

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)  
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2011**

Board Members present: Melissa Hoyt, Eddie Gonzalez, Alan Yama, Kari Fabrizio, Michael Wade

Advisory Team members present: Jim McWhorter, Deanne Renting, Bob Sughrue, Zac Griffin

Members/Guests present: Kevin Fabrizio, Christopher Yi, Chris Ryerson, Lori O'Lin, Clint Stevenson, Bob Smith

**1. Opening/ Roll Call (by sign in)/ Minutes**

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. Fifteen members and guests were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. after a 30 minute presentation by Bob Smith of Bike Bakersfield on widening bike lanes in Bakersfield.

**1.1 Introductions and Welcome**

President Melissa Hoyt welcomed everyone.

**1.2 April Minute Approval**

The minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Kari Fabrizio summarized the minutes. Deanne Renting motioned to approve the minutes with one change to add Keith Barden to the meeting participant list. Jim McWhorter seconded the motion. All board members present approved the minutes.

**2. Reports**

**2.1 SSFTA General Report**

Melissa Hoyt thanked all members for their commitment to volunteerism, and specifically named various members for their recent contributions. Eddie Gonzalez shared a recent forum post where a Sunday beginner ride participant stated that the ride was too technical. Eddie stated that ride leaders always ask newcomers about their skill level so rides can be tailored, and that new participants also have the responsibility to report their fitness level and technical skills to the ride leaders.

**2.2 Treasurer's Report**

Alan Yama reported that he submitted the tax information to Sidney Hessler, who agreed to do the SSFTA taxes again this year. SSFTA currently has \$4081.91 with an additional \$700 in Pay Pal. Since last

month, we've had \$900 in income and \$563.40 in expenses (new easy-up canopy and BBQ).

### **2.3 Membership Report**

Deanne Renting reported that SSFTA currently has 60 memberships paid through 2011. People have been good about renewing. A few more reminders need to be sent to people. We also currently have 10 lifetime members, but only have email addresses for 8 of them. SSFTA will now be sending out newsletters via the website from [membership@ssfta.com](mailto:membership@ssfta.com). Also, event notifications can be sent out via 100 character email/text message. In the most recent newsletter and on the new membership form, members are informed that they can provide their cell phone numbers to the club to receive text messages/emails for last minute updates/ride changes. Thanks to Kevin Fabrizio for installing and getting access to these functions. May's Rider of the Month is Steve Messer, who has made great contributions to Keyesville.

### **2.4 Trail Maintenance Report**

Tim Strem was not present. Alan Yama reported that the Kern Canyon trail is in good shape now in terms of pruning, but there are lots of washouts that may need to be addressed in the fall. Just Outstanding has a couple of downed trees.

**2.5 Website Report:** SSFTA is still in need of a website administrator. Deanne Renting and Kevin Fabrizio are currently fielding emails. Melissa Hoyt, Kari Fabrizio, Deanne Renting, and James Pass are posting information for now.

**2.6 Rattlesnake Report:** Michael Wade reported that the SoCal League overall standings showed that 4 SSFTA Jr. Riders placed in the top 10, with Isaac Robles 9<sup>th</sup>, Frank Evans 7<sup>th</sup>, Michael Wade 5<sup>th</sup>, and Ivan Robles 1<sup>st</sup>. The overall team finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Keith Barnden took on most of the coaching for the racers this year.

## **3. Old Business**

**3.1 Bike Posters:** The prototype poster was approved by SSFTA and Tim Strem will be sending it to Alan Yama for printing.

**3.2 SSFTA T-shirts:** SSFTA jerseys are arriving this Thursday. Deanne Renting will send an email out to those who preordered to arrange a delivery time. There are plenty of jerseys for sale for \$60. T-shirts are still being designed. Zac Griffin knows of a person who may be available to help with the t-shirt design and he will let Deanne know.

**3.3 SSFTA 2011 Calendar:** The club agreed to go to Santa Cruz for the summer out-of-town trip in August. Deanne Renting agreed to organize the accommodations and Eddie Gonzalez will organize the riding. Eddie has family who bike there and who might be able to host the club. Kevin Fabrizio, Melissa Hoyt, and Eddie Gonzalez agreed to work with Deanne on a subcommittee to look at accommodations available during the first 2 weeks in August. The club also discussed doing a Mt. Pinos campout trip during Labor Day weekend or another weekend in July. This will be finalized after scheduling the Santa Cruz trip.

#### **4. New Business**

**4.3 Weekly Ride Time Changes:** The current Saturday ride leaders and regular riders want to do a 6:30 a.m. instead of an 8:00 a.m. ride. This will start Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup>. Melissa Hoyt will post on the forums that people who want to lead an 8:00 a.m. ride can volunteer. The Sunday ride for beginning riders will stay at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays for now.

**4.4 IMBA membership:** Deanne Renting reported that she was at the IMBA booth at Sea Otter and asked questions about becoming an affiliated member of IMBA. Deanne stated the cost would be \$30/year and the benefits of being a member are:

- Pro-deal pricing discounts for trail maintenance volunteers
- Access to IMBA grants for trail maintenance
- IMBA Club insurance available
- Discounts on trail building tools & BOB trailers
- Cliff Bars available for trail maintenance days
- Access to IMBA Trail building school and Subaru trail care crew

Jim McWhorter stated that the club was formerly a member of IMBA and they built trails with the club. At the time, many SSFTA members were also motorcyclists and wanted to be a part of a different group and so dropped the IMBA membership. Kari Fabrizio motioned to have SSFTA join IMBA. Jim McWhorter seconded. All board members present approved.

#### **5. Announcements**

**5.1 Out-of-town rides:** There will be a ride this weekend from Keyesville to the Corral through Black Gulch. Next weekend Mark Bledsoe will lead a group to Just Outstanding.

**5.2 Public Comments**

**5.1.1** Jim McWhorter commented that he is leading a Thursday road ride from Yokuts Park at 6:00 p.m. that is dedicated to keeping everyone together for a fun time.

**5.1.2** Melissa Hoyt commented that the Bakersfield Track Club Summer Series is starting June 7<sup>th</sup> and that people can sign up with her to bring beverages after runs during the season. All attending should bring chairs.

**5.2 June meeting date:** 6-14-11

**6. Adjournment:** Bob Sughrue motioned to adjourn the meeting and Michael Wade seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.