

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2011**

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

Advisory Team members present: Jim McWhorter, Lisa Wade, Susan Bowen, Bob Sughrue, Frank Evans

Members/Guests present: David Miller, Denise Simpson, Tommy Bryant, Malaika Bryant, Remington Russell, Monty Russell, Amber Grider Turner, Thomas Wade, Keith Barnden.

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

Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. Seventeen members and guests were present. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

1.1 Introductions and Welcome

President Melissa Hoyt welcomed everyone.

1.2 March Minute Approval

The minutes from the March 8, 2011 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Kari Fabrizio summarized the minutes. Other than adjusting the adjournment time to 8:00 p.m., no changes were recommended. Alan Yama moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Wade seconded the motion. All board members present approved the minutes.

2. Reports

2.1 SSFTA General Report

Melissa Hoyt reported that more and more people are showing up for weekly rides. Weather conditions are good. Trails are overgrown and leaders need to inform riders of hills/bumps coming up. The initial April Downhill clinic was minimally attended, but the content of the clinic was reportedly well received by those in attendance. The Keyesville race was a success. Thanks to Tim Strem for leading trail maintenance days at Keyesville. SSFTA is on schedule for meeting its annual goals.

2.2 Treasurer's Report

Alan Yama reported that SSFTA currently has \$3518.51 in its account with an additional \$900 in Pay Pal. Pay Pal requires a \$500 minimum for bank transfers. \$1200 is needed for the down payment on the jersey order. The total jersey order will be around \$3500, and will be finalized in June when the jerseys arrive. The 2011 taxes need to be done by

May 15th and Alan will arrange to have this done by Sidney Hessler, CPA, who agreed to do this again free of charge for SSFTA.

2.3 Membership Report

Deanne Renting, Membership Coordinator, was not in attendance but reported that SSFTA currently has 47 paid members. Alan Yama has more applications he needs to process.

2.4 Trail Maintenance Report

Alan Yama reported that he and Ken Ferguson have been working on the Kern Canyon Trail the last 3 weekends, but more work is needed. He recommended a trail maintenance day in May. Michael Wade wants to lead this effort. Tommy Bryant reported that BLM is marking no-trespassing areas on the Cactus trail and the service road along Alfred Harrell Hwy. We need to respect BLM and not ride in those areas. Signs are posted and barbed wire is visible. Tommy will write up a statement for our website to alert riders of these areas.

2.5 Website Report

Melissa Hoyt reported that we are still looking for a website administrator. Malaika Bryant reported that she will be unable to take on this position for at least the next 3 months and will be willing to re-evaluate her availability at a later date. Keith Barnden suggested talking with SSFTA member Lori Olin since she is managing the Kern Wheelman website and it is the same portal system.

2.6 Rattlesnake Report

Michael Wade reported that Rattlesnake members Ivan Robles and Frank Evans placed 1st and 6th respectively at the Lake Arrowhead race. There are 2 more races (Vail Lake in Temecula and Stump-grinder Ranch in Los Olivos), and then league championships are in May. Members are learning how to go faster, building teamwork skills, and acquiring bike maintenance skills. Keith Barnden, coach, reports noticeable improvements in these teens.

3. Old Business

3.1 Bike Posters: Tim Strem was not present but Kari Fabrizio reported for him that a prototype poster is ready and has been approved by the Kern Wheelmen. Keith Barnden, president of Kern Wheelmen, picked up all the poster stands at the bike shops and will repair them or buy new ones. Keith will continue to work with Tim to finalize the poster. Kari will send out a copy of the prototype to board and advisory team members for input.

3.2 SSFTA T-shirts/Jerseys: There is no new information at this time.

- 3.3 2011 Bylaws:** A special member meeting was held just before the start of tonight's business meeting to review and approve the new bylaws. The new bylaws were motioned, seconded, and approved by members present.
- 3.4 Keyesville race review:** Jim McWhorter reported that the Keyesville race was a success with more race entries this year over last. Despite the cold and windy weather, which blew away and damaged the SSFTA canopy, people had a lot of fun. Some talented pro riders were there and people enjoyed the new singletrack on the course. There were approximately 20 SSFTA volunteers that helped with trail maintenance and on race day. Steve Messer of CORBA played a large role in the preparations for the Keyesville race this year. Paul Ferguson of Bionicon is planning on running the race again next year. He will also be hosting a Keyesville festival in October called "The Gathering.
- 3.5 SSFTA 2011 Calendar:** The club's spring BBQ is scheduled for Saturday April 30th. Other calendar event planning is tabled for next meeting.
- 4. New Business**

 - 4.1 Spring BBQ:** Will be held Saturday 4/30 at space #13 at Hart Park. There will be a 12:00 ride followed by a 2:00 BBQ. Jim McWhorter will lead a beginner ride while Mark Bledsoe will lead an intermediate ride.
- 5. Announcements**

 - 5.1 Public Comments**

 - 5.1.1** Susan Bowen reported that there will be a Keyesville cross country club ride coinciding with the Keyesville Downhill clinic on 4/23/11. Further information is posted on the website.
 - 5.1.2** Bike Bakersfield will give a presentation May 10th, 6:00 p.m. at Rusty's Pizza just before the SSFTA meeting at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be about creating wider bike lanes in Bakersfield.
 - 5.1.3** Happy 16th birthday Michael Wade!
 - 5.2 May meeting date:** 5-10-11
- 6. Adjournment:** Alan Yama motioned to adjourn the meeting and Tommy Bryant seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.