

Meeting Minutes
Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association
Tallahassee Chapter of SORBA/IMBA

Wednesday, October 28, 2009
Uptown Café
7:30 PM – 8:45 PM

- The first item of discussion was establishing a regular meeting date. The group endorsed meeting the second Wednesday of each month. This means that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11th. We will continue to meet at the Uptown Café from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.
- Chapter elections will be held at the next meeting. You must be a SORBA/TMBA member to vote and you must be present to vote. A general email announcing the elections and soliciting candidates will be sent to the membership. Remember to pay your dues now so you can participate. Tom Sauret (SORBA Executive Director/IMBA Southeast Regional Director) was in attendance and stated that at a minimum we need a president, vice president (and presidential understudy), and secretary/treasurer. Some chapters have separate secretaries and treasurers. Nominations for offices will be taken from the floor at the meeting, so be there or be left out of the process.
- The treasurer's report shows that the club has \$200. Tom reported that 40% of SORBA/IMBA dues will begin to be allocated to the chapters starting with the new year. This 40% is in addition to club insurance provided for each chapter.
- At present the SORBA/IMBA roster shows about 40 paid TMBA Chapter members. However several new members who just received their membership packets were not included on the list. Tom will get us an updated list for the elections.
- No TMBA chapter member attended the trail-building workshop at NOC due to scheduling conflicts, which was fortunate as the event was postponed.
- The next important SORBA/IMBA event is the board meeting to be held in Gainesville (GA) on November 21st. Ken Foster and Glen Gifford are planning to attend the board meeting. Other TMBA members are welcome to attend as well. Nearby lodging and camping are available.
- Scott Shirley presented his recommendations for trail stewardship/trail liaison. Included in his recommendations were adding a web-based trail issue reporting mechanism, numbering all trail segments (so that they can be readily identified in incident reports), designating a trail liaison for each trail, providing an annual trail report to the land manager, and ensuring a long-term commitment to the process.
- Three or four TMBA members attended the St. Marks River State Park workday (Saturday, October 10). Due to the heat work was not done and a reconnaissance tour was instead conducted. The area appears to be best viewed as a potential connector to other public lands with off-road trails.
- Ken Foster set up a SORBA/IMBA tent at the Gone Riding event at Tom Brown. A few folks expressed an interest in joining SORBA/IMBA.
- Maclay Gardens State Park is actively working with TMBA members to add significant trails in the park and the Overstreet property. It may be possible to retain a professional trail building consultant to help with the trail expansion.
- Tom Sauret reviewed the new SORBA/IMBA insurance policy. It appears to be far superior to our past insurance policy. SORBA/IMBA pays \$7.00 per member (from the membership fee) toward the insurance. The policy covers TBMA members for workdays, group rides, and time trials. Included are hired workers and equipment as well. Non-moving structures are also covered. Special event insurance is also offered by the carrier.
- Promoting TMBA advertising boards, banners, and business cards was addressed as a mechanism to grow the membership.

- Ken Foster asked Linc Clay to present a report on the USFS Munson/Twilight project at the next meeting. Ken mentioned that he, Linc, Dixie Davis and Chris Judd had offered to act a liaison committee to work with the USFS on Munson/Twilight issues.
- Bert Thornton suggested that the chapter prepare a handout for bike shops. Formats such as fliers or business cards were discussed.
- Monthly beginner rides at more exciting locations such as St. Marks NWR and Sheppards Branch were discussed. The need for a designated ride leader and ride sweep was noted. Karen Loewen volunteered to be a leader or sweep on a monthly basis. Having a post-ride picnic was offered as a community-building opportunity.
- A Fern Trail workday was announced for Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Bring shovels and loppers and meet at the Weems Road end of the trail.
- It was announced that the Cadillac Trail rehabilitation RFP was released. The RFP is encouraging respondents to include public participation in their proposals. The work should be completed by April 2010.

In attendance:

Linc Clay	Chris Judd	Tom Sauret
Ken Foster	Karen Loewen	Scott Shirley
Chuck Goodheart	Tim Murphy	John Webb
Sandi Jones	Dennis Scott	

Report prepared by Linc Clay and reviewed by Chris Judd and Ken Foster.