

NEBRA Board Call, January 9 @ 8 PM

Hosted on Zoom

Present:

Mike Rowell
Alan Atwood
Brian Wolfe
Kaitlyn Agnew
Alex Grabau

Absent:

Joseph Rodrigues
Chris DeHahn

Agenda:

1) Progress

- a) Calendar Reminder Email Sent Out
- b) I had a call with Trish to discuss the future for LA
 - i) It seems like we will continue as the status quo for 2023

Do we really know what “status quo” is? As I mentioned in the meeting it seems like the LA's have been just treading water the past few years after USAC took away most of the functionality that they were created to do.

Obviously one answer is supporting NE Racing; but how and at what level? Do we know the level of traffic that the website gets? It can't be just giving money to RD's because they can't afford minimum levels of administration. We kind of need to figure this out, and not slowly either.

- ii) USAC is running some pilot programs by hiring a staff member to run LA's and is using BRAC/Bicycle Colorado and Texas/Louisiana as another.
- c) I sent out an RSVP for NEBRA Promoter Summit this morning
 - i) Can reach out to Trish/Chuck to join the call if we think that is a good idea
- d) Began Promoter Summit Slide Show

2) New News/Objectives

- a) Board of Directors Housekeeping
 - i) Up for re-election: Kaitlyn Agnew, Chris DeHahn, Alex Grabau (6 year term limit?), and Joe Rodrigues

- ii) Brian to step down from President after Promoter Summit: Alan will step in as interim until voted upon
 - (1) *Brian will step down after the promoters' summit, and Alan will take role in February Meeting.*

Will setup a voting process after the new board members are brought on and allow someone to step up and be considered for President if they wish. I would be honored to be President; but if objections are present they should be heard and acted on if necessary.

- b) NEBRA Promoter(s) Summit:
 - i) Let's break out the work
 - (1) Brian to work on the 2022 Financial Report; Status of NEBRA in 2023
 - (2) Alan to work on getting 2022 Metrics from Colin

Send e-mail to Colin 1/12/23

- (3) Chris to work on Insurance Info
- ii) Ideas for Topics
 - (1) Annual Report
 - (2) What We've Been Working On
 - (a) Calendars
 - (b) Insurance
 - (c) Grants
 - (d) Officials Incentives
 - (e) Working with NYSBRA
 - (f) Working on the relationship with USAC - LA benefits

Other things that we could be working on:

- Fighting back against USAC price increases that adversely affect beginner participation (1-day to \$15, collegiate license to \$60, etc.....)
- Updating Best Practices Document; potentially using that as a tool to determine if a Grant participant has met certain minimum requirements and would be eligible for additional grants in the future.
- Website updates: When was the last time someone went through the website and cleaned it up/updated it?

- (3) What 2023 will look like
 - (a) New Officials Incentives

Good to show info on what those incentives look like when we figure it out.

- (b) 2023 Road Series

I'll talk to Colin about this and get this re-started.

- (c)
- (4) 2022 Trends in MTB, Road, Gravel, and Cross
 - (a) How many of each are sanctioned vs unsanctioned
 - (b) Trends of participation, age participation,
- (5) Issues for New England
 - (a) Lack of MTB Racing
 - (i) Why you should permit with USAC - MTB nationals ranking; upgrade opportunities; insurance
 - (b) Officials Shortage
 - (c) Racer shortage; number decline - look up 2022 data
- (6) Best Practices - *Document on the website; review that*
 - (a) Budgets; Cost Savings Ideas, What's crucial/What's not,
 - (b) Rope Colin back in -
 - (c) Championship Bids

As I mentioned on the call, I did an update to the Championship Bids document as well as created a Google Form to submit bids that will automatically capture the data that we need.

- (7) Insurance options
 - (a) What's out there; benefits of each; choose wisely
- (8) Grant and Funding Opportunities

Schedule Next Board Call

Monday, February 6th @ 8:00pm

TO-Do's (carried over from last month):

- Create 2023 Promoter Summit Presentation
- Conversation with Bonnie Walker about the current state of USAC offerings to incentivize Officials? (Nat Com from TX)
 - Look into USA Triathlon Officials and how that works

Talk to Ted