

Minutes for NMBRA Board Meeting (5/18/20)

Location: Tele-conference @ 7:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Silvio Menezes (President)
Deborah Kearney (Treasurer)
Mike Abdalla (Secretary)
Jan Bear (member-at-large)
Kim Bear (member-at-large)
Dennis Chavez (member-at-large)
Aileen El-Kadi (member-at-large)
Anita Roe (member-at-large)

Agenda: (determined at meeting)

- 1) GFNY Donation
- 2) Ideas for possible events this year
- 3) How can NMBRA help promoters?
- 4) Cyclocross Series

Agenda Item #1

The donation to GFNY has been paid. The GFNY event has been postponed/cancelled for this year. The website has a current date of September 19, 2021.

Agenda Item #2

USAC presented a webinar concerning events for this year. Based on the webinar, time trials could be possible. Time trials would allow for social distancing. Results could be posted online. On-site registration could be eliminated using online services. It is possible the race number could be sent by mail/email.

Issues for having an event:

- Risk for volunteers
- Injuries
- No illness insurance coverage (USAC) for coronavirus
- Our state (NM) will be more conservative

Gravel events could be another option. Gravel events are becoming very popular and can be done with social distance requirements.

Agenda Item #3

Aileen El-Kadi initiated a discussion concerning the role of NMBRA in helping promoters and teams put on events. Aileen brought up some issues:

- The USAC process is not clear. Is there a specific website to help a race director with the requirements?
- Can NMBRA help mitigate the risk for a team (financial loss)?
- Additional help from NMBRA might result in more races.

The board discussion resolved that:

- NMBRA can help with the permitting process. A race director (or potential race director) can contact NMBRA board members for assistance/guidance.

- NMBRA can help with advertising.
- NMBRA cannot provide financial assistance to mitigate the risk of loss. Reasons cited are:
 - Race directors should plan for the possibility of losing money. Particularly for the first year of an event.
 - Events are put on for various reasons:
 - Charity
 - Requirements for team standing (in the past, teams were required to put on one event per year to maintain NMBRA status)
 - For team money

Agenda Item #4

The NMBRA board decided to halt planning of a Cyclocross Series for 2020. The following issues were cited:

- Liability issues.
- The number of racers for last year were low. And this year could be even worse.
- Most teams are currently opting to not put on a race due to the risk of minimal turn-out.
- Significant effort and resources are required to put on an event. Including volunteers.
- Too many unknowns at this time.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

The next NMBRA board meeting is scheduled for **July 13, 2020**. This will be a teleconference if necessary. Agenda will be determined during the conference.