

**Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)  
Board/Advisory Team Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2016**

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

**Members and Guests present:** Michelle Moreno, Cameron Carskaddon, Malaika Bryant, Kevin Fabrizio, Tim Strem, Eddie Gonzalez, Adrian Monge

**1. Opening:**

**1.1.** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Brian Guinling. Thank you to David Miller for serving as our past president. Welcome back to the continuing board and to Tommy Bryant.

**2. Reports:**

**2.1. SSFTA General Report**

It's a new year with a fresh start. The Christmas Party went well.

**2.2. Treasurer's Report**

\$8,284.00 between bank and Paypal account.

**2.3. Membership report**

The membership term is March 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 28<sup>th</sup>. Brian will get the word out to the members that it is time to renew and provide options for how to pay for membership. He will also check with Bob to see if we need to order more stickers to send to the members.

**3. Old Business:**

**3.1. Elections 2015:**

The 2016 Board is: **President** : Brian Guinling **Vice President** : Tommy Bryant **Treasurer**: Elyse Goin **Secretary**: Leanna Carskaddon **Member-at-Large**: Gary Bryant **Membership Coordinator**: Bob Sughrue

**3.2. Jersey/Jackets/Vests:**

Brian is working with Volar regarding our design. We will order 25 pieces in various styles and sizes to sell, once the design is decided on by the club. After the initial order, we can place orders as small as 5 pieces.

**4. New Business:**

**4.1. Houchin Blood Bank Guest:**

Michelle Moreno from Houchin Blood Bank came to share with us that during the month of January, anyone that donates blood with Houchin will be entered into a drawing to win one of two Giant bikes, donated by Finish Line. If you win and don't want a bike, a \$500 Finish Line credit is available.

#### **4.2. Thursday Night “Cruiser Ride”:**

Tommy will be leading a Thursday night Beach Cruiser/Bike Ride on the bike path, beginning at Finish Line, Thursday Nights at 6:30pm. Families are encouraged to join.

#### **4.3. Bike Parts/Gear Swap Meet & Spring Picnic:**

Elyse mentioned that it would be a great idea to have a bike parts/gear swap meet after a meeting. It was decided that we will make that part of our Spring Picnic. We have selected April 30, 2016 as the date for the Spring Picnic and will solidify that date at the next meeting.

#### **4.4. Club Goals:**

Brian discussed his goals for the club in 2016. He would like to see better communication in the club and asked the members what works best. It was decided that using all methods (website, Facebook page, and email) is most effective, as it would reach the most people.

He also discussed reaching out to other bike clubs in Pasadena, Palmdale and Ridgecrest to work out rides with them to explore each others’ areas. Tommy will reach out to his connection at Pasadena Mt. Bike Club.

#### **4.5. Beginner Skills Clinics:**

The club decided to have a beginners’ skills clinic over by Finish Line. There will be several instructors and Brian will connect with Finish Line to see what date would work well.

#### **4.6. Bike Month- May:**

Karen with Kern Wheelmen has reached out to Brian to see if SSFTA would be interested in setting up tents with them at all the different bike shops in the Month of May. It would be a meet and greet type thing where we could tell the community about the club. The matter was tabled for now until we can see if we have the volunteers to make that happen.

#### **4.7. Riders of the Month:**

It was discussed that we could give a gift to those that are rider of the month. It would be something small like a tumbler or coffee mug. It was tabled for now.

January Rider of the Month- Dan Mitchell

February Riders of the Month- Augie and Rosie Robles

#### **5. Announcements:**

##### **Upcoming Events-**

Rio Bravo Rumble-	This weekend
Rock Cobbler-	Sunday February 7 <sup>th</sup>
Foothill Classic-	Sunday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>

Adrian Monge is putting on the follow events and would like volunteers:

D downhill Race:	January 30 <sup>th</sup>
Enduro Race:	March 12

**5.1. Public Comments-**

**5.1.** SSFTA members assisted Eddie Gonzalez with adopting a classroom for Christmas. He expressed his thanks and said it went well.

**6. Adjournment**

**6.1.** Meeting was adjourned by Brian at 8:02 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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