

**SORBA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, November 10, 2018**  
**DeLand, Florida**

1. Meeting Agenda



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November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
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9:00 A.M.

1. Welcome: Kevin Phelps, and local dignitaries
2. House Keeping, Kevin Phelps, Terry Palmeri
3. Come to Order, Brian Hann, President
4. Meeting Agenda Corrections (changes incorporated in this revision)
5. Roll Call: Mark Arcelle, Secretary
6. New Chapter Update: Terry Palmeri, AD; Tom Sauret, ED
  - a. CVTA
  - b. Myrtle Beach
7. Approval of the March 2018 minutes
8. Financial Report: Tom Sauret, Angela Allen, Kathy Wood, Sharon Mize
9. State of the Organization, new communications for 2019: Tom Sauret
10. Election of 2019 Officers. Nominations:
  - a. Paul Stahlschmidt, President
  - b. Mark Arcelle, VP,
  - c. Angela Allen, Treasurer
  - d. Brian Hann, Secretary
  - e. Kevin Phelps, Tom Nelson: State Representatives
11. Website Update/IT Update: Terry Palmeri
12. IMBA Local Updates (BRIEF), Terry Palmeri
13. Bike Patrol, Terry Palmeri
14. May Summit: Tom Sauret, Marc Upton, Terry Palmeri
15. What is a SORBA insured event?
16. New Business from the Presidents
17. Adjournment

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2. Meeting called to order by Brian Hann, SORBA President
3. Corrections to meeting agenda made by Tom Sauret
4. Roll Call: Mark Arcelle, SORBA Secretary

Chapter	City	State	Meeting Representative	Roll Call
Appalachian Mountain Bike Club - AMBC	Knoxville	TN	Wes Sowell	Yes
Birmingham Urban Mountain Pedalers - BUMP	Birmingham	AL		No
Cape Fear SORBA	Wilmington	NC	Dave Ellegood	Yes
Central Alabama Mountain Pedalers - CAMP	Auburn	AL	Mo Wright	Yes
Central Savannah River Area - CSRA	Augusta	GA	David Funk	Yes
Chattahoochee Valley Area SORBA - CVA	Columbus	GA	Beth Reed-Richardson	Yes
Five Rivers Mountain Bike Club - FRMBC	Morristown	TN	Kyle Ragan	Yes
Flagler Area Biking SORBA	Palm Coast	FL	Michael Young	Yes
Florida Mudcutters	Ft. Myers	FL	Missy and Greg Parramore	Yes
Gwinnett Area Trail Riders - GATR	Lawrenceville	GA	Edward Alber	Yes
Midlands SORBA	Columbia	SC	Steve Masone	Yes
Nantahala Area SORBA	Bryson City	NC		No*
North Georgia Mountain Bike Association - NGMBA	Ellijay	GA	Terry Palmeri	Yes
North Mississippi Trail Alliance - NMTA	Olive Branch	MS	Mark Arcelle	Yes
Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association - NEABA	Anniston	AL	Tim Lindblom	Yes
Northeast Georgia SORBA	Gainesville	GA	Keith Owens	Yes
Northwest Georgia SORBA - NWGAS	Dalton	GA		No
Northwest North Carolina MTB Alliance	Lenoir	NC	Paul Stahlschmidt	Yes
Ocmulgee Mountain Bike Association - OMBA	Macon	GA		No
Pensacola Off-Road Cyclists - PORC	Pensacola	FL		No
Piedmont Fat Tire Society - PFTS	Greensboro	NC	Stephen Williams	Yes
Pisgah Area SORBA - PAS	Asheville	NC	Matthew Leach	Yes
Roswell Alpharetta Mountain Biking Organization - RAMBO)	Roswell	GA	Brad Wender	Yes
SORBA Athens	Athens	GA		No
SORBA Atlanta	Atlanta	GA		No
SORBA Chattanooga	Chattanooga	TN		No
SORBA Huntsville	Huntsville	AL	Chad Edwards	Yes
SORBA Jax	Jacksonville	FL	Peter Davis	Yes

SORBA Middle Tennessee	Nashville	TN		No
SORBA Orlando	Orlando	FL	Susan Van Bernum	Yes
SORBA Tri-Cities	Johnson City	TN	Marc Upton	Yes
SORBA West Georgia	Dallas	GA		No
SORBA Woodstock	Woodstock	GA		No
South Alabama Mountain Bicycling Association - SAMBA	Mobile	AL		No
Southeast Alabama Mountainbikers - SAM	Dothan	AL	James Wells	Yes
Southeast Georgia - SEGA	Savannah	GA	David Sanders	Yes
Southern Appalachian Bicycle Association	Murphy	NC		No
Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association	Tallahassee	FL	Jimmy Card	Yes
Tarheel Trailblazers	Charlotte	NC	Emily Watts	Yes
Tri-County Mountain Bike Association	Ridgeland	MS	Mark Arcelle (proxy)	Yes
Triangle Off-Road Cyclists - TORC	Raleigh	NC	Beth Harrelson	Yes
Upstate SORBA	Greenville	SC	Brian Lord	Yes
West Alabama Mountain Biking Association - WAMBA	Tuscaloosa	AL		No
No* - Chapter unable to attend with prior approval				

5. Approval of the March 2018 SORBA Board Meeting Minutes
  - 5.1. Motion to approve made by Piedmont Fat Tire Society - PFTS
  - 5.2. Motion to approve seconded by Chattahoochee Valley Area SORBA - CVA
  - 5.3. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote
  - 5.4. The March 2018 SORBA Board Meeting Minutes are approved
6. SORBA membership drive continues through the end of November 2018
  - 6.1. SORBA bicycle give away offer continues as well
  - 6.2. Terry Palmeri will notify all chapters via email
7. SORBA budget will be affected by membership fall off
8. Membership numbers may be affected by:
  - 8.1. IMBA auto renew and renewal notification system failure
  - 8.2. Chapters must manually notify affected members
  - 8.3. IMBA has been apprised of the issue
9. SORBA office has been closed
  - 9.1. New mailing address is: SORBA  
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10. Sorbie Award presented to Kathy Wood In recognition of over 13 years of service as the SORBA Operations Manager
11. Tom Sauret introduced Sharon Mize as the new SORBA Operations Manager
12. Terry Palmeri introduces provisional chapters
  - 12.1. Clinch Valley Trail Association - Bradley Speers
  - 12.2. Myrtle Beach Mountain Biking Association - Stacey Vaughn
13. New Chapter Approval
  - 13.1. CVTA and MBMBA
  - 13.2. Motion to approve made by Pisgah Area SORBA
  - 13.3. Motion to approve seconded by SORBA Tri-Cities
  - 13.4. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote
14. Tom Sauret led discussion
  - 14.1. Greater emphasis on the SORBA brand is necessary for future growth and longevity
  - 14.2. The SORBA Executive and Assistant Directors are available to assist individual chapters as needed
  - 14.3. SORBA selected to participate in volunteer task force to develop trail stewardship standards as part of the USFS Forest Partners Program
    - 14.3.1. SORBA is teaming with BCHA, SAW and Appalachian Trail Conservancy
    - 14.3.2. Two annual meetings planned for November and May
  - 14.4. SORBA Summit 2019
    - 14.4.1. May 17 - 18, 2019 to be held in Johnson City, TN
    - 14.4.2. Meeting will include sessions for:
      - 14.4.2.1. Chapter leader training
      - 14.4.2.2. Sawyer training
      - 14.4.2.3. Trail construction training, including a special women's only session
    - 14.4.3. New sponsor development effort to secure future funding and partnerships
    - 14.4.4. Election of SORBA Officers
      - 14.4.4.1. The following slate of officers are submitted for Board approval
        - 14.4.4.1.1. President, Paul Stahlschmidt
        - 14.4.4.1.2. Vice President, Mark Arcelle
        - 14.4.4.1.3. Secretary, Brian Hann
        - 14.4.4.1.4. Treasurer, Angela Allen
        - 14.4.4.1.5. Florida State Representative, Kevin Phelps
        - 14.4.4.1.6. Alabama State Representative, Tom Nelson
        - 14.4.4.1.7. South Carolina State Representative, Tom Sauret
        - 14.4.4.1.8. Mississippi State Representative, Mark Arcelle
        - 14.4.4.1.9. Georgia State Representative, Terry Palmeri
        - 14.4.4.1.10. North Carolina State Representative, Paul Stahlschmidt
      - 14.4.4.2. Motion to approve the proposed slate of Officers made by Midlands SORBA

- 14.4.4.3. Motion to approve the proposed slate of Officers seconded by Southeast Alabama Mountainbikers
- 14.4.4.4. Proposed slate of Officers approved by unanimous voice vote
- 14.4.5. Update from Terry Palmeri
  - 14.4.5.1. Requested submittal of newsworthy items for inclusion on the SORBA website
  - 14.4.5.2. SORBA website Resources section update is in work
  - 14.4.5.3. Google Drive update is in work, transition plan to be submitted to all SORBA Chapter leaders within 30 days
  - 14.4.5.4. Reviewed IMBA Dashboard update
  - 14.4.5.5. SORBA Bike Patrol Program
    - 14.4.5.5.1. Independent from IMBA program
    - 14.4.5.5.2. Woodstock SORBA developing program policy
    - 14.4.5.5.3. SORBA insurance rider will be added March 2019
- 14.4.6. SORBA Tri-Cities, Vice President, Marc Upton presented 2019 SORBA Summit update
- 14.4.7. SORBA Liability Insurance Program
  - 14.4.7.1. Important program according to chapters
  - 14.4.7.2. Investigating increased limits of liability
  - 14.4.7.3. Liability insurance is not health insurance in that it does not reimburse for medical expenses resulting from personal injury. It is intended to protect SORBA and its chapters from the risks of liabilities imposed by lawsuits and similar claims.
  - 14.4.7.4. In order to ensure SORBA liability insurance coverage is in effect, the chapters events must be sanctioned and each event participant must agree to the terms of the SORBA Volunteer Release Agreement & Waiver Form
  - 14.4.7.5. Refer to the SORBA Operations Manual for further guidance
- 14.4.8. New Business
  - 14.4.8.1. Discussed the option of offering a reduced membership rate for NICA participants
- 14.4.9. Meeting Adjourned
  - 14.4.9.1. Motion to adjourn the SORBA Board Meeting made by Five Rivers Mountain Bike Club
  - 14.4.9.2. Motion seconded by Appalachian Mountain Bike Club
  - 14.4.9.3. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote