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Dear Members:

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break, complete as it was with ride-able conditions in much of our province.

Early January is always an exciting time of the year at BNS: the new Board members have just arrived and are finding their feet after the Annual General Meeting, event organizers are getting set for another great season and riders everywhere are dusting off their home-trainers and pouring over the details of where they might take their bike (and imagining where it might take them) in 2011.

So far, 2011 has seen BNS undergo a dramatic refresh of its Board of Directors:

In the capacity of President I hope to bring new energy to the Board, improving its communication with and accessibility to the membership. I've spent years racing competitively in NS and abroad, having held a BNS membership since 1998. I'm currently living in Halifax where I'm studying law at Dalhousie.

Simon Roberts now holds the position of VP Road. Simon brings considerable experience in leadership to the Board as a regional manager of a pharmaceutical company. He plans to increase the publicity of road racing in the public eye, with better organization of results and their publication and promotion. Getting more recognition of our successful young athletes is another one of his priorities, as is providing better support to organizers, with the goal of facilitating more and better events.

Doug Regular has returned to BNS in the position of VP Education. One of the most committed members of the organization, Doug's efforts (along with those of the outgoing Bob White and Friedemann Brauer, and incumbent VP Advocacy, Lawrence Plug) have resulted in the success of the Nova Scotia "1-Metre Law," requiring cars leave 1-metre of space when passing cyclists. Doug has been a Can-Bike instructor since 2006, and has been certified as a National Examiner since 2008. (More information on the program can be found at [www.canbike.net](http://www.canbike.net).) When riding for himself, Doug enjoys the road in the summer, and mountain biking when the trails are frozen.

Jeff Townley has joined BNS this year in the capacity of VP Touring and Trails. An avid all-season commuter and touring cyclist at least once a summer, Jeff plans to work towards the creation of a province-wide bicycle-friendly business network, inspired by its success in Cape Breton and internationally.

We've welcomed Jon Burgess onboard in the capacity of VP Mountain bike. Jon has been racing competitively for 10 years, trying his hand at all 3 of BNS' disciplines, and representing NS at the Canada Games in 2005. His knowledge of the racing community will prove to be an asset as he assists organizers and members alike in making 2011 a success. When off his bike, Jon is a professional firefighter employed by DND.

Also new to BNS is Adam Berry. As VP BMX, Adam is working toward the creation of a BMX facility in the Truro area. Adam brings to his position expertise from the world of recreation management, and that of high-level BMX riding.

Lawrence Plug has joined BNS this year in the capacity of VP Advocacy and Transportation. As mentioned above, Lawrence has already met with success in his involvement with the "1-metre law."

Eric Vienneau has returned as Treasurer for 2011. Eric has done an excellent job in the past for BNS, and when not crunching numbers, he and his wife crunch the kilometres on their tandem, aiming for 4500km per season.

Returning in the capacity of Athlete Development Coordinator is Simon Myatt. As a past President, Simon brings considerable a depth of expertise and experience in the running of BNS. He's currently focused on training new coaches, and creating the athlete funding criteria for 2011. When his hands are not buried in his keyboard, he may be found riding with his kids, BNS members Iain and MacKenzie.

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Kaarin Tae has stepped into the role of Registrar for 2011. Kaarin plans to create an online registration system, a long-sought option in the province.

As the 2011 Events Coordinator, Zuzana Ecerova will be working with the organizers and with Tamara in striving for a smooth, conflict-free calendar of events. When not sculpting the calendar, she can be found on her mountain bike or out on the ski slopes.

Holding the most flexible positions as Directors at Large we have Al Heubach and Scott MacPhee. Al Heubach, as a long-time member and organizer, will bring valuable experience and depth to our deliberations, while Scott MacPhee, as the Sustainable Transportation Coordinator for Clean Nova Scotia and the Chair of the NS Bikeways Coalition, will prove to be a welcome addition the Board.

Holding the position of Secretary for 2011 is Darren Scott. Darren is also new to BNS but his enthusiasm leaves me confident that he'll do a great job.

Working closely with Darren will be Kyle Hebb. Kyle is our volunteer Webmaster; he'll be cleaning up the website and making more, and more regular updates, as the Board members provide him with material. (Kyle isn't a Board member, but he's an essential member of the organization.)

Tamara Stephen will again be our Administrator, working out of Sport Nova Scotia. She deals with much of the paperwork generated by BNS, and is often the first point of contact for mailed correspondence or telephone calls from members.

Should you have any questions or concerns for myself, or any of the Board members, please contact us at the email addresses listed below.

On another note, the 2011 Race Sanction Form is now online, and organizers can contact Zuzana about their dates.

The 2011 Membership Form is also online and can be downloaded, printed and submitted via mail, in lieu of Kaarin's online registration system for the time being.

The website is currently undergoing some needed renovations; for the time being the 2011 information can be accessed through the "Racing" link at the top left corner.

On behalf of the BNS Board of Directors, I wish you all a happy new year, and a great cycling season ahead!

Yours very truly,

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