

Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Advisory Team/ Board Meeting Minutes
July 7, 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 7:03 pm.
- The meeting was held at Cataldo's Pizza.

Advisory Team/ Board Members Present: Melissa Hoyt, Tim Strem, Bob Sughrue, Alan Yama, Earl Norcross, Courtland Keith, Eddie Gonzalez

Members: Deanne Renting, James Pass, LaVonne Watson

Guests: Kevin Dee

Welcome and Introductions/ Review Ground Rules

1.3 Minutes

- The minutes from the June 9, 2009 meeting were read and approved. Deanne Renting moved to approve the minutes, and Bob Sughrue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2.0 Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

President Eddie Gonzalez reported that things are going well. On average, the weekly riders start with 15 riders or more. The goal of getting out of town once a month for a ride has been being met; we went to San Luis Obispo and Pine Mountain Club recently. Feedback received is that riders would like information on level of ride (beginner, intermediate, advanced), and more information on ride terrain prior to the ride. Thank you to the six local San Luis Obispo riders for hosting the ride and providing refreshments afterwards. There's a ride this Saturday night from Eddie's house.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susie Pence was absent. At the last meeting, she reported that SSFTA currently has \$6957.50, and she explained the new Quickbooks system and general ledger.

2.3 Membership Report

Membership Coordinator Melissa Hoyt reported current membership numbers: 75 current memberships (62 single memberships and 13 family memberships). No new or renewing memberships to report at this time.

2.4 Website Report

Local Website Administrator Jack Van Bindsbergen was absent. Out-of-Town Website Administrator Ben Oakley deleted 2000 spam membership orders from the website last month, and the spam is back again. We need to talk to Jack and Ben about what can be done to block the spam orders, like maybe putting a code that users must put in to complete order.

2.5 Trail Maintenance Report

Trail Maintenance Coordinator Tim Strem reported there's nothing going on right now due to the season. It's still hot and dry, and typically, there is not much going on in the summer.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 SSFTA Foothill Race/ Membership Drive

President Eddie Gonzalez reported that it's hard to find out who owns land. Courtland Keith said there are two options: poach it or struggle to find out who owns land. Eddie is going to sit down with Bakersfield Track Club members and get more information on how they run their races on the land. Deanne Renting will seek information on getting permission from Chevron to race on their land.

We will try to make this happen for the winter months: November, December and January.

3.2 Website Release-of-Liability Statement

Brad DeWitt reported (via email) that he is still working on statement. Tim Strem reported that he's helping Brad work on a statement. This will be revisited next month. Earl Norcross will check with Kern Wheelman to see what insurance coverage they have and what they do with riders who are not members on rides-how SSFTA can be protected when people do not sign release-of-liability statements.

4.0 New Business

4.1 August Camp Out Details

Looking at August 14-16 for Mount Pinos Camp-Out. Eddie Gonzalez will provide information for website.

4.2 Sunday Ride Status

Discussion involved moving Sunday ride to seasonal: Fall through Spring. This will be updated on website.

4.3 Mammoth Trip: 8-28-09 through 8-30-09

Need to have cut-off date for people to sign up to go. Eddie Gonzalez, Mark Bledsoe and Jerry Moseley are finalizing plans for the trip. All SSFTA members are welcome to go and ride the trails.

5.0 Announcements

5.1 Public Comments

Earl Norcross reported that 250-300 volunteers will be needed for AMGEN Tour, if Bakersfield's bid is accepted. Right now, there is nothing for SSFTA to do; however, the club is welcome to volunteer once plans are finalized. Melissa Hoyt will continue to send out information to SSFTA via distribution list.

Tim Strem reported that Bionicon has relocated to Woffard Heights. Mic DiMin, 2009 Keyesville Classic Race Director, is no longer working for Bionicon, so the Keyesville Classic status is questionable for March 2010.

Kari and Kevin Fabrizio are relocating to Bakersfield from Vermont in October 2009.

5.2 August Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009

6.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.
- Courland Keith motioned to adjourn; Bob Sughrue seconded the motion. All approved.

The next SSFTA Advisory Team/ Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7 pm at Cataldo's.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hoyt
SSFTA Secretary

Eddie Gonzalez
SSFTA President/ Chairperson