

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)  
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2016**

**Board Members present:** Brian Guiniling, Tommy Bryant, Elyse Goin, Leanna Carskaddon, and Gary Bryant

**Members and Guests present:** Malaika Bryant, Tim Strem, Eddie Gonzalez, Steve Carskaddon, Olivia Snider, Jim McWhorter, Susan Bowen, and Cody Punch

**1. Opening:**

1.1. Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Brian Guiniling.

**2. Reports:**

**2.1. SSFTA General Report**

The rides are going well. Sunday was rainy but had 6 riders. Thursday's Cruiser ride had 12 riders. The Saturday rides are ranging 12-15 riders.

**2.2. Treasurer's Report**

\$8,500 between bank and Paypal account. Elyse is currently working on getting the club's taxes done. USA Cycling and IMBA memberships are due. Motion passed to pay for both.

**2.3. Membership report**

We currently have 52 paid and lifetime members.

**3. Old Business:**

**3.1. Spring Picnic:**

The picnic will be held on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, as April 30<sup>th</sup> conflicts with another event. Eddie will reserve the spot. A motion was passed to have the club buy the meat and pay for the reservation.

**3.2. Hit the Trails Event:**

The event will begin at Finishline. We will have a pop-up tent in front of the store. Brian asked for a couple of volunteers to teach the beginners. Tommy and Adrian Monge volunteered to help. Gary will also try to make it to help out.

**4. New Business:**

**4.1. Rider of the Month:**

Donna Henderson will be April's rider of the month.

**4.2. Keyesville Classic:**

Club can provide hot dogs & buns if the club is interested in a campout and cookout.

**4.3. Sea Otter Classic:**

If anyone is interested in going, let the club know and everyone can get together up there.

#### **4.3. Tehachapi Mountain Trails Association:**

Brian was invited to attend their meeting last month. They are working with the city to give some of their property to the Parks and Recreation Department. They are hosting the SoCal High School Mountain Bike Championship May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to go to support them.

#### **4.4. Situation in the foothills:**

A lot of the area is no longer available to ride. Brian is talking with Fish and Wildlife as well as the City Planners. He is working to build relationships so that they know that SSFTA are stewards of the land and not out to destroy it. There is great concern with dirt bikers and shooters being dangerous. If you see dangerous activity, be sure to call the police. The club's stance at this point is for everyone to respect the trails, fences, and gates. Jim McWhorter mentioned that there were trails mapped out years ago, and should be gates available. Olivia Snider mentioned that there may be some laws that would be on our side since we have been riding out there for so long (Prescriptive easements). Matter has been tabled until we know more.

#### **4.5. Spring Cleaning in the Trails:**

It's time for another clean-up day in the foothills. Last year the club removed thirty 50 gallon bags and lots of big items during their clean up day. We will be hosting another one April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Everyone will meet at Juliet Thorner.

#### **4.6. Ride Update:**

The Foothill Classic was a success and several of our club members raced.

### **5. Announcements:**

#### **5.1. Public Comments-**

Eddie Gonzalez proposes a club camping trip and ride in Morro Bay that would be a Friday through Sunday. They would ride Friday evening and Saturday day. It is an intermediate ride and is not for beginners. The campsite is \$135.00 per night, per site. The club made and

passed a motion to pay for the campsite. Eddie will research the dates available and the matter is tabled for now.

**6. Adjournment**

**6.1.** Meeting was adjourned by Brian at 7:43 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Leanna Carskaddon**  
**SSFTA Secretary**

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**Brian Guiniling**  
**SSFTA President**