

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

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
Proctor Subaru Tallahassee
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

- **Committee Report - Grand Opening, Magnolia Trail:** The meeting opened with Ken Foster asking Karen Loewen to give a report on the progress thus far for the Magnolia Trail Grand Opening event. Karen explained that they were currently discussing dates. Discussion from the group followed and everyone agreed that it would be a good idea to hold it in conjunction with the Gone Riding event in September (<http://www.goneriding.com/EVENTS.htm>). The general consensus was that the grand opening could be held sometime between the time trails and the race. Mike Hernandez the grand opening could be the “kick-off” before the time trials. Ken said he would email Karen the contact information for the Gone Riding coordinators. Chuck Goodheart mentioned that the fences will be done by that time.
- **Trail Reporting System:** Next, the group’s topic turned to the latest status on the system for reporting trail conditions. Ken gave the update and explained to the group that progress was being made. He explained that hopefully there will be something tangible to show soon. Chuck brought up that we need to make sure that talgov.com is listed on the systems so that there will be a connection or “hook” to the City’s trail reporting system.
- **New Club PO Box:** Brief discussion followed on the club’s new post office box. Ken explained that the rental is \$70/year. He did not have the number to provide to the group, but explained that Scott Shirley will be the alternate key holder.
- **Cards at Shops:** Tim Murphy led the group on the next topic of discussion. He explained that the club cards had been printed out and distributed. Mike mentioned that they had some at Higher Ground and they have been handing out. He mentioned that it is good to have the scheduled rides listed. Doug Parke from Sunshine Cycles also remarked that they had cards at their shop, but that Jill had mentioned that they needed new ones.
- **Kiosk Information:** Regarding the kiosks and what information should be displayed at them, Ken asked Chuck if he would help Sandi Jones by reviewing the information she had gathered.
- **Maclay Gardens State Park “Silk Road” Trail Report:** The next item on the agenda concerned the new Silk Road trail. Ken explained that tonight was the last work night for the trail. The trail is open and is named after its “smooth” surface. Ken further explained that signs would be placed on the trail explaining TMBA’s involvement in their development/construction.
- **Beginner/Youth Rides Reports/TT Report:** Next, Ken discussed the success of the beginner and youth rides. Doug and Mike both mentioned that their respective shop rides (Sunshine Cycles and Higher Ground) had seen good attendance, as well. Ken explained that the time trials had yielded nine new members. Mike asked if the time trials day could be changed because of the scheduling conflict with their Tuesday night ride. Ken explained that after the summer the organization could look at changing the date.

- **County Commission Thank You Letter:** The next item of business concerned the letter of thanks to the County Commission. Ken stated that he had written and sent the letter thanking the commission for their support of the recent efforts regarding the Magnolia Trail improvements.
- **Membership Building/Tracking:** Ken moved on to membership tracking next. He explained that tracking new members in the IMBA database is difficult. He mentioned that we need someone to take this on as a project. He also explained that we have approximately 180 friends on Facebook, but they are not all TMBA members. Ken further explained that it is important to keep our numbers up in order to continue our efforts in increasing trail miles. Karen asked for the contact at SORBA/IMBA responsible for the membership database. Ken replied that it was Jeff Gandy. Some discussion followed regarding whether or not TMBA should maintain its own membership database. And, if TMBA should keep track of its members, what type of information should be tracked: phone number; email address; and/or renewal date? Karen agreed to take on the role of membership coordinator. Tim volunteered Jill Murphy to help with the effort.
- **First Work Day of the Month:** The group next discussed the upcoming work day. The next work day would be the first weekend of July. Chuck mentioned that the non-city section of the Fern Trail needed work. Chuck also suggested that the club buy some good quality tools, such as weed-eaters, etc. Karen asked how much money the club had in its bank balance and Ken promised to provide the club's bank balance at the next meeting. The group finally decided to cancel this first work day of July because it fell during a holiday weekend and to focus on the Fern Trail during the August work day. Before turning to the next and final topic, a few odd topics were quickly discussed. Chuck suggested that someone write a "How-To" article on trail maintenance with the proper tools. Karen said she would post it on Facebook if he would write it. Doug mentioned that someone should be recording volunteer hours and Ken agreed. Chuck also suggested we have a safety coordinator.
- **Tom Brown Pump Track:** The final official topic concerned work at the pump track at Tom Brown Park. Chuck explained that Erion Baker is re-doing the current pump track. Chuck mentioned that the current location is not good. The new location will be near the "mother of all playgrounds". Chuck further explained that his group has permission to execute the project, but they need qualified vendors and a sound design. Tim reminded the group that there are recurring costs with pump tracks. After this discussion, Ken moved to adjourn and Tim seconded it.

In attendance:

Lisa Cole	Ken Foster	Karen Loewen
Abel Correa	Chuck Goodheart	Tim Murphy
Charles Coulter	Mike Hernandez	Doug Parke
Dixie Davis	Maria Littlejohn	Dick Rogers

Report prepared by Dixie Davis and reviewed by Ken Foster.