

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)**  
**Advisory Team/ Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Annual Election Meeting**  
**November 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 7:06 pm.
- The meeting was held at Cataldo's Pizza.

**Advisory Team/ Board Members Present:** Melissa Hoyt, Alan Yama, Jack VanBindsbergen, Courtland Keith, Eddie Gonzalez, Jim McWhorter, Jim Scarry, Bob Sughrue

**Members:** Zac Griffin, Kevin Fabrizio, Kari Fabrizio, Randy Roberts, Tim Hoyt

**Welcome and Introductions/ Review Ground Rules**

**1.3 Minutes**

- The minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting were read and approved. Courtland Keith moved to approve the minutes, and Kari Fabrizio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2.0 Reports**

**2.1 SSFTA General Report**

President Eddie Gonzalez thanked Zac Griffin and Courtland Keith for putting on the maintenance clinic. He also thanked Tommy Bryant for putting on the NiteRider Demo Night. It's getting dark now, so attendance on the Monday and Wednesday night rides is lower, but people are still riding. There are a number of out-of-town rides coming up: Unal Trail and Just Outstanding on November 15, lead by Mark Bledsoe, and Sycamore Canyon on November 28 with Camarillo resident Jeremy Berlinger leading ride. Thanks to Jack VanBindsbergen for fixing the website and keeping the website up to date. Looking back over this year, 2009, things have been going very well. There are lots of positives, and there are suggestions of where we need to go, but we are moving in a positive direction. Everyone gets along well, with no inconsiderate riders. It's been a great year; Eddie Gonzalez thanked everyone for a great year.

**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: **81** current memberships (70 single memberships and 11 family memberships). Renewals: Grant Salyers and Frank Evans.

### **2.4 Website Report**

Website Administrator Jack Van Bindsbergen said the website needs some updating, particularly some security updates. There are infinite possibilities with the website, with all sorts of plug-ins with the website. He would appreciate the help of Kevin Fabrizio. He is working to address the complaints on the website. The main purpose is to keep everyone updated on SSFTA events and promote the sport of mountain biking.

### **2.5 Trail Maintenance Report**

Trail Maintenance Coordinator Tim Strem was absent. However, Jim McWhorter sent out some dates for trail maintenance with the Stewards of the Sequoias. Jim will set up a date and a location, and we'll get the information out to members so we can do more trail maintenance.

## **3.0 Old Business**

### **3.1 Website Release-of-Liability Statement**

Brad DeWitt and Earl Norcross absent; not addressed.

### **3.2 Kern County Grant**

Jim McWhorter said that this is up in the air right now. Earl Norcross was not present to give information.

### **3.3 Meeting Location January 2010**

January meeting will be at Ellis Island Pizza Company.

### **3.4 Bike Shop Posters**

Alan Yama will get with Tim Strem to address this...

## **4.0 New Business**

### **4.1 SSFTA Christmas Party: December 12, 2009**

Esteban and Barbara Solano are again hosting the Christmas party on Saturday, December 12, 2009, starting at 6 pm. There will be two gift exchanges again: one for adults and one for kids. The Mill Creek ride will be the next day: Sunday, December 13, 2009.

### **4.2 SSFTA Address Change**

We can no longer use PIP address. We need to get PO Box for club business. Eddie Gonzalez and new treasurer Alan Yama will work on acquiring this.

### **4.3 Sunday Rides**

We want to start up the Sunday ride at 2 pm. Bob Sughrue has agreed to be a ride leader for Sunday. If Bob cannot make ride, Tim Hoyt and he will recruit more ride leader. Sunday at 2 pm starts November 22.

### **4.4 End of Year Donation**

Jim McWhorter motioned to give \$1,000 to Stewards of the Sequoia and Chris Horgan. Board members voted: Jim Scarry and Melissa Hoyt said yes; therefore, Jim McWhorter will have a check for Chris at December Christmas party.

## **5.0 Annual Board Member Elections**

### **5.1 Procedure**

Bob Sughrue, Tim Hoyt, and Randy Roberts will be Inspectors of Election.

### **5.2 2010 Elections**

**President:** Kari Fabrizio nominated Eddie Gonzalez; accepted

**Vice President:** Jack VanBindbergen nominated Brad DeWitt; accepted

**Treasurer:** Melissa Hoyt nominated Alan Yama for Treasurer; accepted

**Secretary:** Tim Hoyt nominated Kari Fabrizio; accepted

**Member at Large:** Jack VanBindsbergen nominated Courtland Keith; accepted. Melissa Hoyt nominated Jim McWhorter, accepted

The vote was very close: Courtland Keith will be Member at Large.

## **6.0 2010 Advisory Team Commitments**

The following SSFTA members have agreed to be on the Advisory Team for 2010: Earl Norcross, Deanne Renting, James Pass, Mark Bledsoe, Jack VanBindsbergen, Jim McWhorter, Jim Scarry, Zac Griffin, Randy Roberts, Bob Sughrue, Tim Strem and Melissa Hoyt

## **7.0 Public Comments**

**7.1** Courtland Keith announced Spin Class at Action Sports that he is leading: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6am – 7 am. Jack will put on website.

**7.2** Zac Griffin announced City is getting ready to put together Bike Master Plan for city. Also, speed limits will be posted on bike trail.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.
- Tim Hoyt motioned to adjourn; Alan Yama seconded the motion. All approved.

***The 2010 SSFTA Advisory Team/ Board Meeting is scheduled for***

***Tuesday, January 12, 2009 at 7 pm at Cataldo's.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Hoyt  
SSFTA Secretary

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Eddie Gonzalez  
SSFTA President/ Chairperson