

Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Advisory Team/ Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 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 7:00 pm.
- The meeting was held at Cataldo's Pizza.

Advisory Team/ Board Members Present: Melissa Hoyt, Tim Strem, Alan Yama, Earl Norcross, Courtland Keith, Eddie Gonzalez, Jim McWhorter, Brad DeWitt, Susie Pence

Members: Deanne Renting, Augie Robles, Ivan Robles

Guests: Zac Griffin, Kath McWhorter, Kevan Dee

Welcome and Introductions/ Review Ground Rules

1.3 Minutes

- The minutes from the July 7 , 2009 meeting were read and approved. Deanne Renting moved to approve the minutes, and Courtland Keith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2.0 Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

President Eddie Gonzalez reported that weekly rides are going well and are well attended. There's been a number of out-of-town rides, including James' birthday ride. There's been a number of injuries as of late, and ride leaders have been stopping the group to warn riders of dangerous areas.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susie Pence reported that the current SSFTA balance is \$7,002.50. Nothing else is happening right now, except some reimbursements as receipts come in.

2.3 Membership Report

Membership Coordinator Melissa Hoyt reported current membership numbers: 76 current memberships (63 single memberships and 13 family memberships). One new member is Randy Roberts, and one renewing member is Brad DeWitt.

2.4 Website Report

Local Website Administrator Jack Van Bindsbergen reported via email that he has contacted Ben to work out website problems, but Ben has not responded yet.

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 Website Release-of-Liability Statement

Brad DeWitt reported 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.

3.2 Annual Mt. Pinos Camp Out Details

Roger Dixon is bringing the barbeque. Friday night pizza at the campground at 7 pm. On Saturday, meet at the triangle, or the Y, at 10:00 am ride. Bike rodeo following the ride, and then barbeque at 4 pm. Sunday, 9:00 ride starting from campground.

3.3 Camp Out Menu

Deanne Renting provided the camp-out menu, which includes Aussie Burgers (burgers with beets, egg, pineapple, bacon, cheese, tomato, onions and lettuce), Satay chicken skewers and sausage sizzle. Everyone else can bring a favorite size dish, dessert and beverages. The club will provide sodas and water.

Jim McWhorter motioned to spend \$100 on prizes; Courtland Keith seconded. Motion carried.

3.4 Bike Ride Maps

Earl Norcross reported that the bike ride maps have a ways to go. He's been talking to Rick Davis at the Kern County Board of Trade, and they are willing to host these maps. He provided an example of a Rio Bravo to Breckenridge road ride. A few SSFTA members are needed to volunteer to make these maps.

Jim McWhorter and James Pass will volunteer to help on this sub committee.

3.5 Finalize Mammoth Trip

Jerry Moseley, Mark Bledsoe, Jim McWhorter, Kath McWhorter, Tim Strem, Kevan Dee, James Pass, Michael Wade and Eddie Gonzalez are all confirmed. The San Luis Obispo group led by Darrin Oliver will be there at this time too. Confirmations and deposits are required by Friday.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Educational Speakers and Mountain Bike DVD's at Meetings

Earl Norcross explained how the Kern Wheelman run their meetings, two meetings a month: one for general membership and one for Board. Deanne Renting talked about having a general membership meeting/ social night with speakers and mountain bike DVD's once per quarter, as a start.

Deanne Renting volunteered to create a schedule and to help organize these social gatherings.

4.2 Group Ride Safety Endeavors

Tim Strem has been concerned about safety on rides. He suggested sending a look-out person to go ahead of riders to warn both riders and hikers, other cyclists, etc. We need a "token yokel" to go ahead of group and help keep everyone safe.

Earl Norcross and Jim McWhorter suggested using cow bells to help warn upcoming hikers and riders.

5.0 Announcements

5.1 Public Comments

Deanne Renting will be taking over for Melissa Hoyt for the next couple meetings as secretary. Melissa will still retain membership coordinator responsibilities.

Good luck to Melissa Hoyt with the twin babies.

5.2 September Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

6.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.
- Brad DeWitt motioned to adjourn; Alan Yama seconded the motion. All approved.

The next SSFTA Advisory Team/ Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7 pm at Cataldo's.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hoyt
SSFTA Secretary

Eddie Gonzalez
SSFTA President/ Chairperson