

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2011**

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

Advisory Team members present: Jim McWhorter, Tim Strem, Deanne Renting, James Pass, Brad DeWitt, D.J. Billiard, Lisa Wade, Bob Sughrue, Susan Bowen, Frank Evans

Members/Guests present: Kevin Fabrizio, Thomas Wade, Keith Barnden, Samantha Gonzalez, Annika Gonzalez, Jeff Baker, Garrett Goss

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

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. Twenty-two members and guests were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1.1 Introductions and Welcome

President Melissa Hoyt welcomed everyone and introduced members to new member Jeff Baker.

1.2 January Minute Approval

Minutes for the January 11, 2011 meeting were summarized by Kari Fabrizio. Jim McWhorter motioned to approve the minutes and Alan Yama seconded. Minutes approved.

2. Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

Melissa Hoyt reported that the bylaws subcommittee met and initiated the revision of the bylaws. A special meeting will be held March 8th at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the new bylaws. The trail maintenance day at Keyesville lead by Tim Strem was successful. Alan Yama is keeping the Wednesday night ride alive and Monday nights are being led by D.J. Billiard and Susan Bowen. Overall attendance is low at this time, with 1-2 riders attending. The Saturday 10:00 a.m. ride is going well and Eddie Gonzalez is proposing a time change to 2:00 p.m. in 2 weeks starting 2/26. The Sunday ride has been attended consistently by 1-2 people. Melissa Hoyt reported that January's meeting went well with having individuals submit written proposals to the Board prior to the meeting. Deanne Renting stated that it is difficult to vote on proposals when the person making the proposal is present at the meeting, especially when politics are involved. It was determined that the Board can choose to go into an executive session to carry out future votes as needed. Jack Van Bindsbergen agreed to resume the role of website administrator, so individuals will need to email Jack information to post on the website.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Alan Yama reported that SSFTA currently has \$4533.55. Recent expenses involve website maintenance, Christmas party, Rattlesnakes donation, printing, and storage unit fees. Sidney Hessler, Michael Coyes mom, agreed to do the SSFTA taxes again this year. Once again, we will provide a SSFTA family membership to her.

2.3 Membership Report

Deanne Renting motioned that SSFTA spend \$94.00 for more SSFTA bumper stickers, and \$50.00 for stamps to support the March membership drive. Brad DeWitt seconded the motion and the motion passed. Deanne will send out email reminders in mid-February for people to renew their memberships. By mid-March she will mail membership forms to those

who have not renewed online. Melissa Hoyt distributed blank membership forms at the meeting to be given out at weekly rides.

2.4 Trail Maintenance Report

Tim Strem reported that most of the Keyesville trail was worked on at the trail maintenance day with the help of Susan Bowen, Deanne Renting, and Alan Yama. Major problems on the first part of course were repaired. A ditch on Pearl Harbor Drive will be repaired and some felled trees removed at the next trail day Saturday, 2/19/11.

3. Old Business

3.1 Bike Posters: Tim Strem reported that he needs Kevin Fabrizio to resend pictures in high resolution in order for him to choose appropriate pictures for the posters. Lisa Wade stated she would send some additional pictures to Tim as well. Tim will send chosen pictures to Keith Barnden to work on with the Kern Wheelman. Keith stated that he wants to do a dual Kern Wheelman/SSFTA brochure mirroring advertisements on the future poster.

3.2 T-shirts/jerseys: Deanne Renting reported that the Primal jerseys are finished and ready to be ordered. Kari motioned to approve this subcommittee's proposal to purchase 51 short-sleeve jerseys at a cost of \$44 per jersey, with a 50% deposit given upfront (\$1,122 plus any taxes). There is an 8-10 week turn around. Lisa Wade seconded the motion. All approved. Deanne will work with Kevin Fabrizio to establish online ordering. After the first 51 jerseys are sold, we will take orders for additional jerseys (in specific sizes). Once a batch of orders are received and paid for in full, we will place an additional order with Primal for the exact number of jerseys required (minimum additional purchase batch is 15, at a cost of \$48 per jersey). In the fall, we will offer long-sleeve jerseys and wind vests for sale. The price of these will need to be set at that time. Downhill cut jerseys are available, and we could opt to offer these for sale if there is demand. Deanne also spoke with Bryan at Western Graphics and he offered to reprint the SSFTA t-shirts at the same price (approx. \$8.90/shirt). The t-shirt subcommittee provided a slightly new design on the back and in a rust color. T-shirts will sell at \$15.00 each. Deanne proposed ordering 50 shirts. Jim McWhorter motioned to approve. Keith Barnden seconded and the motion passed.

3.3 Foothill race: This race is still on schedule and all SSFTA volunteer positions are filled.

3.4 Keyesville race: Jim McWhorter is ready to lead SSFTA volunteers to help support this race. He will write a statement to be put on the website. Deane Renting and Lisa Wade have volunteered to run the SSFTA booth and sell pint glasses, hats, and t-shirts. They will also sell treats as a fundraiser for the Rattlesnakes Jr. Racing Team. There are lots of festivities planned. The Keyesville downhill course is slightly different this year, as it will go down Rocky Gorge instead of Snakepit and it will be longer than usual. Kari Fabrizio expressed concern that the person who generally sells food at the event has SSFTA's name on his menu as if SSFTA is connected with him in some way. Jim McWhorter will talk to him about taking our name off his signs.

4. New Business

4.1 Out-of-town ride: Sunday march 6nd will be the out-of-town ride in Sycamore Canyon, near Camarillo. Todd Berlinger and his brother Jeremy will lead the ride. Meet at Starbucks parking lot and 99 and Panama Lane at 8:00 a.m. in order to start the ride at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be at Andrea's Fish and Chips. Melissa will post the event on the website.

5. Announcements

5.1 Public Comments

- 5.1.1** Deanne announced that Susan Bowen is February Rider of the Month.
- 5.1.2** Frank Evans announced that the Rattlesnakes will be having their first race in Temecula March 6th. They have a new team member Valen Cecil from Lake Isabella who joined. Garret Goss finished his first race at the Rio Bravo Rumble.
- 5.1.3** Jim McWhorter got a call from someone who wants to buy or rent the trail machine SSFTA has and is stored at Don Evan's house. Tim Strem said the machine is owned by Bobby Frenesse with the forest service and he wants it back.

5.2 March meeting date: 3-8-11. A special 6:00 p.m. session will be held to approve the new SSFTA bylaws. Deanne Renting suggested having an agenda item focusing on scheduling upcoming SSFTA events and rides.

6. Adjournment: Garret Goss motioned to adjourn the meeting and Brad DeWitt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.