

Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Advisory Team/ Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009

1.0 Opening / Roll Call (by sign in)/ Minutes

- Roll call taken by the sign-in sheet.
- Once a quorum was established, the meeting called to order at 7 pm.
- The meeting was held at Cataldo's Pizza.

Advisory Team/ Board Members Present: Eddie Gonzalez, Melissa Hoyt, Jim McWhorter, Tim Strem, Bob Sughrue, Brad DeWitt and Alan Yama

Members: Jerry Moseley, Tommy Bryant

Guests: None

Welcome and Introductions/ Review Ground Rules

1.3 Minutes

- The minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting were read and approved. Jim McWhorter moved to approve the minutes, and Jerry Moseley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2.0 Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

President Eddie Gonzalez reported that weekly Foothill rides are going well. The weather is getting nicer and daylight savings time is helping riders come out. The Foothill trails are overgrown, covering up some ruts (as evidenced by Tommy's fall last night), so everyone needs to be extra careful.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susie Pence is absent; she had knee surgery today. Jim McWhorter reported that taxes were taken in to be done, and it's going to be \$500-\$600. The tax professional was needed, and she specializes in non-profit. Taxes should be done this week and then filed. No expenditures noted. SSFTA currently has \$7465.88.

2.3 Membership Report

Membership Coordinator Melissa Hoyt reported current membership numbers: **64** current memberships (52 single memberships and 12 family memberships). **New Members** since February report: John R. Wilson, Terry Gaylord, Tommy and Malaika Bryant.

Renewing Members since February report: Sinan Imer, Kathy Mashburn, Tom Pavich, and Bob Sughrue.

Bob Sughrue and Jack Van Bindsbergen have agreed to pass out membership applications on SSFTA weekly rides.

2.4 Website Report

Local Website Administrator Jack Van Bindsbergen was absent.

2.5 Trail Maintenance Report

Trail Maintenance Coordinator Tim Strem reported that response has been great for trail maintenance and Keyesville. There have been more volunteers than tools. Some tools were stolen up at Keyesville. The trail is now in great shape. On average, there have been 10-12 volunteers for each trail maintenance day. Hours have been tallied up for BLM, Bureau of Land Management.

Next trail maintenance trail will be Kern Canyon Trail. Information will be coming.

Discussion followed on "trail machine" that is on loan from Forest Service.

2.6 Land Access Report: Bureau of Land Management

Tim Strem reported on the Bureau of Land Management meeting that took place recently. Four mountain bikers attended and focused on Keyesville. SSFTA has a good relationship with BLM.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 SSFTA Mission Statement: "non-profit?"

The approved SSFTA mission statement is "SSFTA is a fun, non-profit social gathering of mountain bike enthusiasts committed to serving and promoting the sport of mountain biking in Kern County." Discussion followed on the "non-profit" part of the mission statement.

Jerry Moseley motioned to formally change the SSFTA mission statement to: "SSFTA is non-profit, fun social gathering of mountain bike enthusiasts committed to serving and promoting the sport of mountain biking in Kern County." Bob Sughrue seconded the motion, and it carried.

3.2 SSFTA Laptop Information

Alan Yama received laptop bids, from \$900-\$1200. He based the specs on what is required for Quickbooks to run. He explained the differences in the different quotes. Discussion followed.

Jim McWhorter motions to purchase a SSFTA laptop computer, spending between \$900-\$1200, at Alan Yama's discretion; Brad DeWitt seconds the motion. A vote was taken by a show of hands. All members present (except one) in favor, and one opposed. Motion carries.

Alan Yama will determine the best computer for SSFTA, and Jim McWhorter and Susie Pence will assist with the purchase.

3.3 Bike Ride Maps

Earl Norcross reported (via email) that the latest plan is to generate favored local ride maps (GPS) with profiles and route directions for mountain and road bike rides. The SSFTA would post mountain bike ride maps on our website.

3.4 Wind Wolves Preserve

Earl Norcross reported (via email) that the Wind Wolves Preserve ride was a success with 12 riders. He will provide more information at the next meeting.

3.5 Albertson's Community Partners

Melissa Hoyt received communication back from Albertson's, and SSFTA does not qualify because we are a 501c (7) non-profit organization (a social organization) instead of a 501c (3) non-profit organization (a community service organization).

3.6 Keyesville Volunteerism

Keyesville Volunteer Coordinator Tim Strem said that response has been good, and we have plenty of volunteers. The biggest concern is getting stuff up to Keyesville on Thursday. Tommy Bryant volunteered to help with this.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Ride Scheduling: Next Out-of-Town Ride

Eddie Gonzalez expressed the desire to get back into doing out-of-town rides. San Luis Obispo ride will be rescheduled, and he discussed several California options. Discussion followed on possible options. At least one month advance notice will be given for all out-of-town rides.

A SSFTA barbeque will be planned after a weekend ride, sometime in April.

5.0 Announcements

5.1 Public Comment

SSFTA Spin Class was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Action Sports. Sam Ames led 10 SSFTAers in the class, and it was a lot of fun.

Classes run weekly at Action Sports.

5.2 Keyesville Classic: 03-14-09, 03-15-09

5.3 SSFTA/ Kern Wheelman Cow Flat Wild Flower Ride: 03-21-09

Earl Norcross provided information that will be posted on the website. A barbeque will follow the ride.

5.4 NiteRider Demo Night in Ridgecrest: 03-21-09

Tommy Bryant is doing a second demo ride in Ridgecrest, as the first demo ride was a huge success with 43 riders. Ridgecrest riders want to be the biggest

demo night turnout for NiteRider. They want to beat Cleveland, Ohio's demo-night number of 51 riders.

NiteRider will be showcasing the brand-new Slickrock 900 Lumen Light for this demo night. Tommy Bryant will leave Bakersfield at 2 pm, if anyone wants to go with him. Sign ups start at 6 pm, with the ride leaving in Ridgecrest at 7 pm.

6.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.
- Jerry Moseley motioned to adjourn; Alan Yama seconded the motion. All approved.

The next SSFTA Advisory Team/ Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm at Cataldo's.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hoyt
SSFTA Secretary

Eddie Gonzalez
SSFTA President/ Chairperson