

SORBA Board of Directors Meeting

August 16, 2003: 11:00 A.M.

Ocoee Whitewater Center

Voting members in attendance:

Tom Sauret (Executive Director), Belinda Sauret,(Treasurer and proxy for Gainesville), Keith McFadden, Angela Allen, Patrick Phelps, Darryl Pulliam (proxy for Woodstock), James Loss, Tim Calrfeldt, Keith Owens, Loftan Carr, Larry Mills, Robin Allen, Chris Gilligan, Sam Poyner, Scott Bays, Bruce Dickman (proxy for Woodstock), Walt Bready.

Absent were Lester Ramey and Cal Til

Also present were: Mike Baggett, Colin Smith, Craig Hall, Daniel Allen, Jay Franklin, Mike Riter, Walt Bready.

Tom Sauret called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved.

Tom Sauret reviewed the list of SORBA List of what members get (see attached.).

Belinda Sauret gave the treasurer's report. She requested the SORBA review the membership and consider increasing dues by \$5.00 to help the financial situation.

No action was taken, but some alternative solutions were put forward:

Attract more members, keep membership at \$20, keep main SORBA would keep all chapter funds, but make funds available via Trail Access Grants. Do a better job of raising money. Tom Sauret pointed out that SORBA is still a volunteer organization with no paid staff and many of the solutions would require asking even more time from a handful of volunteers.

It was agreed by all present to review the By-Laws in December and make steps to create a professional organization. Tom agreed to send out suggested changes via email.

Craig Hall promised to get ad kits for fat Tire Times out to all.

Lunch Break.

Tim announces camping slots available.

After lunch

Tom reiterates issue of finances. And made the plea for all to help sell ads for the fat Tire Times.

Keith Mcfadden spoke about the Topica list serve messages. Keith will add Robin Allen and check on Walt's permissions. Patrick Phelps has ideas for membership and money to discuss on forum.

Tom explained what he saw as short comings in the organizational structure and specifically urged that the By-Laws be changed to allow for a President of the Board of Directors, a Vice President, a Secretary or combined Secretary/Treasurer. Jay Franklin went into more detail about a President's role.

We have not been operating with a budget. Tom hopes to have a projected budget by December.

A discussion followed concerning a new organizational structure. If we add officers, some existing voting positions would become paid staff positions. T

Other improvements in a By-Law revision would include: An Indemnification clause, A Conflict of Interest, A Discrimination clause.

Belinda Sauret , Tom Sauret Walt Bready and Mike Riter will go to InterBike.

Tom will order SORBA shirts for those who want them.

Mike Riter, Robin Allen, Neal Nichols, Walt Bready, Keith McFadden, and Chris Gilligan. Of interest was the new website. Chris gilligan wanted to see the forum restored. Tom will put the issue on the December agenda.

Jay Franklin spoke about SORBA's relationship with IMBA. We are an IMBA club. We pay dues to them. He updated the California Wilderness issue, a grant award from REI, Tool kits for chapters, and the new access organization in Arizona. Jay then mentioned individual staffers who had accomplishments. IMBA UK-Jay has helped them out. Jay thanked all of us personally for our work building trails.

Tom Sauret report on fund raising. EPX Bicycles promised \$1,500 but Tom hasn't been able to get the money. Tom has to call Malaysia and discuss this with a Mr. Ki.. Classic Subaru of Atlanta approached SORBA and wants to sponsor all of our 2004 events.

Craig Hall will collect advertising contacts for the Nov/Dec issue, which is the 15th anniversary issue. Craig asked for history from members. Jay Franklin will serve as the archive man. Robin agreed to write a story.

Chapter reports: All chapters present made reports.

The Calendar was set for the remaining 2003 events and for 2004:

Dec. 6, next Board meeting in Gainesville.

2004 Calendar. Bring dates to next meeting

March 6 2004 Board meeting. Charleston has volunteered to host the meeting.

August 21st 2004 return to Ocoee location.

Dec 4 2004 tentatively in Gainesville

Race Dates—before we discuss, Tom releases those who don't have to schedule dates.

January—Bike clinics Jan. 3, Jan. 17 tentative date for GAP Banquet

March—Directors meeting

April—Trips for Kids April 17 in Ellijay

May—May 1st 3 State 3 Mountain, Chattanooga. Helen FTF 14-16th.

June--June 5 National Trails Day SORBA-wide at Lula Lake.

August—Board meeting on 21st. Nimblewill 27-29th.

September—Macon Madness Sept. 4 (tentative). Carter's Lake on the 18th. Sept. 25-26th, Lula Lake Browbeater.

Oct—Tumbling Creek on the 9th (tentative), Ocoee FTF 15-17th.

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

Tom Sauret

Executive Director

Robin Allen

Secretary