

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)  
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2010**

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

Advisory Team members present: Jim McWhorter, Tim Strem, James Pass, Bob Sughrue

Members/Guests present: Kevin Fabrizio, Lisa Wade

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

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. Ten 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.

**1.2 July Minute Approval**

The minutes from the July 13, 2010 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Kari Fabrizio summarized the minutes. No changes were recommended. Courtland Keith motioned to approve the minutes and Eddie Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. Reports**

**2.1 SSFTA General Report**

Eddie Gonzalez reported that many SSFTA members attended Grant Salyers "taco night" social gathering prior to his passing. He acknowledged that approximately 10 members attended Grant's funeral today. A Memorial Ride is planned for next Wednesday The Mt. Pinos camping trip was successful. An average of 15-17 riders have been attending Monday night rides this last month. Several new riders are coming and trying out mountain biking. Eddie emphasized the need to tailor rides to the skill level of those in attendance. Jim McWhorter reported 7-8 riders are coming out on Wednesday nights.

**2.2 Treasurer's Report**

Alan Yama reported that our current bank, Citizens Bank, agreed to waive the monthly service fee if SSFTA keeps at least \$2500-7500 in its account. Currently SSFTA has \$5648.50. The board agreed to continue banking with Citizens. Alan reported that there is no need to re-order checks even though our current checks have the old name of the Bank on them (San Joaquin Bank). Lisa Wade updated the SSFTA

business license with the state at a cost of \$5.00, which she donated to the club. Thanks Lisa!

### **2.3 Membership Report**

Deanne Renting was out of town and asked James Pass to report for her. There are currently 73 members, with a new member Cheryl Lamberson joining last month. Several members also renewed. Additional membership cards are needed and Tim Strem agreed to order these. New business cards with updated information are also needed and should reference the website and the fact that there are 3-5 organized rides weekly. Tim also agreed to tackle this task and will let the board know what the costs will be. James proposed that memberships run from March to March in order to simplify the processing of memberships. This would also allow for a membership drive, and merchandise ordering can be combined with this. Courtland Keith motioned to have a single month annual dues payment in March with prorated dues for new members joining within a 6 month window. Electronic payments are to be encouraged. Bob Sughrue seconded the motion. The motion carried. Discussion then ensued regarding whether to raise membership dues. After discussion, Kari Fabrizio motioned to retain the \$20 individual/\$30 family membership dues, adding \$20 with the purchase of a SSFTA hat, and \$10 with the purchase of a SSFTA pint glass or T-shirt. Courtland Keith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **2.4 Trail Maintenance Report**

Tim Strem reported that there was a request from a member to do trail maintenance on the McGill Trail at Mt. Pinos. Tim indicated that this is not the time of year to maintain trails due to sandy conditions, and that we should not be working on trails without permission from those who are responsible for the trail. Kevin Fabrizio agreed to find out and contact who is responsible for that trail and determine if we can assist in a future trail maintenance day.

## **3. Old Business**

### **3.1 Bike Posters**

Lisa Wade picked out 10 pictures from the SSFTA Flickr account as candidates for the new SSFTA/Kern Wheelman poster. She will submit these to Tim Strem, who will choose the final 2 to 4 pictures to contribute to the poster.

### **3.2 Mammoth Trip**

The SSFTA condo is full and there are several others who are renting elsewhere. Information is posted on the website and the board is promoting the trip on weekly rides.

## **4. New Business**

### **4.1 Project proposal subcommittee**

Eddie Gonzalez will set a date for this subcommittee to meet. Table this item for the next meeting.

### **4.2 SSFTA T-shirts/Jerseys subcommittee**

Jim McWhorter reported that this subcommittee is proposing to change the colors in the existing SSFTA jersey, and make some other minor changes, such as adding trail names and adding a section memorializing members who have passed. The next step is to gather different examples of colors, determine how to change specific features, and identify costs. Jim will follow-up and share his findings at the next meeting. Individuals can submit proposed colors to Jim.

### **4.3 SoCal Cycling League meeting 7/6/10**

Eddie Gonzalez reported that he spoke with a SSFTA member who attended this meeting. At this time, it does not appear that the league will be too active in Bakersfield this year. Eddie will ask Tommy Bryant to keep this club informed of the league's activities and potential involvement for SSFTA.

### **4.4 SSFTA Calendar of Events 9/10-12/10**

Eddie Gonzalez will host another night ride this month and post it on the website. The club decided on a Fall BBQ for September 18, 2010 at the Lake Ming campground/picnic area. There will be a ride at 10:00 a.m. and lunch at 1:00 p.m. There was discussion of a potential Halloween party or full moon night ride in October. November will be the SSFTA election for board members. Nominations will be submitted at the September BBQ. There will be a Christmas party in December. Further details surrounding these events will be determined at the next meeting. Eddie Gonzalez suggested that the club consider a camping trip in Morro Bay in February.

## **5. Announcements**

### **5.1 Public Comments**

**5.1.1** There will be a Memorial Ride next Wednesday night for Grant Salyers. Mark Bledsoe will organize this and post on the website. All riding levels are welcome.

**5.1.2** The last Bakersfield Track Club summer series run is next Tuesday. Individuals are encouraged to bring finger foods and

BYOB to celebrate the end of the series. Kari will send out an email to members who have participated this summer.

**5.2 September meeting date: 9-14-10**

**6. Adjournment**

Courtland Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting. James Pass seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.