

Minutes of the Meeting of the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association November 20, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held November 20, 2010, at Dalton City Hall in Dalton, Ga. The meeting commenced at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Participating Chapters:

The following chapters were in attendance: Appalachian Mountain Bike Club, Atlanta, Cape Fear, Chattanooga, CSRA, Chattahoochee Valley, Ellijay, Gainesville, Gwinnett, Huntsville, Northwest Ga., OMBA, Paulding, Pisgah, RAMBO, Woodstock, Upper Chattahoochee, Upstate, West Alabama and Woodstock. See attached document for the member sign-in sheet.

It was noted that there were no representatives present from the following chapters: Athens, Middle Tennessee, Piedmont Area, Tallahassee and TORC. All other chapters had a voting member or proxy present.

Welcome:

SORBA staff, members of the executive board and IMBA Executive Director Mike Van Abel were introduced.

Approval of Minutes:

Renee Corwine, IMBA-SORBA Secretary, presented the minutes from the March 2010, Board of Directors meeting for approval. Rick Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Karen Into, and unanimously approved.

Executive Board Elections:

IMBA-SORBA Executive Director Tom Sauret thanked the members of the executive board for their hard work — specifically outgoing President Bob Grieco — and then reviewed the duties of each officer. A motion was made by Liz MacNamara, seconded by Karen Into and approved unanimously to elect the following:

President: Darryl Glascock
Vice President: Paul Farrow
Secretary: Renee Corwine
Treasurer: Angela Allen

New Chapter Inductions:

Representatives from three provisional chapters were introduced and spoke a little about their areas. Mike Poe represented the provisional Northeast Alabama

chapter. A motion was made by Dave Senecal, seconded by Travis Barton and approved unanimously to approve Northeast Alabama as a chapter.

Mitch Moses represented the provisional BUMP chapter from Birmingham, Ala. A motion was made by Travis Barton, seconded by Scott Martin and approved unanimously to approve BUMP as a chapter.

Jim Grover represented the provisional Tarheel Trailblazers from Charlotte, N.C. A motion was made by Karen Into, seconded by Greg Brinson and approved unanimously to approve the Tarheel Trailblazers as a chapter.

Because there was no representative present from the provisional chapters from Northeast Tennessee and Flagler Beach, a vote to approve them as full chapters was deferred to the March 2011 meeting.

A discussion was started about IMBA's new chapter application process, and the chapter contracts. Because those present had not been sufficiently briefed on the process, a vote on the matter was deferred to the end of the meeting. During lunch, a copy of the chapter induction procedure and chapter contract was to be made available for review.

Reports from the Executive Board and Staff:

Angela Allen handed out documents for chapter presidents to sign for IRS purposes and then spoke to the necessity of timely chapter accounting reports. She stressed that it costs IMBA-SORBA money when reports are incomplete or delayed. She proposed a policy change wherein chapter finance reports are due 30 days after the end of the month, and if they are still not received 30 days after the due date, chapter funds will be frozen until the chapter becomes compliant in turning in financial reports. After opening the topic for discussion, it was clarified that financial reports still must be filed even if the chapter account has had no activity. Chapter presidents will also be informed when the financials have not been filed, with enough time for the president to take action before chapter funds are frozen. A motion was made to approve this policy change by Jay Wilkes. It was seconded by Travis Barton and approved unanimously.

Angela also reviewed information that was e-mailed to chapter presidents regarding putting a PayPal button on chapter websites. After brief discussion, Brian Hann made a motion to allow PayPal donation buttons to be placed on chapter websites if the chapter so desires. The motion was seconded by Erik Rippon and approved unanimously.

Renee Corwine stressed the importance of sending in up-to-date chapter officer contact information. She also asked all chapters to begin working on creating Memorandums of Understanding with local land managers. She stressed the chapter bylaws must be filed to her and cited several chapters as not having created bylaws. Also, minutes of chapter meetings must be recorded and sent to her for record-keeping purposes.

Event Staffer Walt Bready reported that the online volunteer systems will soon be ready to go. And stressed the importance of planning and scheduling events six months to one year ahead of time.

Bob Grieco spoke about how this organization is all about the chapters, and the executive board is here to support the chapters. He stressed the chapters working together and learning from each other. The success of our organization is based on the success of the chapters.

Darryl Glascock asked how the chapters were doing, and stressed the importance of communication between the chapter presidents and the executive board and staff. He reminded those present that the staff is here to support the chapters and to let us know what they need from us.

Communication Staffer Robin Allen spoke about the importance of each chapter sending in information about chapter events and happenings for inclusion in E-news and IMBA Trail News.

Keynote Address:

Mike Van Abel, executive director of IMBA spoke on the topic: "What's next for IMBA-SORBA? Envisioning the Future."

Van Abel spoke about how the organization needs to solve the problem of people not having the time to ride. He also said there's two reasons people join IMBA. 1: Advocacy. 2: Places to ride. As to the future, he said the bike community is doing amazing things, our government just hasn't caught the vision for it yet. We need to stress the importance of what we do to our government. More and more of the work of IMBA is working with users and land managers, and this year is a banner year for paid trail consulting. The pressures on land and land use will only become greater. He also mentioned the work IMBA is doing with the United States Forest Service to promote access on USFS land.

Database Training:

Jason Bertolacci, IMBA's Information Technology staffer, joined the meeting by phone conference and guided those present through the new IMBA database. He answered questions and demonstrated how to use the database effectively.

New Business:

After reviewing the new IMBA chapter application process, discussion was opened on the matter. Mike Van Abel stressed that the new process was an aligning of core values between IMBA and the prospective chapters. A motion was made by Travis Barton, seconded by Karen Into and approved unanimously to approve the use of the new IMBA chapter application process and chapter contract for new chapters.

Closing Comments:

Outgoing president Bob Grieco asked that each person take the knowledge they gained at the meeting back to their chapters and to the members. Let them know that the mission of IMBA-SORBA is successful. He asked that in the coming year, the chapters set goals for themselves and keep the forward momentum going.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ken Hacka to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Karen Into, and approved unanimously.

Bob Grieco, President

Renee Corwine, Secretary