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Minutes from the OBRA Annual Meeting held 1/10/09 at Madison's Bar and Grill in Portland, OR.

Meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM.

Kenji Sugahara gave a brief overview of the 2008 statistics and 2008 financials.

A proposal to change the cyclocross racing age to align with USA Cycling and to change age groups was brought to the floor by Candi Murray. The clubs voted to authorize Candi Murray to make the change after clarifying the rule.

A proposal to allow the OBRA Board of Directors to punish misconduct after the expiration of the protest period was brought to the floor by Candi Murray. The proposal passed.

A proposal to align Mountain Bike categories with USA Cycling was brought to the floor by Kenji Sugahara. The proposal passed.

A proposal to change the BAR structure was brought to the floor by Melissa Boyd. After discussion, three options were presented for a vote. The clubs voted to keep the current BAR system with no changes.

Elections for the expiring board seats held by Meg Mautner and Brad Ross were held. Nominations were opened. The only nominations were Meg Mautner and Brad Ross. As there were no other nominations, both have been elected for another term.

No other issues that required action were brought before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 PM.



### **Racing Rule Change- Candi Murray**

A rider's racing age shall be his or her age on December 31 of the current year. All references to age of riders, race age groups, or age class shall be interpreted as referring to racing age. The following terms refer to specific age groups.

Racing Age Age Group

Under 10 Youth

10-18 Junior

19-22 Under 23

23-29 Elite

30+ Master

However, a rider's cyclocross racing age shall be his or her racing age on the first of January that is included in the same cyclocross season.

Youth riders may enter only youth races. A youth race is a race held only on a closed course that is open only to riders with racing ages below 10.

### **Racing Rule Change- Mike Murray**

11.4 - Misconduct may be punished after the expiration of the protest period. Only the Board of Directors may impose punishment under 11.4.

### **Racing Rule Change- Kenji Sugahara**

Make official changes to MTB categories to align with USA Cycling for reciprocity purposes.

### **BAR Rule Change- Melissa Boyd**

**PURPOSE:** The reason for this BAR change proposal is to include all racers in the BAR points system, while providing heavier point-weighting of races with large field sizes. Each racer will receive points for every race they complete, which will allow even the racers in large fields to contribute to their team BAR and track their individual BAR rankings.

**PROPOSAL:** Each race will award base BAR points to the top-15 placings, according to the current system (1-30 points, awarded 30, 25, 22, 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1). In addition, bonus BAR points will be awarded as follows: One point to each of the last five finishers, two points to the next-last five finishers, three points to the next five, and so on all the way through to the first place finisher. For OBRA championship races, the base points will be doubled (same as the current system), but the bonus points do not double.

**EXAMPLES:** Thus, in a race category with 100 finishers the first place gets 50 points (30+20 bonus), the 40th place finisher would get 12 (bonus) points, 90th place gets 2 points, etc. In a race with 5 finishers, the first place gets 31 points (30 + 1 bonus), and the 5th place gets 18 points (17 + 1 bonus). A championship race with 50 finishers would be worth 70 BAR points to the winner (60 + 10 bonus).