

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

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Uptown Café
7:30 PM – 8:45 PM

- **Trail Report System:** The first item of business concerned developing a system to report trail concerns. Ken asked for volunteers to work on this project. John Carter and Don Davis volunteered to help. Other members on this committee include: Mike McCue and Scott Shirley. Chuck Goodheart talked about the city's online reporting system and it was agreed that the TMBA system should work with the city's system.
- **Quarterly Work Days:** Ken moved on to the next agenda item which involved work days. Some talk ensued emphasizing that these days needed to be scheduled and advertised on Facebook. Ken asked if the group thought work days could be scheduled on a work day during the summer months. Chuck mentioned that weekday work days seem to be successful in Alafia. Ken suggested there be a committee created to head up the organization of the work days. John Webb and Bert Thornton volunteered. Ken suggested that this topic be tabled for discussion at the next meeting. Before discussion ended, however, Chuck and Lisa Cole reiterated that the city needs at least a week's notice (seven business days) to ensure proper resources, etc. when working on city trails.
- **Meeting Schedule:** Next, Ken reinforced the day, time and place of the association's meetings: every fourth Wednesday of the month from 7:30pm-8:30pm at Uptown Café. Ken also mentioned that Subaru of Tallahassee may be contacting the group to invite us to meet there. Some discussion followed regarding potentially meeting at lunch and changing the meeting time to an earlier time, but all agreed to the meeting schedule as is.
- A short discussion on whether both the Facebook page and the TMBA page (<http://www.tallahasseemountainbike.com/>) have the same information was held next. Ken stated that the TMBA site should be the main reference for information.
- **Regional IMBA/SORBA Board Meeting:** The next topic of discussion involved Ken's report on attending the SORBA Regional Meeting (http://www.sorba.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=176&Itemid=2). Ken maintained that it was a great event and that there was good discussion on what is happening with other clubs. Ken provided handouts from the meeting and pointed out that one initiative from IMBA/SORBA is a push to build club memberships to fifty. Tom Suaret spoke next about the National Bike Summit (http://www.imba.com/summit/2010_World_Summit.html) which will be held in Augusta, GA. From May 5-8, 2010. Tom promoted the trails at that location, highlighted some of the summit's events and encouraged all to attend. He mentioned that online registration would be available by February 15th.
- A side discussion resulting from Ken distributing the IMBA/SORBA handouts developed next when John Kalin asked if meeting handouts could be posted online prior to the meeting to help generate ideas and discussion.

- **Beginner Rides:** The beginner rides were the next topic of discussion for the night's meeting. The next one is set for Saturday, February 7th. Ken, John Kalin and Jose Sanchez will meet to figure out details for upcoming beginner rides.
- **Upcoming Work Days:** The upcoming work day was discussed next by Jose. He explained that it is a maintenance day to work on the Lower Cadillac. Folks will meet at the Piney Z parking lot on Sunday, January 24th at 9am. Tim Murphy and Jose Sanchez will be the trail bosses and Ken will send out notices.
- **Full Moon Rides:** Ken mentioned next that he has a schedule of the next full moons and will get with Karen Loewen to organize details for the rides.
- **Magnolia Trail Update:** Chuck followed this discussion with an update on the status of the Magnolia Trail project. He mentioned that Trail Dynamics will be here working on the Upper Cadillac and Magnolia Trail from approximately January 27th – April 1st. He reiterated that users would be involved and that enhancements would include technical features and improvements to trail flow. Tim Murphy asked when people would be needed and Chuck replied that it would probably be around the second week of February. Chuck also mentioned that Ben Blich will be redesigning the Red Bug Trail sometime in late spring or early summer.
- **Munson/Twilight Assessment:** Ken took the lead for the next topic and handed out a few copies of the 50+ page report prepared by Trail Dynamics (<http://munsontwilightmtnbiketrails.blogspot.com/2009/12/trail-assessment-available.html>). Ken stressed that in his opinion, the trail will be better. He explained that from this report an action plan will be created by the Forest Service and that will then be put out to bid. He summarized a few of the changes present in the report, such as, renaming the trails; moving the kiosk; “peppering” the trails with lime rock; and, terra-forming. Ken explained that the trails will be kept open during the work. Ken also asked that we report any “unauthorized” activity that we may observe when using the trails. We can forward information on any incidents to Ken and he will relay it to the proper individuals.
- **Stomp Out Type 2 Diabetes MTB Race:** Next, Neil Dimacali briefed the group on an upcoming benefit mountain bike race to be held February 27th (<http://www.cccyclists.org/StompDiabMtbRace.htm>) at Tom Brown Park. The race is being organized by the Capital City Cyclists (CCC) and already several sponsors are on board, such as, Tallahassee Memorial, the Tallahassee Democrat, Premier Health Club, FSU Athletics and Sunshine Cycles. Notables to be in attendance include, Coach Bowden, Casey Weldon, Mayor Marx and Ricky Carmichael. Neil mentioned that he will be sending out press releases and hopes that our group will sign up as riders and volunteers. Jose brought up that the date conflicts with an FSU Magnetic Laboratory Open House. Neil explained that the race should be over by noon. Registration information and other details are available on the CCC site. John Carter suggested that the group support this effort and Ken seconded that motion.
- **IMBA/SORBA Spring Festival and Board Meeting:** Tom took the floor next and invited the group to attend the festival/meeting (http://www.sorba.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=178&Itemid=2) to be held March 19-21 at the Nantahala Outdoor Center. He outlined a few of the events and mentioned that more information is available on the IMBA/SORBA website.

- **2010 Leon County Greenway Tour:** The final topic of discussion was the upcoming Greenway celebration to be held on January 30th from 9am-1pm at the J. R. Alford Greenway (http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/common/calendars/?the_month=1&the_year=2010). Ken mentioned that he needed help working the tent. Tim Murphy, John Kalin and Tom Proctor volunteered.

In attendance:

Bob Carruthers
John Carter
Lisa Cole
Don Davis
Dixie Davis
John Davis
Neil Dimacali
Ken Foster
Steve Goldberg

Chuck Goodheart
Mike Hernandez
John Kalin
Daniel Korecky
Karen Loewen
Tim Murphy
Chris Neal
Tom Proctor

Jose Sanchez
Tom Sauret
Scott Shirley
Jim Singleton
Chad Smith
Bert Thorton
John Webb
Mark Whittington
Mike Yaun

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