

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2010**

Board Members present: Eddie Gonzalez, Brad DeWitt, Alan Yama, Kari Fabrizio, Courtland Keith

Advisory Team members present: Jim McWhorter, Tim Strem, Deanne Renting, James Pass, Randy Roberts, Zac Griffin

Members/Guests present: Kevin Fabrizio, Ryan Goodmin, Val Vanderpool, Keith Barnden, David Goon, Ramon Jacquez, Heather Keith

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

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. 18 members and guests were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1.1 Introductions and Welcome

President Eddie Gonzalez welcomed everyone. New guests were introduced.

1.2 January Minute Approval

The minutes from the January 12, 2010 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were recommended. Brad DeWitt moved to approve the minutes. James Pass seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

Eddie Gonzalez reported that the recent wet weather has hampered the number of riders on weekly rides. When weather improves there will be more out- of-town rides scheduled. Some members have been doing road rides.

2.2 Treasurer's Report – 2009 taxes

Alan Yama reported that the current SSFTA account balance is \$4747.70. There is at least \$380.00 in the Pay Pal account and Alan will transfer into the SSFTA account and log each entry to track names/amounts in the transactions. He indicated that the club needs to decide who will be able to write checks. The club approved Alan Yama, Eddie Gonzalez, and Kari Fabrizio to be listed on the checking account and they will need to register with the bank.

2.3 Membership Report

Eddie read Melissa's report that there are 71 current dues-paying members (59 single, 12 family). 27 renewal notices were sent out (via postal mail) January 19, and Melissa will continue to encourage members to renew. There were many December and January membership expirations. Melissa will encourage all members to register on the new SSFTA website, and she will update all membership information within the website once members register. Tim Strem provided new membership cards and Melissa was able to mail out all of December and January's memberships (21 envelopes) last week.

2.4 Trail Maintenance Report

Tim Strem reported that the Mackey Trail near Just Outstanding/ Saw Mill road needs work, however; it is not an SSFTA managed trail. The Kern Canyon trail is in good shape, but Keyesville needs some work, as there are trees down. Stewards of the Sequoias is working on Dutch Flat this weekend. Some local foothill trails have tumbleweeds, such as Sand Canyon and upper Toads. Eddie and Tim will identify specific areas of need and set up an SSFTA trail maintenance day.

3. Old Business

3.1 Bike Shop Posters

Tim Strem reported that posters can be made once SSFTA collaborates with Kern Wheelman on pictures and information. Brochures will be updated simultaneously. Members should email pictures to Tim for this project.

3.2 Website Release of Liability

Brad DeWitt suggested that SSFTA move forward with a release-of-liability statement on the website, as opposed to waiting for Earl's attorney to approve it. Brad read and motioned to accept the current statement. Jim McWhorter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brad will send the statement to Kevin to post on the website. Jim indicated concern over posting a Disabled list on the website, as this may be scary for new riders. The club agreed to make this information available only to members.

3.3 Foothill race

Eddie reported for Jack that most volunteer slots are filled, but 1-2 people are needed for registration and trail monitoring during the race. Eddie will pick up the SSFTA tent and tables with Alan and set up the SSFTA booth Sunday morning.

3.4 SSFTA promotion at Foothill race

Kari Fabrizio reported that last week the SSFTA board approved ordering 96 pint glasses with the SSFTA logo on it for sale. They will not be available for the Foothill race, but will be for Keyesville. The shipment cost \$300.60 (approx. \$3.00/glass), and glasses will sell for \$10.00 each. Kari motioned that the board also approve ordering 25 hats with the SSFTA logo. The shipment will cost \$239.50 (approx. \$9.50/hat), and will sell for \$20.00. The hats will be ready for the Foothill race. A sign-up sheet will be available for ordering additional hats with a personalized name on the back for \$25.00. Brad seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Additional promotion items that will be available at the Foothill race include flyers, I.D. cards, T-shirts, and Jerseys. Deanne Renting will organize a bake sale as well. Eddie, Brad, and Kari will run the SSFTA booth at the race.

4. New Business

4.1 Keyesville Race

Eddie introduced Bionicon representatives Val Vanderpool and Ryan Goodman. Val thanked Eddie and the club for inviting them to the meeting, and acknowledged SSFTA's long history with the Keyesville race. This year's race will be 3/20 – 3/21, and set up similarly to last year with the same pricing. Val invited SSFTA to again partner and volunteer assistance with this year's race in exchange for a guaranteed donation of \$1000 to the SSFTA club. Volunteers are needed at all levels (volunteer coordinator, course marshals, sweepers, etc.). Jim McWhorter has already volunteered to help with course set-up and tear-down. Four-six additional people are needed to help with this. Kari Fabrizio motioned that the club vote to partake in the race and Brad DeWitt seconded the motion. The group voted in favor. Jim agreed to be the SSFTA liaison with Bionicon. Emails include jimmcwhorter@earthlink.net , val@bioniconusa.com , and ryan@bioniconusa.com .

4.2 Stewardship Council Grant

Zac Griffin gave an overview of Bike Bakersfield including that it is an advocacy group that makes sure children feel safe on their bikes on the street. He reviewed their event calendar, which can be viewed at www.BikeBakersfield.org. Zac also submitted the organization's goals and objectives, which will be made available via email soon. Zac reported that the Stewardship Council Grant is a 2.1 million dollar grant issued by PG&E for the purpose of connecting kids to the outdoors. The grant can be viewed at www.stewardshipcouncil.org. Zac suggested that SSFTA partner with the Parks Department and their "Safe Routes to School Program". Eddie Gonzalez and Kevin Fabrizio identified Zac as being a key liaison with other organizations that may

benefit from SSFTA involvement in bike related programs. They encouraged Zac to bring suggestions/requests for specific activities/events that would allow SSFTA to serve the community.

5. Announcements

5.1 Public Comments

5.1.1 Keith Barnden, president of Kern Wheelman, reported that the Kern Wheelman are in charge of technical logistics with the Tour of California stage that ends in Bakersfield in May. On 4/17 there will be a pre-ride of the stage starting in Visalia with busing from Bakersfield College. It is 117 miles, but a 40 mile section starting from Glenville will also be available. There may be up to 3000 riders that day.

5.1.2 Deanne Renting reported that on 4/17 the Sea Otter Classic will be taking place. She and James Pass have a campsite available for those who are interested. IMBA is also hosting an annual ride called Ales and Trails in May, which offers different levels of social rides with food and micro-brewed beer available at the end. Deanne will send out more information to the club. She suggested that the SSFTA website post links to regional races.

5.1.3 David Goon and Ramon Jacquez reported that they are having a bike swap meet in May. This will be held out at Yokuts Park. People can bring bike parts for sale, with proceeds going to Bike Bakersfield. There will be a bike polo event and food available. They invited SSFTA to set up a promotional booth.

5.1.4 Jim McWhorter suggested that all SSFTA documents and pictures be saved on the SSFTA laptop that was purchased last year. Individual members should bring info on memory sticks to meetings so this can be done.

5.1.5 Zac Griffin reported that he has created a junior racing club and asked SSFTA to encourage high school level racers to join.

5.2 March meeting date: 3-9-10.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.