

Minutes of the Meeting of The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association December 6, 2003

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on December 6, 2003 at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville Georgia. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

The following voting members were present:

Scott Gordon, Tom Sauret, Walt Bready, Chris Gilligan, Belinda Sauret, Scott Bays, Tim Carlfeldt, James Smith, Paul Farrow (proxy for Angela Allen), Patrick Phelps, Robin Allen, Sherri Hall, Larry Mills.

Absent were Sam Ponyer, Lester Ramey, Keith McFadden, Mike Riter, Keith Owen

Also present were Jeffery Schaarschmidt, John Hicks, Tucker Judd, Colin Smith, Michael Walsh, Charles martin, and Robert McBride.

Tom Sauret called the meeting to order, and asked for approval of the August minutes. The minutes were approved.

Tom went over the By-law changes that he had emailed to everyone prior to the meeting. The major changes were discussed and Tom pointed out the "directors" named under the original by-laws would lose their voting privileges immediately and would become members of SORBA's staff.. He also explained that a President would have to be elected. who would then run the rest of the meeting.

In addition to the proposed changes, member Jeffery Schaarschmidt had some requests for language changes to clarify who could vote for proxy: By-laws, p. 4 of 12, Chapter representative. A discussion followed. A motion was made to amend the by-law to ensure that a proxy should be a member of the chapter that he or she is representing at the meeting and the chapter President will appoint proxy from that chapter. Only members in good standing from that chapter may represent that chapter.

A second suggest was to change D1, pg 8. to remove section F, and thgen allow section G become to become F.

Scott Gordon made a motion to accept by-law changes with the amendments as discussed. Tim Carlfeldt seconded the motion, and the motion was voted on and passed.

After the by-laws were amended, the board moved to enact the amendments regarding the make-up of the Board. James Smith made a motion to elect Scott Gordon as President of the Board. Patrick Phelps seconded the motion, and the motion was voted on and passed.

Loften Carr made a motion to appoint Tom Sauret the Executive Director. Tim Carlfeldt seconded the motion, and the motion was voted on and passed.

Scott asked that Tom continue presiding over the current meeting, and it was agreed upon by the Board.

Tom Sauret then presented the 2004 Budget, see attached. Income is based on 1500 members and past expenses. Tom Sauret has talked to a CPA about conducting an audit for 2300. The 2004 Budget includes the audit expensese. Stipends for Staff are included, and stipends are based on \$13.00/hr or the membership director. Staff members are considered to be 1099 employees for tax purposes. Loftan and Scott asked for a breakdown of the \$25,000 for Directors and for Clarification of the Executive Director item. Tom will add clarifications and send out revised budget via email.

Tim Carlfeldt made a motion to accept the 2004 Budget with amendments. Lofen Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The chapter Presidents then made reports:

Public Affairs/Secretary—Robin agreed to step down as Secretary and continue in the Public Affairs position. The opening for Secretary will be posted.

Treasurer—Belinda Sauret presented the income/expenses report. Belinda agreed to send a form to chapter Treasurers to make it easy to report financial activities, as SORBA must know what each Chapter is doing financially. Each chapter must show that of all money that comes in, that 33.3 per cent is support from the public. Scott asked whether chapters have the authority to write letters to contributors, or does it come from SORBA main? Belinda agreed to publish guidelines that chapters can follow. Chapter activity must go in Audit.

Membership—Walt Bready reported over 1400 members in Oct. Every other month Walt sends out a membership report and renewal report to the Board. Neal Nichols is stepping down as Membership Director. Walt answers Admin@sorba.org email address, too, and is taking over online membership processing. Walt will add text to let people know how long it takes to get membership card. SORBA will design and order new jerseys this year. Craig Hall will design. SORBA will take money, then order the jerseys. If you don't pre-order, you don't get a jersey. Woodstock chapter wants to do chapter jerseys and dovetail the order w/SORBA main

Competition—Walt Bready reported 1000 hours from Pay Dirt program. Awards will go to the top 3 volunteers. Tracey Farrell 1st, Bob Grieco 2nd, not sure who placed 3rd. SORBA administers points. Currently in-between racing seasons, and not much going on. Scott says that racing is not mentioned in our By-laws. Tom not sure that it needs to be. Need to let chapters know that racing is an important way to raise funds. Walt and Robin can write article for FTT and Web site.

Access—IMBA is going to release a bombshell that might agitate Wilderness advocates. Brace yourself. Walt says that we had 7k hours in trail work in 03.

Webmaster—Chris Gilligan reported that he moved content to new server and content management system. A forum is online, but no link from main web site. Let Chris know what you think about the new site. New login for calendar: calendar, events are userid and password for www.sorba.org/admin. No link from main site. Scott asks about ClubMTB functionality—can't we do that ourselves? Yes, through forum or Topica. Use forum for only admin stuff. New section for announcements.

Trips for Kids—Belinda Sauret reported that the after school program continues. Weekend outings with Gainesville Middle School and Ellijay, Encourage chapters to use trailers and schedule outings for kids, be they Scouts, schools, underprivileged,

Executive Director—IMBA wants to give us more money, maybe. Not sure to what amount. Not sure what they want us to do in return. Regional office. Office in our future? Not sure when.

Fat Tire Times--Sherri Hall reported that we saved \$2600 with the changes on the last issue. We need to sell more ads. Tim Blumenthal says that we are in-between. Are we a newsletter or a magazine? Make an incentive to get chapters to sell ads? Sherri has a promotion packet, a rate kit exists. If each chapter sells one ad, the FTT is paid for.

The presidents gave brief reports of their activities. Woodstock, RAMBO, OMBA, Gainesville, Ellijay, Chattanooga, Charleston, Athens

Tom Sauret spoke about growing membership, adding new chapters in 2004. He also outlined plans for a direct mail fundraising campaign to members. He suggested that SORBA create a form for chapters to use to report new officers.

Tom Sauret offered some 2004 schedule changes: hold the August meeting at Nimblewill event., Move December meeting to November, before Thanksgiving and make the holiday party a separate event.

Chris Gilligan presented the website forum and reported that it was ready to go active if the board wished. Tim Carlfeldt made motion to open forum. the motion was seconded by Loftin Carr. The motion passed.

Tom Sauret reminded the Board that the next meeting would be held in Charleston, South Carolina on March 13th, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00

At 4:30, there being no further business, President Gordon moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Keith Owen.

Scott Gordon, President

Tom Sauret, Acting Secretary