

## **BRAC Board of Directors**

# Meeting Minutes, 04/16/2015

#### Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM

**Board Members present:** 

Doug Gordon (President) Lynn Taylor (Secretary)

Dominic Palazzo (Treasurer)
Jeff Hammond (Director at Large)
Jen Sharp (Director at Large)

Garrett White (Director at Large) Marco Vasquez (Director at Large) **Board Members absent:** 

Mike Beck (Vice-President)
Rip Mobus (Director at Large)
Kim Nordquist (Director at Large)

Staff present:

Shawn Farrell (Operations Manager)
Yvonne vanGent (Membership Manager)

## Business conducted between 03/20/2015 and this meeting

- 1. 7 out of 10 Board members approved a motion to restore the Membership Manager's salary to 2012 level (motion by Dominic, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marco). 3 board members did not vote.
- 2. March minutes: 8 members approved; 2 did not vote

## Financial Documents--March (Dominic)

- 1. Under budget for first quarter (yay!)
  - a. Dues
  - b. Camps
- 2. Notes
  - a. USAC first quarter rebate not yet received
  - b. Aim to break even on camps
  - c. Most of BRAC's insurance is paid for the year, so first quarter appears over budget
  - d. Salary increases for Interim Executive Director and Membership Manager will appear in April (they were not previously budgeted)
- 3. Motion to approve March financial documents approved unanimously (motion by Doug; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Garrett)

#### **Executive Director Search**

- 1. Review committee: Mike, Jeff, Dominic, Garrett
- 2. 25 applications received to date
- 3. Suggestion to post in publications
  - a. Colorado Association of Non-Profits (Dominic will handle)
  - b. Bicycle Retailer

#### **CX Calendar**

- 1. May meeting with interested parties to review proposed race day schedules: long, short, State Champs
- 2. Race group combos to be reexamined in an attempt to shorten the day
- 3. Schedulator spreadsheet to help confirm length of day (Lynn)



#### **Committee Reports (chair)**

- 1. Technical Commission (Marco Vasquez, vasquezmr@yahoo.com)
  - a. Lynn presented report
  - b. Combined Chief Referee / Chief Judge report for road events is finished and posted online
  - c. Combined Chief Referee / Chief Judge report for cyclo-cross is finished and posted online
  - d. Marco and Lynn monitoring concussion awareness training for assigned officials: 30 have completed
  - e. Doug and Lynn monitoring concussion awareness training for race directors: 9 have completed
- 2. Juniors (Doug Gordon, president@coloradocycling.org)
  - a. In 2016, juniors will likely pay a nominal fee to race
  - b. Junior surcharge suggestions: apply to junior camps, initiate bike inventory
  - c. Suggestion to create inventory of bikes: bikes are biggest barrier to entry into sport
    - --insurance/liability aspects to be reviewed by sponsor Colorado Bike Law as appropriate
    - --sponsorship opportunity for bike program
    - --administrator
  - d. Bike program would have tie-in to youth program initiated by Mile High Squash
    - --Mile High Squash serves disadvantaged kids; branching into cycling
- 3. Women (Jen Sharp, jensharp13@qmail.com)
  - a. Jen working on women-specific training at track
  - b. Thursday mid-week series at the CSP course in Golden to have 4 mentoring opportunities
  - c. Women's Road Camp, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 4. Men (Mike Beck, vicepresident@coloradocycling.org)
  - a. Doug presented report
  - b. 2016 Road Cup Policy focus will be to allow riders to race with their peers in combined groups
  - c. Yvonne will make initial suggestions
  - d. Need to consider technology solutions for scoring combined groups
- 5. Fundraising/Communications (Garrett White, gwhite12@gmail.com)
  - a. Fundraising
    - --Sponsorship matrix is finished: to be posted to web, available as PDF, and in hard copy format
    - --Sponsor contacts:
    - \* Team Evergreen—proposal submitted to them
    - \* CyclistLawyer—contract signed
    - \* Equipo—discussion initiated
    - \* Rol Wheels—Jess Schwarzkopf handling details
    - \* FasCat Coaching—discussion initiated
  - b. Communications
    - --media calendar completed  $\rightarrow$  sponsor highlights
    - --Interim ED email blast on Mondays
    - --President's blast on Thursdays
- 6. Technology (Doug Gordon, president@coloradocycling.org)
  - a. Research is continuing on electronic lap counter
- 7. Track (Jen Sharp, jensharp13@gmail.com)
  - a. Racing is underway at BVV
  - b. Jen is working on women's specific training at BVV
  - c. BVV has a kids' program 2x/week
  - d. Exploring publicity avenues, i.e. BRAC statement of support and BRAC "Day at the Track"



- 8. Race Kit Management (Shelley Hartman, simplypersnickety@hotmail.com)
  - a. Proposed additions:
    - --Start/Finish feather flags
    - --Electronic message boards for race directors (2016): some municipalities require and they are expensive for individual race directors to rent. Doug will find out needs of race directors in their respective counties/cities
  - b. Previous president to be contacted for any items remaining in his possession
  - c. Laminated concussion awareness cards are ready to be included in race kit

#### Website

- 1. 124 respondents to survey thus far; survey to close in a couple of weeks
- 2. Website vendors
  - a. Monarch—Drupal based; company needs more info from BRAC on what it wants
  - b. Nico Toutenhoofd—current developer; available for advice, can provide short-term help for back-end issues, will supply bid when BRAC supplies guidelines on what it wants site to look like (architecture) and do (i.e. points tabulations/notifications, photos, post-race experience, mobile apps)
  - c. RDS—a pre-registration company; proposals are under review.
  - d. Alpha Graphics—non-Drupal based; needs more info from BRAC on what it wants
- 3. Current state
  - a. Sponsor logos and support are first priority: current and correct in multiple places on website
  - b. USAC tabulates points for some LA's
    - --in those LA's, riders only have 1 option of which race group they can accrue points in
    - --current Road Cup policy offers too many choices for riders for USAC programming to handle

#### **State Championship Time Trial Prizes**

- 1. Prize money for SM P-1-2 and SW P-1-2 to cover entry fee in 2015
- 2. 2016—suggestion to find a \$5000 cash sponsor
- 3. 2016—suggestion to offer double points

#### **New Business**

1. Weld County looking for alternative race dates if weather forces cancellation: suggested (1) August 15 or (2) July 11

## **Old Business**

1. Shawn will address "loose ends" from minutes in a separate email

## **Meeting Rooms**

2. North: Recess Factory

3. Central: Denver

4. South: Highlands Ranch

## Action List Summary (suggested by member/official Tom Foss)

- 1. Shawn to send Men's Camp accounting sheeting to Dominic
- 2. Yvonne to propose initial race groups for 2016 Road Cup Policy
- 3. Doug to ascertain RD electronic message board needs in given counties/cities



4. Shawn to address "loose ends" from previous minutes

#### **Board Calendar**

- 1. Board of Directors' Meetings—generally every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 8:30
  - a. December 11: Denver, Nationwide office (completed)
  - b. January 15: Highlands Ranch (completed)
  - c. February 12: TBD, closed session (completed)
  - d. February 19: Recess Factory (completed)
  - e. February 27 March 1: Operations Manager out-of-state
  - f. March 8 March 16: Operations Manager out-of-country
  - g. March 19: Highlands Ranch
  - h. April 16: Recess Factory
  - i. May 21: Denver, home of Rip Mobus
  - j. June 18:
  - k. July 16:
  - I. August 20: (Pro Challenge this week)
  - m. September 17:
  - n. October 15:
  - o. November xx: (after Club Council meeting with new Board members)
- 2. Other Meetings/Gatherings
  - a. January 31: Cyclocross awards party (completed)
  - b. February 21: Officials' annual meeting (completed)
  - c. March 24: Cyclocross race directors' meeting, TBD
  - d. March 28: Storage facility clean-out
  - e. March 29: Men's Road Camp
  - f. April 24-26: Junior Road Camp
  - g. May 3: Womens' Road Camp
- 3. State Championships
  - a. May 31: Road→ Senior
  - b. June 14: Hillclimb → Master
  - c. June 20: Time Trial → Senior/Master/Junior
  - d. July 1: Track → Senior Scratch Race
  - e. July 4: Track → Senior/Master/Junior 17-18 500m TT/1K TT/Ind. Pursuit
  - f. July 5: Track → Senior/Master/Junior 17-18 Sprint/Scratch Race/Team Pursuit/Team Spring
  - g. July 8: Track→ Senior Keirin
  - h. July 12: Criterium → Senior
  - i. July 15: Track → Senior Points Race
  - j. July 19: Road → Master
  - k. July 22: Track → Senior Madison
  - I. July 25: Hillclimb → Senior/Junior 17-18
  - m. July 29: Track → Senior Elimination
  - n. August 1: Hillclimb → Junior 9-16



o. August 2: Criterium → Junior

p. August 9: Criterium→ Master

q. August 29: Track → Junior U17 Omnium

r. ??: Road → Junior

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM—Approved unanimously (motion by Jeff; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Garrett)

## Five Pillars of Success

- 1. Member Experience—develop and nurture programs that focus on Race Standards, Rider Safety, Points Competitions, Camps, Clinics, Mentorship, Awards Parties, and Race Clean
- 2. Relationship Building—position the organization for sustainability and growth through Branding, Communication, Membership, and Media & Sponsorship
- 3. Customer Service—deliver great customer service with personnel and technology
- 4. Innovation—attract and retain athletes, event directors, and officials through online tools, social media, racer rankings, quality events, season-long points competitions, and race kit support
- 5. Success Stories—leverage community member success stories to show impact of organization