

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
THE SOUTHERN OFF-ROAD BICYCLE ASSOCIATION (“SORBA”)**

October 26, 2019

The Fall Board of Directors Meeting of SORBA was held at 8 a.m. on October 26, 2019 at the Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association (“NEABA”) Clubhouse in Anniston Alabama.

Tom Sauret, Executive Director of SORBA and Paul Stahlschmidt, President of SORBA, welcomed the attendees.

Tom Nelson of NEABA spoke regarding group rides for board members and shuttle at Zinn Park to the upper trailhead at 1 p.m. Two separate rides, longish and short would be available.

Tom Sauret thanked the Chapters for attending and thanked the sponsors:

New Belgium Brewery, Black Warrior Brewery, Maxis, Finish Line, NEABA, City of Anniston, Highland Health, Anniston Star and Wells Fargo.

Tom Sauret then Introduced the Executive Committee:

Paul Stahlschmidt - North Carolina, Brian Hann - Tennessee, Angela Allen- Georgia, Mark Arcell - Mississippi, Tom Nelson - Alabama, Kevin Phelps – Florida.

Tom Sauret also noted that today we will elect a South Carolina Representative - Jason Scott.

Paul Stahlschmidt then addressed the meeting and noted that there is now 7,017 Members as of today and that seven states were represented.

Brian Hann, Secretary, took roll call and noted that 30 chapters were present at the meeting and that a quorum was present. It was also noted that Jason Moore from Cookeville, Tennessee, a provisional chapter, was present.

The Minutes from the Spring Meeting which was held in Johnson City, Tennessee on May 18, 2019 was then projected on the screen for review by the Board. After a motion and a seconded motion, the minutes were approved.

Tom Sauret then spoke regarding state-wide calls and noted that they have been a success. He would also like to see the e-news be more robust. Mr. Sauret noted that he has a meeting scheduled the next week with Deb Caffin to get the 15k cost share for chainsaw certification for our members.

Angela Allen, Treasurer, spoke regarding the Budget and noted that the budget will be added to the minutes. She also noted that \$8 per member was going back to IMBA to do processing and IMBA Local services. Brad Wender asked could the \$8 fluctuate? And it was noted that “yes” we should be paying \$12/person. It was also asked when could we start paying for all staff travel expenses? Terry Palmeri and Tom Sauret are working towards that goal.

There was a Short Break - 8:56- 9:15.

New Business was introduced. The first order of business was the new Bylaws which say officers serve two years instead of one. There was a motion by Chad of SORBA Huntsville to make current officers’ two-year terms retroactive and the motion was seconded by Dave Ellegood from Cape Fear SORBA. Motion passes unanimously.

Jason Scott then introduced himself as the South Carolina representative. He lives in Greenville, SC. Nominated Unanimously. Jason now sits at the front table.

Terry Palmeri, IMBA Southeast Associate Region Director, then spoke and asked the Chapter Leaders to please send her the new chapter contact information.

The second order of business was the induction of a new Chapter in Cookeville, Tennessee.

Jason Moore, presenting Upper Cumberland SORBA in Cookeville, Tennessee then spoke. He noted there were lots of open space and that Jeremy Robinson had signed up 66 paid Members. They Started with 8 acres and built two miles of trails. They went from just two miles to 125 miles. Monterey- Meadow Creek - (16-17 Miles) 10 miles from Cookeville, City of Monterey came to them to build trails. City of Monterey is the main focus. They have a 20k grant to start up a trail project. They have land resources people and money and are ready to roll.

Marc Upton of Tri-Cities SORBA makes the motion to induct Upper Cumberland SORBA. Beth Reed Richardson of CVA Sorba seconded. Inducted Unanimously.

Anthony Duncan, Director of Local Program of IMBA Local, then addressed the meeting regarding what IMBA local is doing for chapters.

- Every Action - A way to get mass amounts of contact for actionable issues,
- Processing
- Fundraising Series

Risk Management Series

Golden Volunteer

Simple Tics

Eco Counter- Software that counts trail users

Add on memberships- be a member of more than one chapter i.e tri-cities/AMBC

Chapter Leader Dashboard - Makes CiviCRM easier to use

All the webinars on how to use the stuff are recorded and exist in the online learning management system.

Tom Sauret then spoke regarding the Chapter Charter agreements and Sharon Mize, Operations Manager, noted that all Chapters had signed the agreement. Ms. Mize also spoke regarding 990 filings and registering with the Secretary of State.

Tom Sauret also noted that Chapters need to get their own D/O insurance. A budget over 50-100k.

The next Board meeting dates and locations were highlighted noting that March 21st Meeting would be in Tallahassee, Florida.

Break 11:22

New Business from Chapter Presidents:

Specialized Bicycles Grant Program called Outride

Only Specialized would have a grant program where you pay them money first

Huntsville Al

Municipal golf course conversion to an XC course

Working on a ride center designation

28 miles now legit on the military base??

Marc Upton- Shred Packing Route!

Marc's idea in his head - Opportunity to create long distance bike packing route. Damascus to Chattanooga- Asheville- Knoxville. Marcs request to keep this in mind when discussions with region 8.

Brett Davidson indicated that the ACA(adventure cycling association) is probably the best organization to work with.

Chris Sprol in a meeting regarding this.

Tom Nelson then shared a video about the building and noted the following:

20 months of labor 60k investment

1\$/year lease

Triple net lease- club pays all the taxes and insurance

Building in bike club name runners club pays \$200/month

Large Storage Area

1 mile to trailhead once the new trailhead is completed

Other groups have their meetings. Cycling or running activity is free. Other groups it is \$200/day or \$100/3hrs. Day after grand opening a multi-national company wanted to hold their board meetings there.

Costs about \$500/month to keep the doors open

Club pays their festival director a small stipend and they pay toms wife to do all the grant writing and organize certain events.

Mark Arcell, Vice President, then discussed Google Drive changes and updates.

After there being no further business, a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brand Wender of RAMBO, and seconded by Brandon Shirey of NWGA SORBA, and the meeting was adjourned.