

BBC December 9, 2019 meeting

Attendees: James Thompson, Emily Hill, Frank Grillo, Jim Schuler, Steven Mongiolo, Alison Merner, Merle Whitehead, John Embow, Jim Gorman, Erin Haskell. Tim Williams, Tom Robinson, Marit Ogin

6:59 Call to order

Reviewed output from November banquet/meeting: Confirmation of officers for 2020 season. Existing officers will continue to serve. Existing officers ran unopposed and were voted in by attending members.

Steve Mongiolo: president

Tim Williams: vice president

James Thompson: treasurer

Marit Ogin: secretary

Frank Grillo will continue to serve as education coordinator; Tom Robinson will continue to serve as race director.

All of the above were thanked for their service; Brenden Conway thanked for his outstanding work on new website.

Treasurer's report for the 2019 season was reviewed (see separate document).

Net loss ~ \$500 full year. Considering the significant net loss on Larkinsville, we did well overall financially.

Old business – none open

New business:

1) Motion made to form a subcommittee to develop code of conduct for BBC membership and motion was seconded.

Subcommittee: Marit Ogin chair, Emily Hill co-chair, Erin Haskell and Alison Merner members.

2) Historically the BBC has funded Tim Williams' USAC officiating fees in exchange for reduced officiating fees. Motion made and seconded to continue this.

3) NYSBRA changes upcoming, anticipate streamlining of upgrading process. New membership director Lilly Williams (former pro racer).

4) BBC 2020 Events

A) USAC Sanctioned races

Hamburg June 20, 2020 Saturday

East Arcade August 29, 2020 Saturday

Club Championship : BBC is striving to schedule this again in 2020 at Freedom Run venue. In 2019, this was on the first Sunday in July. In 2020 the first Sunday in July is the 5th (day after the 4th) so initial thoughts are that this is not a good date.

Larkinsville series cannot be held in 2020. Logistically: there is building construction on the course and road closures for the races cannot be accommodated. In addition, the club lost \$2500 in 2018 and \$4000 in 2019 on the series. BBC will likely will not return to the venue after 2020 for future races. The BBC will take this opportunity to explore other venues.

Discussion of cost of crit entry fees in other areas – About \$40-\$50.

Alternative to Larkinsville Crit: venue and schedule: approval for a course around Blue Cross building. Other permit and property approval requests are in. Targetting Jun 21 to tie in with Hamburg. The downtown Venue is ideal on Sunday – nothing going on.

B) Training events

Consideration to Thursday training races being changed to group rides. Thursdays have been low attended. Potential for Thursdays to be Strava segment challenges.

Discussion of making more of the BBC training races sanctioned races.

5) Membership

Discussion of membership growth, club promotion ideas.

Develop and distribute “Postcard” flier on BBC to have at bike shops.

Have each bike shop lead one of each series of group rides/clinics.

Consider having an ambassador volunteer at rides to ensure new riders aren't dropped, someone who “has your back” for that ride.

Gap in buffalo cycling skill promotional activities in WNY for strong riders that may want to race, but need help on group riding, race tactics. We have a clinic every year, idea to lead into the clinic with on line info, links to videos related to what we would be covering

d) Other club items: Consider new reflective vests that are all the same and say “Marshall”.

Meeting adjourned: 8:26

Next meeting date and venue: targeting Jan 20 will reach out for venue