

Minutes for NMBRA Board Meeting (1/22/20)

Location: Flying Star (Corrales @ 6:00 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: (published prior to meeting)

- 1) Welcome to new board members
- 2) Treasurer transition
- 3) NM official coordinator
- 4) Mark Aasmundstad update
- 5) NMRS & NMORS – Calendar and updates
- 6) Possible NM Gravel Fondo/Race Series

Agenda Item #1

Mike Abdalla, Deborah Kearney, Aileen El-Kadi are new members of the NMBRA board.

Agenda Item #2

Deborah will meet with Rod (previous treasurer) to transfer duties on Monday (1/27/2020). Payments to NMBRA should be mailed to the NMBRA PO Box.

Agenda Item #3

- Pamala Thullen (outgoing coordinator) is retiring as NM Officials coordinator.
- NMBRA need to appoint a new coordinator.
- Tammy Abdalla (Official) and Deborah Kearney (Official) will discuss options and determine a method
- NMBRA should schedule an officials' class since the active number of officials available for races is not sufficient.
- NMBRA should encourage member teams to have at least one official on the team, especially those teams that promote events that require officials.

Agenda Item #4

Mark Asmundstad was provided funding (initial payment of \$500) from NMBRA to develop a "Supporting Active Transportation in NM" course. Although it is not clear exactly what was to be completed, it appears as though little has been accomplished. Minimal communication between Mark and NMBRA has occurred since the payment. Silvio will contact Mark for an update.

Agenda Item #5

Since the number of road races is expected to be small this year (2020), the question concerning the viability and usefulness of the New Mexico Road Series (NMRS) was raised. The board discussed the pros (people like getting the jersey, promotion of races) and cons (cost, work, restriction of race categories) of the series. Dennis also identified difficulties with putting on the series. Scoring is not necessarily the primary difficulty as might be expected. Keeping the race directors in line is the most difficult and time-consuming aspect. Following the discussion – it was decided that Dennis would send an email to the racers stating that the NMRS will be suspended for 2020 due to the low race count. Response to the email will be evaluated.

Agenda Item #6

- Silvio asked the board if there is there any interest in having a Gravel Series.
- Races similar to the San Ysidro event could be a part of the series. Maybe 5 or 6 events in the series.
- Maybe NMBRA would put on the series and provide jerseys?
- Silvio will discuss with event promoters.

Additional Non-Agenda Discussion:

Cross Series

This year's cross series was not as well organized as in previous years. For 2020 NMBRA would like to promote a better series. NMBRA board members will contemplate coordinating the series for 2020. We will revisit at the next meeting.

NMBRA Sponsorship of GFNY Santa Fe Event

Jan Bear brought up the possibility of NMBRA sponsoring the GFNY Santa Fe Gran Fondo to be held in June of 2020. Last year the GFNY had 300 participants and they need 500 to-break even. The city of Santa Fe provided funding in 2019 and will provide funding for 2020 event (the last year of the current agreement). NMBRA could encourage and improve the possibility of future events after 2020 by providing a donation (on the order of \$1000). The board requested that additional information be provided (i.e., what would NMBRA get for the donation?). Jan Bear will obtain additional information and submit to the board members before the next meeting.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

The next NMBRA board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19 2020. Agenda items will include:

- NM Official Coordinator position update
- Cross Series update
- Mark Aasmanstad project update
- NMORS discussion
- GFNY Information/Discussion