

WVMBA Annual Board Meeting

10/14/18
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Meagher's Irish Pub
Bridgeport, WV

Attendees:

Thad Kelley - President
Dave Burns – Vice President
Steve McBrayer - Treasurer
Jeff Simcoe – Big Bear XC/Dirt Fest Promotoer
Randy Gaertner
Richard Jason “Dick” Chambers
David McCormick – KSF Mountain Bike Festival, Black Bear XC, and Black Bear Enduro Promoter
Chris Clarke – Canaan and Revenge of the Rattlesnake XC Promoter
Ethan Flanagan
Natalie McBrayer
Ashley McBrayer
Olivia McBrayer

Minutes (In no particular order):

- Election of Officers
 - Nobody nominated anyone to replace the current President, Vice-President, or Treasurer.
 - Brandi Gaertner was nominated to be Secretary, but she wasn't present. She subsequently was contacted and accepted the position.
 - 2019 Board Line-up:
 - Thad Kelley - President
 - Dave Burns – Vice President
 - Steve McBrayer - Treasurer
 - Brandi Gaertner – Secretary
- Recruitment of Volunteers
 - Trails Director
 - Nobody volunteered or was nominated for this role
 - Course Marking Feedback
 - Dick Chambers said he plans to attend as many XC races as possible and plans to pre-ride the courses to provide Course Marking feedback to the promoters.
 - PR/Marketing Director
 - Scott Phillips was mentioned for this role, we need to reach out to him for his commitment. He subsequently was contacted and accepted the position.

- Sponsorship Director
 - Nobody volunteered or was nominated
- Schedule
 - See attached 2019 Preliminary WVMBA Schedule
 - Dirt Rag Dirt Fest at Big Bear 7/12 to 7/14/19
 - WVMBA will be provided up to two spaces for a booth for free, just need to volunteer to lead some rides
 - Good opportunity to hit up some national businesses for sponsorship
 - Great advertising opportunity for WVMBA
 - Big Bear XC is going to take the place of the 2x12, it will be a full weekend event
 - Free camping
 - Friday and Saturday activities, fun, and games
 - Maybe a band if the finances make sense, 70 or more racers are need to break even
 - No event insurance for Saturday events? WVMBA/USAC may be able to work something out.
 - Black Bear Enduro/XC will be State USAC Championship
- General
 - Discussed potentially not making the Championship Race a requirement and instead base the points on best of out 7 instead of best out of 6+Championship.
 - May send out a survey to poll the members
 - Thad discussed his idea to improve the lower attendance races and perhaps make them team events (Mid-Atlantic Super Series?)
 - 5 People team events
 - 1 team member from each category
 - more women and kids
 - Looking to bring back the Clydesdale and Single Speed classes to the series
 - Promoter has the rights to combine classes with low participants based on low online registration cut-off
 - Promoters can make preregistration a requirement for providing race t-shirts
 - Promoter can sell leftover shirts after the race
 - Suggested promoters charge more for on-site registration to boost pre-registration by making it more attractive
 - Pre-registration helps the promoter for planning and helps WVMBA prepare for timing
 - Continuing to use Webscorer for timing and for pre-registration
 - WVMBA prefers promoters to use Webscorer over BikeReg
 - If a location has wifi available, our laptop logged into the Webscorer website can be used to connect to a monitor to scroll results
 - For the race schedule and posting to WebScorer, lplayoutside, WVMBA site etc, we would like to have Google Drop Points for the race registration location to help racers find the venue as people had trouble at some of the races this year
 - Consistent marking
 - WVMBA looking to provide course tape and direction arrow signs to promoters prior to start of season or a few weeks prior to each race
 - Beginner vs easier/intro trail races to help get people into the sport without being so intimidating

- Number plates - plan to continue using the same kind of number plates we used for 2018 in 2019
 - Plan to order plates in January, need Sponsors identified prior to placing order.
 - May look at providing members with Membership Cards or just use number plates as proof of membership
- USAC Insurance – plan to continue using USAC for sanctioning and insurance in 2019 since it is less expensive per racer and doesn't require prepayments.
 - Discount Code for USAC
 - Stuart said we will get a discount, but it will not be as much
- Membership benefits may be provided in 2019 if we have the funds (i.e. stickers, discounts, etc)
- Financial Review
 - WVMBA profit increased from 2017 to 2018
 - Discussed Challenges and Opportunities for 2019
- PayDirt
 - Not many people turned in PayDirt forms this year
 - We would like everyone to report hours regardless of series status
 - Look at nominating a Trail Boss of the year award to entice folks to do trail work and to reward someone for their hard work on trails
 - We are looking at online submittal of trail hours or an app
 - We didn't require PayDirt for Enduro, should add next year
- Enduro Timing
 - Benji would come the morning of the race and expect the timing to be setup, the promoters feel it would be better to have setup the day before
 - May purchase our own equipment, Thad to get quotes
- Gravel Racing
 - Looking to work with Travis Olson on WVMBA sanctioning/timing his events
- Looking at purchasing an inflatable arch
 - Arch and timing system will need to be on separate generators
 - Sponsors will be added to the arch

2019 Preliminary WVMBA Schedule

	XC	Enduro	Other events	Notes
Mar 24th	Tour De Lake			
Mar 31st				
Apr 7th	Challenge at Mountwood			
Apr 14th	Valley Falls Challenge			
Apr 21st	Chief Logan			EASTER SUNDAY Check with promoter on which date he will be moving to
Apr 28th		Timberline Enduro		
May 5th	White Oak Challenge			Check with Jason about moving this to August 4th
May 12th		Valley Falls Enduro		
May 19th	Black Water Classic			Chris Clark will be the new prompoter
May 25th/26th	Black Bear Enduro/XC			State Championship
June 2nd			Mochican 100	Henry Clay was on this date Gunnar requested it to be moved due to the Mochican 100
June 9th	Big Bear Classic			Free Camping and activities on Saturday. Space Rampus also held on this weekend
June 16th			Canaan MTB Festival	Activities Thursday thru Sunday
June 23rd		Coopers Benduro		
June 30th	Grand Vue XC			
July 7th	Race to lil Moe's			
July 14th			Dirt Fest	Activities Friday thru Sunday
July 21st	Henry Clay 30k			Check with Gunnar to see if this date is OK with him
July 28th	Race to the Hills			
Aug 4th				
Aug 11th		Slaty Fork Enduro		
Aug 18th	Revenge of the Rattlesnake			
Aug 25th	Arrowhead			
Sept 1st		Snowshoe Enduro		Will likely move due to World Cup being the next weekend
Sept 8th			Snowshoe World Cup	
Sept 15th				

Highlighted fields need confirmed with promoter