

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010**

Board Members present: Eddie Gonzalez, Alan Yama, Kari Fabrizio

Advisory Team members present: Jim McWhorter, Tim Strem, Melissa Hoyt, Bob Sughrue, Jack VanBindsbergen, Zac Griffin

Members/Guests present: Kevin Fabrizio, Susan Bowen, David Millar, Denise Simpson, Lisa Wade, Michael Wade.

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 6:33 p.m.

1.1 Introductions and Welcome

President Eddie Gonzalez welcomed everyone.

1.2 September Minute Approval

The minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Kari Fabrizio summarized the minutes. No changes were recommended and the minutes were approved.

2. Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

Eddie Gonzalez reported that the Saturday morning rides are being well attended with a number of new riders showing up. There has been some recent discussion about ride level classifications on the weekly rides and whether we want to change that. The group felt it was best to leave the current classification system on the website with the caveat that all levels are welcome and will be accommodated.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Alan Yama reported that SSFTA currently has \$5777.10 in its account. There are additional funds in the Pay Pal account. Alan needs to pay the Flickr account. Forty dollars needs to be paid for the P.O. box.

2.3 Membership Report

Deanne Renting was not present. Kari Fabrizio reported on her behalf. There are currently 72 SSFTA members. Details of the Member Night at Imbibe were shared. The group felt that the event would not be well attended due to the expense (Per person - \$10 for food and \$10 for beer samples) and small samples of beer provided (6 x 3oz. tastings per person), so the event was

cancelled. Melissa Hoyt suggested having a fundraiser night at a restaurant, such as California Pizza Kitchen, where 20% of the bill could go to the SSFTA. This can be planned for next year.

2.4 Trail Maintenance Report

Eddie Gonzalez reported that the river trail is not passable in many places. Several foothill trails are also overrun with weeds. Eddie will make note of specific trails that need work and post a trail day.

3. Old Business

3.1 Bike Posters: Lisa Wade needs to send the top 10 picture choices to Tim Strem to determine which pictures will go on the poster.

3.2 Project proposal subcommittee: This subcommittee put together a framework for people to propose using SSFTA resources. It gives the person who wants to make a request, things to think about/organize prior to making a request. Melissa Hoyt motioned to approve the form with the addition of requiring that the requester submit their form 1 week prior to a meeting so it can be put on the agenda and potentially voted on. The club unanimously approved. Kari Fabrizio will post the form on the website.

3.3 SSFTA T-shirts/jerseys subcommittee: Jim McWhorter reported that he has still not heard back from Dan Dunn regarding the submitted jersey color changes. Jim will talk directly to the jersey manufacturer to get quotes and keep the board informed. Eddie Gonzalez sent Primal Wear information to Deanne Renting.

3.4 Member night at Imbibe: The club cancelled this event. Please refer to the General Report for details.

3.5 November election process: SSFTA will purchase pizzas at Rusty's and individuals can purchase their own drinks. Tommy Bryant offered to bring a raffle item and David Miller offered to bring \$50 worth of Action Sports items to raffle. Eddie Gonzalez will share SSFTA highlights for 2010. Members can nominate board members online or at the election meeting.

3.6 Thanksgiving Day pie ride: Lisa Wade will write up a summary of this event for the website. The ride will be from Peet's Coffee at 8:00 a.m.

3.7 Christmas Party: Lisa Wade is organizing this event for 12/11/10. It will be a Pot luck event starting at 6:00 p.m. at her house. Individuals who want to do a gift exchange can come with a gift. The children's gift exchange will also take place, so each participating child should bring a gift as well.

- 3.8 Bike charity project:** This project is on hold and Deanne Renting will keep the board informed of updates. Zac Griffin announced that KGET is doing a project with Bike Bakersfield on 10/23/10, where they are sorting donated bikes for kids for the Safe Routes to School program. Zac will send information about this event to Kevin Fabrizio to post on the website.
- 3.9 Adopt-a-class Christmas project:** This project is on course and Eddie will have the list of children to sponsor ready for the Pie Ride event. Kari Fabrizio will assist in signing people up for sponsorship at the ride.

4. New Business

- 4.1 Potential website features:** Kevin Fabrizio presented 2 website modules that SSFTA can purchase: The first module costs \$100 and allows SSFTA to send text messages to members, such as last minute ride changes. Once the module is purchased, there is no additional cost to send the messages. Members can opt out of this if desired. The second module costs \$140 and will do everything our current events calendar does but also allows for RSVP and sends reminders to participants prior to events. Kari Fabrizio motioned to approve the first module and not the second one. Alan Yama seconded that motion. The motion was approved.

5. Announcements

5.1 Public Comments

- 5.1.1** Zac Griffin provided an update on the SoCal cycling league. He indicated that parents of this league may be requesting financial support from SSFTA. March 6th is the first race at Temecula and March 18th is the second race at Keyesville. Zac also mentioned that there may be a future opportunity to connect the bike trail all the way up to the mouth of the Kern Canyon.
- 5.1.2** Zac Griffin announced that there is an open house at Bike Bakersfield coming up and he will send SSFTA info to post on the website.
- 5.1.3** Bob Sughrue announced that he can no longer lead the rides on Thursdays and Saturdays due to his work schedule. The beginner ride will now be on Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

5.2 November meeting date: 11-9-10

- 6. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.