

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Board/Advisory Team Agenda
March 12th, 2013**

Board members present: Tommy Bryant, Susan Bowen, Ernest Garcia-Diaz, Kristabel Garcia-Diaz

Advisory Team Members present: Tim Strem, Steve Carskaddon, Connor Carskaddon, Cheryl Lamberson, and James Pass

Members and Guests present: Lisa Wade, Cameron Carskaddon, Gary Bryant, David Smith, Ian Bryant, Sam Ames, Eddie Gonzalez, James Foster, Kevin Schmidt, Chauncey Mize, Brittany Allison

1. Opening/ Minutes

1.1. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Tommy Bryant.

1.2. Motion to approve February's club minutes by Ernest Garcia-Diaz, Seconded by Kristabel Garcia-Diaz.

2. Reports:

2.1. SSFTA general report

Tommy Bryant reported February and the beginning of March have been very active for the club. The Keyesville Classic had incredible trail conditions and everyone enjoyed the "hero dirt." There was a good turnout of club members at race with at least 1 member in each event and category. Tommy has seen several riders out in the foothills riding by themselves and he would like to bring in more members to get the club over 100 active members.

2.2. Treasurer's report

Kristabel Garcia-Diaz reported that the club currently has \$8329.82 in our bank account and additional \$1,000 in our PayPal account. Sydney is still in charge of filing our taxes and Kristabel is still searching for Brad DeWitt as he is the current holder of the club's tax information.

2.3. Membership report

2.3.1. James Pass reported has 45 active members. The club had a total of 60 members last year and we are ahead of where we were last year with memberships in March. James stated that there were lots of new members.

2.4. Trail maintenance report

2.4.1. Ryan Brown was not in attendance.

2.5. Volunteer report

2.5.1. Ernest Garcia-Diaz reported that the club's booth was set up at the Keyesville Classic and had several volunteers spend time at the booth. Memberships were received at the booth during the race weekend. The next race on the calendar that the club booth will be out for is the Tejon Challenge in May.

3. Old Business

3.1. Club inventory & reorders

3.1.1. Tommy Bryant reported that Malaika Bryant is currently working on our hat order.

3.1.2. Kristabel Garcia-Diaz reported that we will have information on what the club needs to reorder ready for the April 12, 2013, board meeting.

3.2. Bike racks

3.2.1. Tommy Bryant reported that the quotes that were received by the club were higher than what was approved. Tommy will be back in the bike industry and stated that he would be able to get bike racks under a “pro deal” for the club.

3.3. Spring barbeque

3.3.1. The SSFTA Spring BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013. Eddie Gonzalez announced that he will be placing the reservation for either site #8 or #6 at Hart Park. Eddie will be preparing oven pit barbeque; he will be buying the food and will submit receipts to the club for reimbursement. Lisa Wade and Eddie Gonzalez will both be cooking the meat for the barbeque at their homes and transporting it to the park. All attendees were asked to bring a side dish to share with the club. There will be two rides scheduled for 12:00pm: one intermediate ride lead by Tommy and one beginner ride lead by Bob Sughrue. Cheryl Lamberson requested to have a softball game at the barbeque.

4. New Business:

4.1. Rider of the Month Nominations

4.1.1. Ernest Garcia-Diaz nominated Rossy Robles as March’s rider of the month. The motion was seconded by Tommy Bryant.

5. Announcements

5.1. Public Comments

5.1.1. Kevin Schmidt

5.1.1.1. Kevin announced that he will be setting up a ride through the Wind Wolves Reserve to check out the Native American Petroglyphs and local trails. Kevin is planning for the ride to take place in the beginning of April when all of the wildflowers will be blooming. There are three routes to choose from: 8.5 mile, 15 mile, and a 22 mile route. Kevin reported that the majority of the trail is on a fire road and is very beginner friendly.

5.1.1.2. Kevin asked for the club’s permission to create a new tab on the club’s website for a member’s only information. Kevin requested that the following tabs be created: history of trail names, list of trails and YouTube videos, file conversion for gps apps, club history.

5.1.1.3. Kevin announced that he will be putting together a committee for a bike duathlon that he would like to schedule for September. The duathlon will include road biking and mountain biking. Teams will be divided up between the Kern Wheelmen and the SSFTA. Kevin hopes that this event will unite both clubs and lead to an annual event.

5.1.1.4. The board will discuss Kevin’s request and revisit the subject at the April 12, 2013 board meeting. Ernest Garcia-Diaz offered to create a forum post on the website to collect trail stories for Kevin.

5.1.2. Eddie Gonzalez announced that August 22-25th are the tentative dates for the club’s trip to Mammoth Mountain.

5.1.3. Ernest Garcia-Diaz announced that China Peak will be opening as a mountain bike park on July 1, 2013, and he is planning on arranging an overnight trip for the club.

5.1.4. Tommy Bryant

5.1.4.1. Tommy announced that he had planned a ride for Saturday March 16th, but Ryan Brown is already hosting a ride down the Kern River Trail on the same day. Tommy will be postponing his planned ride and encouraged attendees to attend the Kern River Trail ride. Tommy also announced that All Action Racing is hosting a second Race Down Toad's and Super D course in our foothills. The Race Down Toad's is scheduled for March 23, 2013.

5.1.4.2. Tommy announced that he would like to "reboot" the Wednesday night ride in the foothills. At the moment there is no official ride leader from our club and people who attend the ride are often dropped within the first 10 minutes. As a "no drop" club the SSFTA must have someone ready to lead a ride at a "no drop" pace.

5.1.5. Bob Sughrue stated that he has been speaking with Dave Miller regarding a beginner ride in the Kernville area. Bob will get the ride scheduled once the trails start to open up.

5.1.6. Sam Ames announced that he is planning on creating a summer mountain bike race series in the foothills. Sam mentioned the success of the Bakersfield Track Club's summer running series and is confident the mountain bike race series can be just as popular. Sam will be checking with the land owners and is planning on hosting one unsanctioned race a month during July, August, and September. Sam also thanked all of the volunteers that helped with the Keyesville Classic. There were roughly 220 racers who participated in the weekend's races. Sam stated the he would like to create a Keyesville Classic History tent for the next race and borrow anyone's Keyesville memorabilia to show in the tent. Sam also stated that he currently has 36 Keyesville pint glasses and invited anyone who hadn't received a pint glass that won one to please contact him.

5.1.7. Tim Strem said thank you to Sam Ames and Keith Barnden for taking over the Keyesville Classic and for doing such an amazing job with it.

5.2. The next SSFTA board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

6. Adjournment:

6.1. Tommy Bryant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm and was seconded by Kristabel.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Bryant
SSFTA President

Ernest Garcia-Diaz
SSFTA Secretary