

BBC Meeting Minutes Dec 2015

Members Present: Robert Johnson, Tim Williams, Matt Ronan, Tom Robinson, Frank Grillo, Jim Costello, Mike Cormier, Marcus Rebman, Rich Scaduto, Melissa Merlin, Austin Skomra, Emmalee Olgin, Marit Ogin, Michelle Rainville, Adam Trost, Jon Rosen, Victoria DiSavino, Alex Davies, Matt Costuros, Steve Mongiolo, Brian Joseph, Joe Olgin, Scott Cimato

Treasurer's report

- Some noted 2015 expenses
 - grant program \$1500 - to be continued in 2016
 - Banquet \$2400
 - Hamburg made approx \$1000
 - Larkin made profit
 - J-Chip rental income \$1200
 - Current balance \$27,059
 - Expenses to be paid – TBD when race calendar finalized

Buffalo Criterium Racing Series update – Frank Grillo

- Commitment for May & June races. We end before Wednesday concerts starts ~ mid june
- 5 Races - \$1000 per race rental fee to Larkin Dev Co.
- Asked for extra date in July or Aug
- Everything to be permitted after 1st of the year, Buffalo city schedule
- Frank would like more barriers built, few hundred \$\$ in expenses.
 - Alex Davies volunteered to build and to put together BBC branding for all events.
- Marshals partially by security, might consider one more security for Van Ren & Exchange
- Suggestion to separate wmnns in 1/2/3 & 4 as well as masters as well as add more kids racing.
 - Scoring sep for wmn OK, not sep starts. Primes across both fields.
 - MM field motive is to bring more people.
 - Alex Davies said its worthwhile, asked if field sizes would be too big.
 - Combined field max 75.
 - Mike Cormier said speed issue, can't run MM50 in Cat 1/2/3.
 - Frank Grillo said try MM50+ in C4/5 race scored separately. Try for one or two races in 2016 & expand if enough participation
- Suggestion for Cat 5 podium
 - Tabled for discussion at January meeting
- Suggestion to do lights
 - huge expense, huge logistics problem
- Need a day of Race Director.
 - Marshaling assignments, podiums, day of duties.
 - Frank will still handle most of logistics
- It was noted that Larkin has to be branded as a BBC event so that people know the BBC puts on quality events.

Hamburg RR date and how and where we could include a crit – Tom Robinson

- Taylor Rd park was only available June 19 & Aug 27
 - Raccoon Rally was moved to June 18/19
 - No idea of OCA calendar
 - Thater & possibly Knox Aug 27
 - Suggested to possibly move to July 24/31
 - Avoid glut of races in May/June
 - need a venue for parking, reg, etc
- Will Contact Hamburg rec for wait list for park July 24/31
 - Talk to Stuart Green for possible locations & changes
 - Possibly run Larkin race night before again
- East Aurora possible for crit
 - They didn't say yes, but they didn't say no
 - Other locations were brought up for crit
 - Members said they would look into other towns like OP for possible locations

Probable start of a JR CX team

- John Roden is coordinating
- Practices at Knox farms park Aug/Sept, insured through BBC

Possible start of a BBC C 1-3 team- to be presented by Frank Grillo

- Way of rebranding club
- Mostly for out of town racing to promote BBC
- Still race for what ever team you race for when you race locally
- Club would pay for part of kit
- Some riders on team already, names?
 - Not listed
- Flexible to add racers to team per race
- Reg fees are tbd what is budget?
- Grant program would still in place to help members with out of town races

Member comments:

- Matt Ronan said smells like model of USAC, and perception is reality
 - Taking \$\$ from little guy and it goes to the high end
- Rich Scaduto agreed, feels money should be used to bring more people into sport
 - \$\$ to pro to come in for races, advocate for youth riders
- Jim Costello feels that the money to fund it comes from out of town riders, not race dues.
 - many ways to promote club, team would bring in more riders from out of town
 - in the past teams drove club membership
 - Big clubs & teams have this model
 - Rich Scaduto said there is a big sponsor budget for those clubs that the BBC doesn't have
- Alex Davies asked why would any team or the BBC need marketing out of town?
 - How would this benefit club?
 - Local promotion more important
 - What is the BBC? Presentation to other cycling organizations
 - Who knows what the BBC does or is?
 - What is our focus?
 - New racers or helping to elevate riders upgrade?
 - Starting elite team to fix membership problem doesn't make sense
- Mike Cormier feels it gives something to aspire to but should be tryouts etc
 - Brought up MVP team model where the members had to do all the events
 - Rodeos, safety inspections, lots of races, etc
- Rich Scaduto feels there should be tryouts as well and "aspire" works. Compete for spot ie ESG
 - BBC races race fees are being paid for largely by BBC members and that is the \$\$ that is driving club revenue
- Adam Trost feels this has happened already, team has been decided, and if should not have been handled that way
- Jon Rosen said Cat 5's don't know how to start.
 - BBC should be listed as team on USAC for any members to join
 - Have a BBC kit that anyone can buy and wear
 - Said club should serve all members equally
 - BBC should not have team that competes against other teams
 - Cat 1/2/3/4 can also buy jersey
 - Costello said is this like having a tri club
- Brian Joseph said cost benefit of team to represent BBC out of town doesn't make sense but the "aspire to" aspect make sense. But would be more likely to support as travel team membership.
 - Possibly Buy kit up front, do each races & practices & get reimbursed
 - Proposal should be written down & presented.
- Marit Oginasked Alex how many people show up to Campus rides.
 - Non BBC riders have no idea what to do to start, teams & BBC need to help those people get started
- Steve Mongiello asked why we couldn't buy jerseys if we wanted to race as BBC out of town

- Michelle Rainville brought up that the presentation appeared as though that it was done behind closed doors.
 - Too many rumors prior to tonight, as well as "here is the team" as opposed to "here is an idea"
- Corey Knowles said we should subsidize kit purchases & expand grant program rather than spend \$\$ on team
- Idea was brought up that BBC money could be used to subsidize training races and track

Craig Polston Comments via email

I think the BBC Team is a great idea. With something like that however, clear intent and execution will be paramount for success. I fear if something is hastily put together...it could be a disaster. I was really interested in hearing how this came about and what direction it would likely go. Could be great for the local racing community. I think it has real upside and something i have always thought could galvanize the BBC racers. I still feel that way.

My two cents is that if this is a supported race team, the spot needs to be earned. Some sort of qualification process? So many points earned in 3 pre-determined club races in a season? A qualifying weekend like Empire State Games? TT/RR/Crit? Just a crit? Just a RR? Again, it goes back to the club's intention. Build a strong stage race team representing the best of the BBC?? Whatever.

If it's just random club guys arbitrarily selected...that undoubtedly will not go over well. I think a selection needs to be as objective as possible. Could be a combination of peer review, USAC results, club results, or any other metric to develop a true selection process. But there should probably be something.

Decision made to table for now and re-do proposal for January meeting

Training schedule

- should be geared to new racers
- Don't worry about conflicting with out of town races
 - Aside from Bloomfield, Bristol, Syracuse, RochTwilight
- Alex Davies feels the BBC races should be made a priority by local teams
- Keep sundays on the schedule
 - Keep more flow to schedule
 - Avoid Saturday this week, Sunday 3 weeks from now
- Still do group rides
- Not worry about conflicting with Erie races

Open Discussion

- Adam said to promote BBC races we as BBC members need to promote races
- Alisa said give flyers to club members to promote races when out of town
- Get BBC logoed tent
- Publish survey monkey results.
 - Tom will do so soon

For next meeting

what are the benefits for being member

Flat fee for membership, include everything in one

Marshals get year end series points for marshaling