

Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association (SSFTA)
Board/Advisory Team Agenda
July 9, 2013

Board members present: Tommy Bryant, Susan Bowen, Ernest Garcia-Diaz, Kristabel Garcia-Diaz, Bob Sughrue

Advisory Team Members present: Tim Strem, Eddie Gonzalez, Steve Carskaddon, and Connor Carskaddon, Malaika Bryant

Members and Guests present: Lisa Wade, Michael Wade, Leanna Carskaddon, Gary Bryant, Janet Gonzalez, Chauncey Mize, Debbie and Chris Horgan

1. Opening/Minutes

1.1 Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Tommy Bryant

1.2 Motion to approve June's minutes by Ernest Garcia-Diaz, seconded by Susan Bowen, and third by Kristabel Garcia-Diaz.

2. Reports

2.1 General Report

Tommy Bryant reported that our club is doing well and commented that the club website has been looking sparse with events due to the summer heat. Tommy also reported that Bob Sughrue's group ride up Portugeuse Pass on July 6, 2013, was well attended by several of our club members. Tommy informed the club that two local riders placed top two in the California State Mountain Bike Championships and congratulated Gareth Feldstein for earning first place and David Rivera for earning second.

2.2 Treasurer's report

Kristabel Garcia-Diaz reported that the club currently has \$8,154.09 in our bank account and \$1,384.09 in our PayPal account for a total of \$9,538.19. Kristabel informed the club of two expenditures: \$20 for a statement of information filing and \$6 for a California Business license. Ernest made a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$26.00, Bob seconded, and Susan third.

2.3 Membership Report

Kristabel Garcia-Diaz reported that the club received 3 new memberships since the June board meeting.

2.4 Trail Maintenance Report

Ernest Garcia-Diaz reported that there are still lots of tumbleweeds in many trails in the foothills the club rides in. Tommy Bryant added that several new trails are appearing as reroutes around the blocked sections.

2.5 Volunteer Report

Ernest Garcia-Diaz reported that there are no local cycling events on the calendar, so no volunteers are currently needed.

3. Old Business

3.1 Club Inventory and Reorders

3.1.1 Kristabel Garcia-Diaz shared the quote she received for club pint glasses. Custom pint glasses will cost the club \$3.93 each for our order of 48, totaling \$229.64. Tommy motioned to approve the club expenditure of \$229.64 to purchase the pint glasses. Susan Bowen seconded, and Bob Sughrue third.

3.1.2 Ernest Garcia-Diaz reported that the club has not received much feedback via club forums, email, or Facebook for the club jersey order. The board decided to postpone jersey orders until the August board meeting.

3.2 Revisit Club Bylaws

3.2.1 Ernest Garcia-Diaz read selected sections of the bylaws to encourage club members to share their opinions, concerns, and ideas with the board. The following board items were read:

Article V

Advisory Team and Volunteer Positions

- The Advisory Team shall serve without pay and consist of any member in good standing who volunteers at the SSFTA Annual Meeting in November.
- The following volunteer positions shall be appointed by the Board: Membership Coordinator, Website Administrator and Trail Maintenance Coordinator

Article VI

Duties of the Advisory Team and Volunteer Positions

- Advisory Team: provide member input and advise the Board of Directors.

Article VII

Meetings

Meeting agendas must be provided at least three days before all meeting dates, including special meetings.

- SSFTA members or any member of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors be placed on the agenda.

3.2.2 Tommy Bryant encouraged all club members to attend the board meetings to have their voices heard. Tommy has taken several items to the board on someone else's behalf in the past and would like those who would like to share their ideas or opinions with the board to share it themselves to ensure that their message gets conveyed the way they originally intended.

4. New Business

4.1 Rider of the Month Nominations

Tommy Bryant announced that the club will be selecting the rider of the month, a month early to ensure that the rider gets acknowledged at the beginning of their month. The board and meeting attendees selected Malaika Bryant as rider of the month for July and Melody Smith for rider of the month for August.

4.2 Member Involvement with Board Decisions

Tommy Bryant stated that he would like more club member input on items decided by the board. Malaika Bryant stated that as a member of the advisory board, she is unsure on what her role is during a board meeting. Ernest Garcia-Diaz informed her that advisory board members act as the liaisons between the members and the board. Any information shared to an advisory board member will be shared with the board if the club member wishes it to be. Although the board represents the club members interests as closely as they can, the advisory board members can inform the board of any changes in the clubs interests before the board makes a vote. Eddie Gonzalez suggested that board meeting attendees encourage club members to bring their ideas to the board so it can be formerly discussed during a board meeting where we can get input from all attendees. Malaika commended the board for making progress on having member's voices be heard and for keeping a friendly environment to encourage input.

4.3 Publicizing Board Decisions for Member Input

Tommy Bryant shared that the board minutes are posted and are available to view by all club members and the public on our website.

4.4 Stewards of the Sequoias Donation

4.4.1 Ernest Garcia-Diaz requested that the club make a donation of no less than \$500 to support Stewards of the Sequoia (SOS). Ernest shared the past relationship with SOS that extended over five years and informed the club of past donations totaling \$4,500 within the last 5 years. The funds that were donated to SOS were from profits received by the Keyesville Classic. Since the club did not host the Keyesville Classic this year, Ernest requested input from the board and attendees on the donation and introduced Chris Horgan of SOS to the club to share information on SOS. After Chris Horgan spoke with the club, Ernest made a motion to donate \$1,000 to SOS and the motion was seconded by Kristabel and third by Susan Bowen.

4.4.2 Chris Horgan of SOS was welcomed to the meeting by Ernest to share information on SOS. Chris Horgan stated that the SOS is constantly fighting to help keep trails open and often times can't wait for funding to fight trail closures as the windows to respond to them is very small. Chris shared that Peter Dewitt, the local recreation manager will be leaving within two months. Susan Bowen asked Chris how a donation from the club will help the SOS. Chris shared the three prong approach to the SOS which included trail maintenance, advocacy with agencies, and work with legislatures. The SOS has relationships with agencies to get work done easier and works at the state level at forest planning meetings to ensure recreation is a priority in new plans.

4.4.3 Tommy Bryant reminded the club that we are IMBA supports and have the voice of CORVA. Tommy shared that SOS supports motorcycles on our trails which cause damage and encouraged to be aware of what SOS is doing in our area. Tommy also stated that SOS often does not include our club in decisions or alerts them of trail threats.

4.4.4 Tim Strem stated that we cannot remove motorcycles from the local trails and that there often isn't time for SOS to share information with our clubs (or other clubs) when they receive it from the government. Tim shared that the SSFTA must team up with others to save our trails even though we may not like way they use the trails.

4.4.5 Bob Sughrue stated that we must put everyone together to help out no matter what type of use group you are in. Trails need to be protected.

5. Announcements

5.1 Public Comments

5.1.1 Eddie Gonzalez announced that he will be leading a group of 8-12 people on a ride near Morro Bay. Eddie is currently speaking with a local to the area about new trails we can explore and will share his information on the club's forums. Eddie also shared that the club trip to Mammoth is on August 22 through August 25, 2013 and there is one space left. Chauncey Mize informed Eddie that he would like to attend the trip and now there are no spaces available.

5.1.2 Ernest Garcia-Diaz informed the club the last day China Peak's mountain bike park will be open is September 2, 2013. Ernest will be contacting ride leaders to plan a club trip to China Peak.

5.1.3 Bob Sughrue suggested a night ride for our club and a possible Night Rider demo night in September. Tommy Bryant said he would check his availability and would like to host a local night ride as well as a night ride through Keyesville. More information on the ride will be posted.

5.2 The next SSFTA board meeting will be held on August 13, 2013

Tommy Bryant announced that he will be unable to attend July's board meeting.

6. Adjournment:

Tommy Bryant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm and was seconded by Bob Sughrue and third by Kristabel Garcia-Diaz.