

SBMTV Board Meeting Minutes, Tues 1/13/2004

In attendance: Erika Lindemann, Ben Seely, Chris Orr, Kim Lyons , Paul Hering, Dorthey Littlejohn, Tosh Bulger, John Berberet, Chuck Anderson, Matt Wilhem, Dave.

1. Official name change:

Motion passed to appropriate \$300 to officially/legally change the bicycle racing club Cielo Velo to the trail advocacy non-profit the Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers. Committee formed to research process, bylaws, and prepares a draft document. \$300 is for "We the People" to process and error check the document. Proposal to be presented next Board meeting. Ben, Chris, Erica, and Chuck volunteered to help this project.

2. Board Member structure:

The Committee drafting SBMTV's new bylaws will consider this issue. Generally it was suggested to keep the 11 member board structure, but to put in place a mechanism to replace board members who are absent from more than (3) consecutive board meetings. SBMTV will also continue to delegate projects to committee.

3. SBMTV club meetings and member recruitment:

It was proposed that SBMTV have organize two big club meetings a year to inform, educate, feed, recruit, entertain, and honor club members. A 2004 kick-off party was proposed as the first event. Possible date in the first week of March. Kim, Erika, Tosh, and Matt volunteered for this project.

How do we bring in the junior high, high school, and college age riders? Erika volunteered to research if we could get trail events to count as "community service" hours for high school students. Outreach to this rider group will be a major goal in 2004. A committee will be formed at a future meeting to further support this goal. In the meanwhile, everyone please consider any teacher/parent/student contacts you may have at the schools?

4. Trail Projects:

We discussed the current monthly trail event structure. All were happy with our efforts in 2003 and we will be running 2004 events in the same manner. It was reported that the Montecito Trail Foundation had complained that SBMTV had not adequately communicated projects in 2003. SBMTV will make special efforts to communicate with the MTF.

Paul proposed that SBMTV start our 2004 trail care with an event February 21 on Taqepis Trail. Motion passed. Tosh, and Chris volunteered to help with promotion of the project. Paul still needs help, securing sponsorship especially (food) and with other arrangements. Please contact Paul to Volunteer. Paul to send event details to Tosh/Chris.

5. Goals for 2004:

- Monthly trail events Spring – Fall.
- Formalizing a board member structure, club bylaws.
- SBMTV outreach to youth/college age riders.
- Tajigas DH Park or a DH park at an alternate location.
- Bell/Education/signage goals (bell distribution, trail education, shop signs, frame stickers, etc.)

6. Additional items:

CRAHTAC report: Paul will be representing SBMTV at CRAHTAC meetings. There are currently a few empty CRAHTAC board positions – in different county districts. Please contact Paul for more information.

Tajigas report: Paul reports that CRAHTAC is stalled in their recommendation for the creating of a DH park – as a member reported that Tajigas is only closed 2 days per year, not every Sunday as previously reported. Chuck will arrange a meeting with Dave and arrange an introduction with Vie Oburne. We need clarification on this issue.

Tajigas project members: Dave, Chuck, Tosh, Paul.

Trail education report: It was proposed that more trail education be organized. Several members thought SBMTV should arrange times where new volunteers could be trained in how and what to say to trail users. We need more bells. It was reported that bells have not been readily available over the past months at the box on Gibraltar. We need volunteers to drop bells off on a weekly schedule for 2004. Dave reported that he went to all the local shops and two pet shops before finding a bell. Chris to order a supply of additional bells.

Chris / Tosh are going to restart the TE program, we need your help. Please Contact Chris to volunteer.

Trail Signage: Chris needs volunteers for the LPFA Trail Sign Committee. We need volunteers to help with design, material selection, construction, and installation. Paul suggested that we use signs similar to those used by BLM in Sedona. Please contact Chris. Chris will be sending a project description and recruitment letter out to the list soon.

Table at firestone: SBMTV will have a table at the Firestone race. We need volunteers to talk about SBMTV, take donations, and schmooze. Please contact Paul.

Erika Lindemann volunteered to combine the SB Bicycle Coalition booth at the SBMTV booth – as she did last year.

Insurance: SBMTV needs a new insurance provider. Please contact Chuck if you have any ideas. John Berberet to check and report on GVCC's insurance provider.

John suggested that any advertisement for trail events and or anything involving SBMTV not exclusively refer to alcoholic beverages (ie. BBQ with soda and beer provided after event – instead of BBQ and beer provided after event).