

May 18, 2019
Southern Off Road Bicycle Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Johnson City, Tennessee

Meeting Minutes

Tom Sauret Opened the meeting with a welcome and general Updates
Sorba is 30 years old this year

Roll Call - Secretary Brian Hann

We have a quorum with the following chapters not in attendance:

Five Rivers SORBA (However they did show up after the business meeting)
Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association (NEABA) Excused
SORBA West Georgia
South Alabama and Mississippi Mountain Bicycling Association (SAMMBA)
Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association

President's Address - Paul Stahlschmidt

Welcome

Two orders of business.

Bylaws Revision and Sorba- Chapter Agreement, both documents have been sent for comments and review prior to the meeting.

Terry Palmeri- Housekeeping - Don't back into the parking spaces...Beer is free today, thanks to New Belgium. New Belgium also sponsored some scholarships to attend the meeting today.

Secretary - Brian Hann

November meeting minutes - passed with unanimous approval

Tom Sauret- More updates

Insurance - We have some activity against our policy. It is important to start writing MOU documents that do not give the chapter 100% of the liability for our projects.

Treasurer's Report - Angela Allen

2019 Financials - Attached Document

Tom - Bylaws

Thanks to Jim Grover for helping update the SORBA Bylaws that adequately reflect how we operate across the Southeastern United States

Tom - Chapter Agreement

This document is to get everyone singing from the same sheet of music. We have some chapters that have no agreement with SORBA, some that have a SORBA agreement and some that have an IMBA agreement. This document is intended to have one agreement that lays out the functional relationship between each chapter and SORBA

Paul - Introduced the Action Items

Communication is Vital - State Reps have been added to the bylaws to ensure that all states have someone on the board.

No real discussion - Paul Farrow makes a motion to approve the By- laws as written, Florida Mudcutters, Rob Bagans Seconds the motion.

Bylaws are unanimously approved.

Paul Introduces the Chapter Agreement for discussion.

NE Georgia Stan Crane addressed the board with a few issues

NE - Georgia would like to see membership split go from 60-40 in favor of SORBA to 40-60 in favor of the individual chapters. They would like to see annual reports. Termination of a chapter clause is discussed.

Specific note in meeting Minutes: The clause in the chapter agreement in regards to SORBA keeping a chapters assets if a chapter dissolves or is terminated by SORBA is there to protect the SORBA 501c3 status. A chapter can not leave SORBA with its assets without a 501c3 status in good standing with the IRS. Until the departing chapter has a 501c3 in good standing, SORBA will hold its assets.

No amendments were voted on or approved to the Chapter agreement. Wes Soward with AMBC made the motion to approve the the Chapter agreement, Brad Spears with CVTA seconds the motion.

Motion passed with 1 dissenting vote from NE Georgia (Stan Crane).

Terry - Gave an update on the fall meeting at Coldwater Mountain, Anniston Alabama

Tom Ambrozevich (THTB)- moved to adjourn the business meeting, Jack Brown (NWNC) Seconded the motion and the board unanimously approves to adjourn at 9:47 am