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Minutes of the Meeting of the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association November 20, 2004

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on at the Elachee Nature Science Center in Gainesville, Georgia. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M..

See attached document for those members present. The following voting members were present:

Absent were Sam Ponyer, Lester Ramey, Mike Riter,

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

After roll call, the induction of new Chapters was discussed. Upon a motion by Robert McBride and second by John Hicks, a Huntsville, Alabama SORBA Chapter was approved. A list of members and officers was delivered to the membership director.

Members of a freeriding club made a presentation and petitioned the board to become the first chapter focused on a style of riding, rather than a geographical area. After discussion and a motion by Bob Greico and second by Paul Farrow, the Southern Freeride Alliance (SOFA) was approved as a SORBA Chapter. A list of members and officers was delivered to the membership director.

The next item of business was the election of SORBA Officers. The following were nominated to hold offices for 2005:

Keith Owen, President
Angela Allen, Vice President
Eric Hunter, Secretary
David Good, Treasurer

The nominations were closed and all nominees were elected unanimously by a show of hands.

The 2005 budget was presented by Tom Sauret. After discussion and a motion by John Hicks and a second by Tim Carlfeldt, the budget was approved. The 2005 budget is attached to this document.

The chapters expressed a need for a chapter expense form. Walt Bready was charged with creating such a form.

A discussion about the June 4, 2005 National Trail Days followed. It was decided to hold one National Trails Day event on the western side of the service area, possibly on the Pinhoti trail, and one in the eastern service area. Presidents were asked for input to the staff in order for the board to make a decision at the March meeting on where to hold a National Trails Day work session.

A discussion followed about the Lock 4 Trail Blazers and the North East, Georgia SORBA. Neither organization had representatives present for meetings in 2004 and both chapters had allowed their membership to drop below minimum levels as outlined in the by-laws. The board Charged Tom Sauret contact these chapters and express the board's concerns and to urge them to attend the March 05 Board meeting or face possible suspension as a SORBA affiliate.

There being to further business, President Gordon moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by John Hicks.

Scott Gordon, President

Tom Sauret, Acting Secretary