

## **Minutes of TBRA Annual Winter Meeting February 10, 2007**

### **Officers Present:**

Todd Nordmeyer	President
Ian Lochridge	Vice President
Theresa Moore	Director of Mountain Bike Racing
Bill Parsons	Points Director
Jill Martindale	Treasurer
Joanie Redman	Secretary

### **Clubs Present:**

Riccardo Cannone	Team Gran Fondo - Bianchi
John Carr	Cumberland Transit Cycling
Greg Clark	Tennessee Wheelmen Association
Stephen Collins	TriStar Cycling Team
Trey Commander	Scenic City Velo
Matt McAfee	Scenic City Velo
Mark McOmie	Scenic City Velo
Molly B. Graves	Velo Bella – Kona TN
Tim Hall	Cumberland University and NashvilleCyclist.com
David Hardin	Team Biker's Choice
Greg Johnson	Jackson Spokes
Chuck Lunsden	Memphis Velo
Mike Mead	Team MOAB
Lawrence Mize	Clarksville CC
Ben Ross	Harpeth Bicycles/Reliant Bank
Michael Scalf	Harpeth Bicycles/Reliant Bank
Jeff Scott	Team MOAB
Jim Wachter	KnoxVelo

### **Guests Present:**

Dustin Greer  
Joey Holland  
Frank Mackzum  
Gib Morehead  
Jennifer Morehead

### **Opening Remarks**

The president called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance either in person or via conference call.

### **Old Business**

2006 Financial Review –

Todd Nordmeyer presented the 2006 financials highlighting the approximately \$12,000.00 balance in the TBRA bank account. This was attributed primarily to the \$2 per rider race fee. Todd also highlighted the 2006 TBRA Banquet and the fact that it was not only self-funded but also resulted in a profit of approximately \$1000.00. Jill Martindale gave some additional information on what the costs of the banquet entailed – dinner, lunch provided at the TBRA Ride, signage and also marketing of the event.

#### Club of the Year Points for Officials –

Todd Nordmeyer announced that licensed officials who are members of TBRA clubs in good standing that officiate at a TBRA event will be awarded Club of the Year points. The structure of the points awarded is to be determined but this has been instituted for the 2007 racing season.

#### **New Business**

##### Sr. Men Category IV Group Split –

Todd Nordmeyer led a discussion regarding the need for and method for accomplishing a Sr. Men's Category IV group split for road racing. Consensus was not reached among those present as to whether or not a split was necessary. Todd suggested that promoters split the Category IV Sr. Men's group by offering a Cat IV 40+ bonus and recording the number participating in this group to provide TBRA with statistics that might be used to help TBRA determine whether or not to create a new racing category in 2008. Ian Lochridge moved to table any further discussion due to lack of consensus on need, Stephen Collins seconded this motion. Todd Nordmeyer called for a vote and the motion was passed without dissent.

##### TBRA Sponsored Cyclo-cross Series –

Todd Nordmeyer advised those present that the Board has approached cyclo-cross promoters to determine their interest in creating a TBRA sponsored cyclo-cross series. Promoters contacted were not interested at this time. Todd suggested that TBRA pursue sponsoring a championship series and will continue discussions with cyclo-cross promoters on this topic.

##### Improving the TORBAR Series –

Todd Nordmeyer opened the floor for discussion on ways to improve and thereby increase participation in the TORBAR series. Those present agreed that the responsibility for improving the series falls on the promoters' shoulders and suggested increasing the quality of the individual events by adding things like food vendors and music as well as ensuring the results posting is timely and accurate. Tim Hall suggested tapping into the collegiate field by creating a collegiate category particularly for races held in the fall. John Carr requested that TBRA consider creating a "Best Practices" manual for mountain bike race promoters and Todd Nordmeyer replied that TBRA would follow up with this and consider creating a promoters' conference where attendees could share ideas.

##### New Rider Initiative –

Todd Nordmeyer announced TBRA's intent to create a New Rider section at [www.tbra.org](http://www.tbra.org) as part of a new rider initiative. This area of the web site will include a FAQ, glossary of terms and other basic information that will help get new riders plugged in to the TN racing scene. Postcards will be sent to bike shops to promote this new area on [www.tbra.org](http://www.tbra.org). The New Rider Initiative is designed to increase the number of licensed riders in Tennessee. Discussion followed where additional suggestions were offered like including more "Citizens" or "First-Timers" events at both road and mountain bike races and offering clinics open to new riders.

##### USA Cycling Junior Development Road Camp –

Todd Nordmeyer announced that USA Cycling will be holding a Junior Development road camp in Tennessee June 17 through June 22 at Covenant College near Chattanooga. Todd stated that it is TBRA's intent to subsidize the cost of this camp for Tennessee Juniors covering the cost in part or in full depending on the number of Tennessee Juniors that participate. The subsidization of the costs associated with

the camp will in no way replace TBRA's current Junior Grant Program but will rather be offered in addition to the current program.

Following discussion of the above-mentioned items was a general discussion of various topics. Bill Parsons informed those present that it was no longer necessary for clubs to submit a team roster when they renewed their TBRA membership. Frank Mackzum asked that promoters submit their event permit requests directly to Vicki Mackzum for road events and to Theresa Moore for mountain bike events. Frank stated that the online permit application resulted in delays and informed those present that submitting information directly to the road or mountain bike racing directors would be faster. Frank also reminded those present that promoters may not post a flyer or allow registration for an event until it is approved by the road racing director or the mountain bike director and that doing so would result in a fine. Stephen Collins announced that the Edgar Soto Memorial Stage Race will be part of the 2007 Georgia Cup series and stated that there are plans for a downtown criterium that are pending final approval.

Todd Nordmeyer thanked all those in attendance for their time and adjourned the meeting.

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Joanie Redman, Secretary