

# NEBRA Annual Meeting, February 2nd @ 12pm

Zoom link:

## Board Members Present:

Alan Atwood  
Mike Rowell  
Ron Jacobs

Chris DeHahn  
Tim Cary  
Brian Wolfe

Kaitlyn Agnew  
Derek Ludwig (new Board  
applicant) **late joining**

## Board Members Absent:

Leslie Timm (Treasurer)

## NEBRA Membership Present:

Kurt D'Aniello (Laurel BC)  
**Jon Delcolle (Swansey Velo)**  
**Peter Hills (603 Cycling LLC)**  
Ben Jankowski (Northampton CC)  
**Gary Kessler (Appalachian Gap Promotions)**  
**Ed Kross (NEBC)**  
**Adam Myerson (Cycle-Smart)**

Nathaniel Smith (Portland VC)  
**Laura Summers (Team ERRace)**  
**Alex Duncan (B2C2)**  
**Jeff Dieffenbach (545 Velo)**  
**Matt Stuart (Greater Hartford CC)**  
**Conor Nagle (NE Devo)**

## Invited Guests:

**Stephanie Aldrich (USA Cycling)**  
**Jeff Poulin (NYSBRA)**

## Agenda:

1. **{Alan}** NEBRA President's Report – **see presentation; Laura Summers asks if anything can be done to bolster the low numbers for women's racing; Alan raises possibility of financial support from NEBRA for women's series, and thanks Laura for her efforts to promote women's cycling**
2. 2025 Board Member Elections
  - a. 4 of 6 incumbents are due to be re-elected; 1 is retiring (6 year max) and we have 1 new person (**Derek Ludwig**) running for election. **All 5 candidates voted in, incumbents all receiving 14 votes and Derek receiving 13.**

**Stephanie Aldrich is now new Eastern Region Coordinator for USA Cycling**

3. Set date and time for Promoters Summit:
  - a. Preferred date is Sat 2/15 @ 1pm for Promoters Summit; 2/22 would be other option but Alan will not be able to run it (Board member volunteers to run this in Alan's absence?) **Polling form for date and time to be sent out**
4. Approve minutes from January meeting **Approved**
5. Updates from previously discussed topics:

- a. **{Kaitlyn/Alan}** 2025 schedule
  - i. Major cyclocross conflict resolved; full year calendar is now live (including cyclocross)
  - ii. Alan continues to update other non-USAC events on the calendar as they show up on BikeReg.
  - iii. Have engaged RD's to receive submissions for state/regional road championships
- b. **{Kaitlyn}** Hall of Fame update
  - i. Congratulations to **Adam Myerson** on being elected to the NEBRA Hall of Fame Class of 2025. **Announced. Adam congratulated and expressed his gratitude for the election and those that came before him, who helped him out and supported him in different ways**
  - ii. Put together a list of previous candidates (short and long list) for review for next year's nomination process.
    - 1. How long should one be on this list (i.e. MLB is 10 years before one drops off)?
    - 2. Preceding HoF member Kinnin Payson recommended Bruce Bockstael for nomination; add to the list for next year.

**Consideration of working on bios for all HoF members**

- c. Set date and time for Promoters Summit:
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- d. Newsletter
  - i. Hall of Fame announcement
  - ii. **Announce that calendar is final/set and provide a link, etc., to raise awareness regarding the existence of the calendar; Adam agrees and notes that it is shareable**
- e. Based on attendance from some state championships that I (Alan) have been to; would like to consider adjusting categories based on type of championship.
  - i. State: u12, u15, u19, Elite, 40, 50, 60, 70 for M and W. **Will consider adding nonbinary category, consistent with USA Cycling; Ron asks whether makes sense to have more junior categories; Alan based this on past participation; Brian advocates to keeping prior categories as an incentive for participation and with minimal burden on resources – will discuss further; Conor asks whether there was discussion regarding if jr championships should be in USAC categories or own races? Alan currently works with what fields the RD offers**
  - ii. Regional: u11, u13, u15, u17, u19, Elite, u23, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 for M and W **Will consider adding nonbinary category, consistent with USA Cycling**

- iii. Rationale would be that more eligible riders for regionals than state to fill classes; we would also save on USAC medals and use the new ones we created for regionals.

Kaitlyn raises that same race shouldn't be both state and regional – need to update guidelines on website

Derek welcomed to the Board

## 6. New Business

- a. Update to By-Laws
  - i. NEBRA Annual Memberships: Support for raising to \$50.
  - ii. Some minor updates/error fixes needed; Alan did document for this.
  - iii. Discuss here; then present to membership for voting.
- b. Would like to create a plaque for Adam for his HoF election; need to add to the budget.
- c. Post-election: All Board members need to update their SafeSport accreditations.
  - i. <https://usacycling.org/safesport>
  - ii. Would like those done by the end of February.
- d. 2025 LA Insurance
  - i. LA insurance required and budgeted (\$450); D&O optional but recommended; approved in 2024. **Agreed/approved**
- e. State/Regional Championship Requests
  - i. NE Regional Road - Tokeneke Road Race (scheduled for Aug 10th)
  - ii. NE Regional Gravel - Pavement Ends Gravel Race (scheduled for April 12th - Alan needs to work with RD to refine championship categories if selected) – **note that USA cycling license required, so reg page needs be updated if wants to have the championship**
  - iii. CT State MTB - Norbrook Farm Brewery Trail Festival (scheduled for June 14th **Categories/guidelines to be considered further; tabled for this month, considered next month**)

Mike notes new MTB USA cycling sanctioned 10-race series; will add to NEBRA calendar

- iv. NH State CX - Keene Pumpkin CX (scheduled for October 5th)
- v. CT State Criterium - Nutmeg Games (scheduled for June 8th)
  - 1. Will confirm with Laura that she'll be hosting junior champs this year (likely New Haven will be regional champs only)
- vi. NE Regional CX - Treehouse CX (scheduled for October 18th)

All of the above preliminarily approved except as noted for MTB

- vii. Looks like we'll need to up the budget on the regional medals.....

## 7. Other Business (open floor)

Chris wants to add to agenda for next month to support women's racing, but not to extent of giving money to get more women racers, as that would be outlier in what we do (i.e., not supporting single category or demographic, etc.). Brian raises prospect of grant process. Mike notes that it seems that women are more hesitant to enter anything called a "race" as opposed to other descriptors/events. This to be discussed further in March meeting.

Schedule Next Board Call: Monday, March 3rd @ 8pm via Zoom.

### Post-Meeting Thoughts

#### Chat content

Today

{f 7}{b}11:56 AM{/b} - meeting started{/f}

Messages sent during the meeting will be visible to all meeting participants

Christofer deHahn 11:59 AM

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Tim Cary 12:13 PM

Statements <https://nebra.us/2025-nebra-board-of-directors-candidates/>

Tim Cary 12:24 PM

Hall of Fame Page: <https://nebra.us/halloffame/>

Voting Form: <https://forms.gle/4LZMBZyqF7YnrVP57>

Christofer deHahn 12:31 PM

either are fine for me

Gary 12:33 PM

During the week would work. 6:30-8:30?

Peter Hills 12:33 PM

Either could potentially work. 7-9 during the week also works

Jeff Dieffenbach (MIT) 12:34 PM

The week of Sun Feb 16 is vacation week

Ed Kross 12:36 PM

Thanks, everyone!

Christofer deHahn 12:39 PM

bruce taught my C class

Christofer deHahn 1:02 PM

welcome to the thunderdome

Adam Myerson 1:05 PM

I'm going to duck out everyone. Thank you again!

Christofer deHahn 1:06 PM

my SSC is uploaded to the drive

Kaitlyn Agnew 1:17 PM

<https://www.racedayxc.com/>

{f 7}{b}1:37 PM{/b} - meeting ended: 1 h 40 m{/f}

This is a continuous meeting chat