

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)  
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2011**

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

Advisory Team members present: Jim McWhorter, Tim Strem, Lisa Wade, Deanne Renting, James Pass

Members/Guests present: Kevin Fabrizio, Keith Barnden, Malaika Bryant, Courtland Keith, Paul Ferguson, Marcela Quezada, Fernando Varela

**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 6:41 p.m.

**1.1 Introductions and Welcome**

President Melissa Hoyt welcomed everyone.

**1.2 May Minute Approval**

The minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Kari Fabrizio summarized the minutes. No changes were recommended. Deanne Renting moved to approve the minutes. Jim McWhorter and Lisa Wade seconded the motion. All board members present approved the minutes.

**2. Reports**

**2.1 SSFTA General Report**

Melissa Hoyt reported that the weekly rides are going well with improved attendance. There were three out-of-town rides with Just Outstanding, Kern Canyon, and Mt. Pinos. Vince's Slow Friends out of Ventura joined the group for the Mt. Pinos ride. Eddie Gonzalez stated that a girl from the Pasadena MTB club recently visited Bakersfield and rode with the Saturday morning group. She invited our club to ride with her group sometime. Malaika Bryant reported that Jim McWhorter and Tim Strem ran a weekend women's mountain bike training through "Women and the Outdoors", which is put on by the Wild Turkey Federation each year.

**2.2 Treasurer's Report**

Alan Yama reportedly deposited \$660 (\$500 from Pay Pal and the rest from membership dues). He paid off the cost of the jerseys at \$1021. Our bank charged us a service fee of \$18.00/month the last 2 months

because we had under \$3500 in our account. Our current balance is \$3683.91. Paul Ferguson's \$1000 donation (see notes below) will be added. Sid Hessler, who did our taxes this year, saved us approximately \$400. Melissa Hoyt motioned that we give her a \$100 gift card to accompany her thank-you letter and free family membership. Kari Fabrizio seconded the motion. All approved. Alan Yama offered to arrange purchase and delivery of the thank-you items.

### **2.3 Membership Report**

Deanne Renting reported that SSFTA currently has 66 members (43 individual, 15 family, 3 honorary, 4 lifetime, and 1 junior membership). One member just bought 5 years up-front. Deanne suggested offering \$20 for a one-year and \$50 for a 3-year membership next year. \$1345 has been generated so far from memberships this year. Deanne also confirmed SSFTA's membership with IMBA and read a welcome letter from them. She will email more information to the board.

### **2.4 Trail Maintenance Report**

Tim Strem stated that there is no new news at this time.

### **2.5 Website Report**

Melissa Hoyt reported that there is still no website administrator. Melissa motioned to have Lisa Wade take on this role. Jim McWhorter seconded. Lisa agreed and all approved. Kari Fabrizio will send out instructions to Lisa to begin training for this role.

### **2.6 Rattlesnake Report:**

Racing season is over and this report will be discontinued on the agenda until next season.

## **3. Old Business**

- 3.1 SSFTA T-shirts/Jerseys:** Deanne Renting reported that 82 jerseys were ordered and 42 have already sold. SSFTA paid out \$3564 with revenue so far at \$2520. We need to sell another 18 jerseys to break even. There are no more men's large sizes. There has to be a minimum order of 15 to order more. The club agreed to wait to order until we have more people interested in ordering jerseys of that size. We will post that large jerseys are currently on "backorder". Deanne reported that t-shirts are on hold, due to difficulties in the current design translating well into the t-shirt screening process. More information needs to be gathered on formatting needs. Keith Barnden mentioned Willis Design as a potential place to help us get the design out.

**3.2 August Santa Cruz trip:** The club agreed to have the trip August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. The cost of renting a house will possibly be \$400/night per Deanne Renting's research. Seven members are currently planning on going. Kari Fabrizio will post the trip on the website to encourage people to contact Deanne if they can commit to going, so that accommodations can be secured. Members present discussed having the club camp-out at Mt. Pinos July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. The club ride will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. from the "Y" (if starting at the campground, then 9:30 to ride down to the start), and the BBQ at 3:00 p.m. Additional planning will be conducted at the next meeting.

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

**4.1 Keyesville:** Paul Ferguson updated the club on the success of the Keyesville race this year. Race participation increased 10% this year with 310 registered racers. Paul received positive feedback about the event. The race brought in \$3200 with \$2200 going toward the Kernville Bike Park for a BMX start gate. Paul thanked SSFTA for the support with trail preparation and volunteering through the race weekend. He donated \$1000 to the club and Jim McWhorter accepted the check. Jim acknowledged the abundant volunteers that spontaneously helped as needed behind the scenes to help with the race. Paul is working with the BLM to make the new single-track official and create a shuttle route for the downhill section. There may be some new single track as well. Paul is looking forward to continuing to improve the race next year.

**4.2 SoCal League:** Keith Barnden reported that the Rattlesnakes had a great first year. They started with 6 students and ended with 4 who performed well. The goal for next year is to increase participation and Keith requested SSFTA assistance, such as providing ride leaders or assistant coaches. Members present brainstormed ways to get new high school students interested in mountain biking. The Rattlesnakes have one year left to run a composite team (i.e. students from any high school can join together as one team). After that, each participating high school will have their own team. Keith will be the head coach next year and is in the process of getting licensed. He will prepare a statement for the website to attract new ride leaders and potential students for the team.

#### **5. Announcements**

##### **5.1 Public Comments**

**5.1.1** Eddie Gonzalez will get in contact with the Pasadena MTB club to organize a ride with them.

**5.1.2** Courtland Keith is selling a bike and interested people can go to the forums for more information.

**5.2 July meeting date:** 7-12-11

**6. Adjournment:** Keith Barnden motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jim McWhorter seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.