

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

Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Proctor Subaru Tallahassee
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

- **Letter to County in Support of Trails:** The meeting opened on the subject of a letter to the County thanking them for their support for the Magnolia Trail. Ken explained that he had not made any progress on this front since the last meeting, but would strive to get it done within the next month.
- **Magnolia Trail Grand Opening:** Next, the group's topic turned to organizing a celebration for the recently updated Magnolia Trail. A discussion followed on what type of activities would occur at the event such as a barbeque, ribbon cutting and ride. Karen Loewen, Sandi Jones and Jose Sanchez volunteered to form a committee to work with the City and plan the event.
- **Trail Reporting System:** Ken then asked Scott Shirley to give an update on the ongoing trail reporting system. Scott explained that he and Khang Trang, the developer of the proposed system, met on the mock-up. He mentioned that they should have something to discuss with the larger group at the next meeting. Scott further explained that Khang needs some information – maps, server environment, whether or not the system needs to match the current website design, etc. Ken stated that Khang should meet with Mike McCue to get this information.
- **Gone Riding Race (9/11 -9/12/2010):** The upcoming Gone Riding Race (<http://www.goneriding.com/EVENTS.htm>) was the next topic of discussion for the group. Ken explained that there will be a time trial on Saturday and a ride on Sunday. He also mentioned that he had spoken to Dave Berger about TMBA potentially becoming one of the sponsors. Ken listed some of the ways we could help on the meeting's agenda. For example, the club could help with clean up, cook food, help with donating money for prizes, or act as marshals during the race. Last year Publix donated food for the event and Ken said they made approximately \$800 by working the food counter and asking for donations. Higher Ground was a sponsor last year and would have to agree to either work with us as co-sponsors, or allow us to be the main sponsor. Ken asked the group if the club would like to be a sponsor and discussion followed. The consensus was that the club would rather put money and effort toward the trails. There was a short discussion on perhaps selling T-shirts or stickers to promote TMBA awareness and membership.
- **FSU Collegiate Cycling Team Race (9/6/2010):** Sandi brought up to the group that the FSU Collegiate team will be having a race on Labor Day. She stated that she would contact them to find out if there was anything the organization could do to help and would report back with her findings at the next meeting.
- **Trailhead Signage:** The next item on the agenda concerned trailhead signage. Ken explained that Sandi will also work on this task. Tim Murphy said it would be a good idea to make two sizes for each sign. Ken asked the larger group what information should be on the sign-someone mentioned the website link; another suggested the Facebook page; another

suggested stating that there were opportunities for volunteering and trail work; and, another said to state that meetings were held every fourth Wednesday.

- **IMBA Summit Report:** Tim Murphy took the floor next and gave a report on the IMBA World Summit (http://www.imba.com/summit/2010_World_Summit.html.) held May 5-8 in Augusta, GA. Tim mentioned that he attended sessions on building bike parks; the maintenance of bike parks; mountain bike patrols; and, mountain bike ambassadors. Tim explained that club members who spent time as patrols or ambassadors earned valuable volunteer hours. Tim further explained the importance of these volunteer hours and how they can contribute to the probability of gaining new trails in an area. Jose brought up that we were not recording our volunteer hours. Karen suggested that some sort of volunteer hour reporting be built into the trail reporting system. Tim went on to describe the great trail system present in Augusta, Forks Area Trail System (FATS), and how it took approximately ten years before any of the 35 miles of trail were constructed.
- **Club PO Box:** The next item of business concerned whether or not the club should acquire a post office box. Ken explained that it would cost approximately \$50/year and suggested that the downtown post office would be the most convenient location. The club voted to approve the action.
- **Move Elections to October:** Since there were no scheduled club meetings in November and December, Ken asked the club if elections could be moved to October. Tim made a motion for this and Karen seconded it. The majority voted to move club elections to October.
- **Annual Calendar:** Next, Ken explained that club activities were now available on the calendar on the club's website (http://tallahasseemountainbike.com/calendar_events.php). Karen mentioned that she would send notices via Facebook for the various activities listed on the calendar.
- **Bicycle Tallahassee Introduction:** Ken gave a brief introduction on Bicycle Tallahassee and asked any members who had questions or wanted more information to contact him.
- **First Work Day of the Month:** Ken asked for suggestions from the group on the upcoming work day.
- **Munson Hills Trail Work:** Finally, Chris Judd asked if he could have the floor to talk about the current trail maintenance occurring at Munson Hills. Chris explained that he felt the character of the trail was changing and he wanted to know if other trail members felt the same way. He hoped if there was some agreement that then there still might be time to mention their concerns to the trail contractors before they left. Karen mentioned that she agreed with Chris and was concerned that Munson might turn out to be too much like Tom Brown. Ken suggested that everyone who had an opinion put it on the Facebook discussion board. Linc Clay brought up that Woody Keen of Trail Dynamics had explained that there were financial and contractual constraints that may keep them from making big deviations from the original plan. Ken explained that Trail Dynamics does want rider feedback. Tim brought up that the trail should eventually "wear in" and get faster as had been the case at Tom Brown.

In attendance:

Tripp Anderson
Linc Clay
Lisa Cole
Abel Correa
Dixie Davis

Ken Foster
Steve Goldberg
Sandi Jones
Chris Judd
Karen Loewen

Tim Murphy
Chris Neal
Doug Parke
Jose Sanchez
Scott Shirley

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