip #'s in Bikereg.

BBC Teams.

- \$50 fee to be a USAC team under BBC and also to partake in BBC Team series.
- Team series payout TBD depending on # of teams that take part in team series.
- Suggestion made to have the series be across all categories, so there would be one winning team not one per category. Will examine.

Training race category format

- Riders will be able to move up or down at Robert & Tim's discretion.
- Each race will have 3 fields 1/2/3, 4/5, 5 (citizens) no matter what size that field is.
- Suggestion is to have criteria for what will allow a rider to move up; ie X points to Cat 3, X races to Cat 4, success in Cat 4 or 5 field, etc
- Suggestion made to have one or more neutral lap in 5/citizens field for races. Would need a ride marshal - possibly add 1-3 marshal to the field to coach and to signal when the "start" is.
- Suggestion made to charge \$5 for new one days at training races and give "first race free" to people who have never done a bike race.
- Suggestion made to have basic memo of race fundamentals given out to teams for reinforcement.

Early Season (March) Racing

- GVCC to offer Spring Giro Races, If riders want to race then they can go do those.

Training Race scheduling

- ECBC is offering USAC races April 7,14,21,28 May 5,12,19
- Saturday Races. Would club members be interested? Would be extra cost for permitting if we use Thursday, Saturday, Sundays. Potential for 9 Sunday races & 13 Saturday with no conflicting events April - Sept. Not determined, but not likely.
- Thursday racing, potential for 8 events. No championship races, maybe include KOM or Green points and TT's. Allen Erb has offered to run at Buffalo Ski Club.
- TBD based on scheduling

Women's Racing

- Do we need a women's racing committee?
- Tricia, Marit have given suggestions for recruitment & training.
- Some notes:
 - Neutral laps for training & basic skills
 - separate women's race
 - advertising to bike shops, NFBC, BTC, WNYMBA
 - Use TT's as meeting point; welcoming & assistance with basics. Make it an event.

Championship series

- Will use the timed format again and use 10 races
- Last year each rider got 1 DNF & 1 DNS. Suggestions to improve?
(If they had multiple of each we chose the one race that gave them the most advantage when looking at the average vs last time delta.)

Green Jersey points series to be added

- Suggested to have 2-4 primes per race & finish points.
- Suggested to have 8 races - 5 road, 2 crit & TT
- Suggested to have points be 3-2-1 & 5-4-3 (finish)

Northtowns Courses

- Joe Brennen suggested 2 potential locations
- 1 near Lockport using escarpment
- 1 in Wolcottsville. Might be a good Thursday course due to church on course
- Will attempt to schedule.

Survey results were discussed.

- Majority were in favor of champ series, Thursday racing, Category racing mobility, team series, KOM & green jersey.
- Small minority wanted March racing and longer races. These will not be considered.

Other Discussions

- Needs for Trailer and/or supplies to be brought to each event. This should not always be the responsibility of the officers. MEMBERS NEED TO HELP OUT.
- Yellow line rule to be enforced in corners as well.
- Hamburg June 8/9. Noted that Tour de Cure is June 8. Race date is dependent on Village of Hamburg
- Marshals - SIGN UP EARLY. List will be up soon.
- Membership dues will be up on bikereg soon.
- USAC change to make all training races waived with a single waiver. Make part of bikereg for year.
- Next Meeting to be held TBD. Topics
 - Chip timing for season. Which races - crits, Hamburg, championship series, all of them?
 - Junior Team
 - Scheduling