

San Angelo Bicycling Association (SABA)
Minutes of the monthly membership meeting
August 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM

The monthly meeting was held at the San Angelo Visitors Center. Members and guests in attendance: Christine Buckstead, Steve Nelson, Kathy Walker, Brian Backlund, Tom Tate, Ty Johnson, Ben Snow, Connie Dunagan, Christina McBride, Mack Roller, Rick Ogan, Velma Ogan, Christine Jones, Roy Jones, Dionnie Hoelsken, Ben Hoelsken, John Gonzales, Michael Hall.

I. The minutes from the July meeting were posted on the website for review after the last meeting. The minutes were approved by the members.

II. Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance is \$4317.23. So far the up front expense for the 6 Hour Dinosaur Race is \$429 for insurance and fax fees.

III. 6 Hour Dinosaur Race

- The contract with the State Park will be finalized tomorrow. Race insurance has been purchased.
- Devon has created a logo for the event. The flyer is nearly ready. The state park contract requires that the \$3 park entrance fee be mentioned on any advertisement. There is some confusion about who will have to pay the fee (participants or spectators?) Also, the State Park will charge a \$1 fee per participant. How will that work? Christina will clarify with Kurt.
- Race t-shirts will cost \$10 each - in addition to the registration fee. The cut-off date to order a t-shirt will be determined by turn around time at the printers. It will probably be one week before the event. Anyone may order a t-shirt.
- Joy has been in contact with Sam's Club. Sam's may be willing to donate water, gatorade, and bananas *only if* they can write it off their taxes. We would need to fill out an application with SABA's Tax ID number. Connie has been working with Powerbar to obtain food donations. Christine Jones will contact HEB about possible food donations.
- The club will provide t-shirts and food to volunteers. Pizza?
- Members discussed types of snacks for the race participants. Ideas include: grilled cheese sandwiches, chips, boiled potatoes with salt, gummy bears, fresh fruit, and cheetos.
- Will the State Park charge an after hours fee? The end of the last lap and awards ceremony will almost certainly go past 10 PM. Kurt has agreed to waive the after-hours fee. SABA will have until noon on Sunday to clean up the race area.
- Course marking will have to be after October 8, due to an equestrian event that day at the park. MAC will use SABA's marking tape. Ty suggested that reflective tape would work best for night viewing. Christina will use reflective tape on course signs.
- Risk Management Plan: Christina has a rough-draft of a plan. She will complete the revisions soon. Jeff McBride is certified to provide first-aid. He will be at the race with a first-aid station.

- Course conditions may include tall grasses and mosquitos if it rains again.
- Online registration with Compete-at is ready.
- A link to MAC Racing should be included on the SABA website.
- Who will provide timing? Justin has timing software. A one-use license needs to be purchased to use the software.

IV. New Business

- There are still many SABA member socks that need to be distributed.
- The Road Lizards is holding a marathon/ultra marathon event at the State Park on March 3, 2012. They are asking for mountain bikers to lead the runners and sweep the course. The members approved a motion to supply volunteer mountain bikers at the event.
- The club has a new system (Chimp Mail) for sending the club newsletter and announcements electronically. Member response is positive.
- The practice of starting faster riders first at the MTB time trial was discussed. Some members believe that it would be safer, take less time, be more educational to less-experienced riders, and be comparable to MTB racing practices to start the slow riders first. Other members believed that passing slower riders is unsafe and inconvenient. Some new riders expressed their desire to start last because they feel less pressure and feel safer. The motion to start slower riders first (unless they wish to start last) did not have a second and died.

V. MTB/Road Time Trial (Half & Half?)

- After considering several options, members discussed holding the event on Thanksgiving weekend and/or New Year's Day. Members voted on Saturday, November 26 at the State Park.
- Discussion of the course: If FM 2288 is selected for the road portion, two traffic control officers will need to be hired. If park roads are used, only one traffic control officer will be needed. The park is resurfacing the roads. At present, the chip seal is extremely rough. Will it be compacted by November? Traffic and safety is a major concern. With two-way bike traffic and two-way auto traffic, there are several blind corners that would need volunteers to help slow traffic. Would it be possible to close the roads to traffic for two hours? Another concern is the dates of hunting season.
- Roy will talk to Kurt Kemp about these concerns.
- The road course length has not been determined. It could be as short as 8 miles or as long as 16 miles. The MTB course will be the 6-mile Time Trial loop.
- A race director is needed.

VI. Announcements

- The next meeting will be September 21 at 6:00 PM at the San Angelo Visitor's Center.
- MAC Racing will be moving their monthly meeting to Concho Bike.
- MAC Racing has created a kid's MTB club that will meet Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM, starting August 28. Currently, the club is available to MAC Racing members, SABA members, and employees of Goodfellow AFB. Depending on participation, the activity may be offered to the community at a future date. Groups of children and

youth will be organized by age and experience level. High school-aged mountain bikers are particularly encouraged to participate. The event will have a dinosaur theme.

- Road TT September 1 on Door Key Road.
- MTB TT September 15 at San Angelo State Park.
- There will be a cyclocross clinic on Wednesday, September 7. The cyclocross series will be October 29, November 12, and December 3.
- Concho Bike now has a Compu Trainer.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Submitted by

Christine Buckstead, secretary