

Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Advisory Team/ Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 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 7:05 pm.
- The meeting was held at Cataldo's Pizza.

Advisory Team/ Board Members Present: Melissa Hoyt, Tim Strem, Bob Sughrue, Brad DeWitt, Alan Yama, Earl Norcross, Susie Pence, Jim McWhorter

Members: Kari Fabrizio, Deanne Renting, James Pass, LaVonne Watson, Josh Pence

Guests:

Welcome and Introductions/ Review Ground Rules

1.3 Minutes

- The minutes from the April 14, 2009 meeting were read and approved. Brad DeWitt moved to approve the minutes, and Kari Fabrizio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2.0 Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

President Eddie Gonzalez was absent. Jim McWhorter reported that the weekly rides have had great turnouts of riders. Mount Pinos ride last Sunday had 10 riders, including some new riders who had never experienced McGill Trail.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susie Pence reported that SSFTA currently has \$6957.50, and she explained the new Quickbooks system and general ledger. Discussion followed.

2.3 Membership Report

Membership Coordinator Melissa Hoyt reported current membership numbers: **75** current memberships (62 single memberships and 13 family memberships). **New Members** since April report: Luis Navarro, Amy Heredia, Kevin "Doc" Schmidt, Clint Stevenson, Jeff Marshall, Augie Robles, and Jason and Lori Vagim.

Renewing Members since April report: Janice Ruben, Joe Sweet, Ken James and Lisa, Thomas and Michael Wade.

2.4 Website Report

Local Website Administrator Jack Van Bindsbergen was absent. Out-of-Town Website Administrator Ben Oakley recently deleted 2000 spam membership orders from the website. The spam was clogging up the system, and we weren't able to post rides or see who bought memberships. Thanks to Ben for acting so quickly to get us back up and running. He will continue to work hard to keep the site up and running for SSFTA.

2.5 Trail Maintenance Report

Trail Maintenance Coordinator Tim Strem reported there's nothing going on right now due to the season.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 SSFTA Foothill Race/ Membership Drive

President Eddie Gonzalez was absent; this will be revisited next meeting.

3.2 SSFTA Jersey Order

Tim Strem reported that the order has not been placed yet, and orders are still being submitted. Deanne Renting will help with order.

4 New Business

4.1 SSFTA Liability Statement on Website

Brad DeWitt brought an example from Pasadena's website regarding a release of liability statement. Brad DeWitt and Tim Strem will work on sample SSFTA statements to present at our next meeting. Earl Norcross will run statements by his lawyer friend.

5.0 Announcements

5.1 Public Comments

Earl Norcross reported on Wind Wolves Preserve, and he is working with the director to see what areas can be opened up to mountain bikers.

Earl Norcross reported on the bike maps. He has talked to the Kern County Board of Trade, and they are interested in financially supporting the making of the maps. They feel it will bring tourism into Kern County, and they will promote the maps. A format must be established using GPS to help create the maps, and volunteers must step up from SSFTA and Kern Wheelman. Discussion followed.

Golden Empire Classic road bike ride was last weekend, and more than 750 racers showed up. It was a race that went on Round Mountain Road; it was a 31 mile race: categories beginner to category 1 and 2, who did 3 laps. Everyone had a great time, despite some rain on Saturday.

Tour of California: there is a committee that has a proposal in this year to bring this race to Bakersfield one year from now. Possible race routes (circuits) were discussed. There will be a lot more media coverage on this coming out. This

race is tentatively set for May 16-23, 2010, and Earl Norcross will get information to Melissa Hoyt. All Advisory Team members in attendance agreed that this is good information to get out to SSFTA. Melissa will send email out to members.

Thank you to Kari for bringing the raspberry treat to the meeting!

5.2 SLO Ride: 6-27-09

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

6.0 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.
- Susie Pence motioned to adjourn; Bob Sughrue seconded the motion. All approved.

The next SSFTA Advisory Team/ Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7 pm at Cataldo's.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hoyt
SSFTA Secretary

Eddie Gonzalez
SSFTA President/ Chairperson