

San Angelo Bicycling Association (SABA)
Minutes of the monthly membership meeting
September 21, 2011 at 6:00 PM

The monthly meeting was held at the San Angelo Visitors Center. Members and guests in attendance: Christine Buckstead, Velma Ogan, Roy Jones, Christine Jones, Dionnie Hoelsken, Justin Smith, Marlon Miller, Rick Ogan, Chad Freeze, Steve Nelson, Joy Smith, Kathy Walker.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the August 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 \$4409.

III. 6 Hour Dinosaur Race. Update provided by Dionnie Hoelsken

- Connie has printed over 400 flyers and has distributed them to over 30 bike shops in west Texas. Also, ads have been posted on TMBRA web site. Kyle has been keeping up with posts.
- Kevin is making trophies. He will need 4-5 volunteers to help finish. Trophies will be completed by the end of next week. Look for an email with more info.
- Justin is working on rules and a course map in paper and electronic forms. Course will be marked five days before race.
- Christina is working on the safety plan. Jeff will work the first aid station. All participants will need to sign a waiver. Roy is modifying the club waiver. Discussion of how to get participants to sign waiver: in advance? at the park gate? at packet pick-up?
- We will need to have a volunteer at the park gate to collect entrance fees for non-participants.
- Will there be restrooms?
- Discussion of whether SABA should pay park entrance fees for volunteers. The club will also provide peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, gatorade, and t-shirts for volunteers. One member commented that all of these small expenses are starting to add up. There is a possibility that the State Park will waive the fees for volunteers.
- **A motion was made that "if entrance fees must be paid, the club will pay for the volunteers." The motion carried.**
- Our insurance rep has been hassling Roy about whether our club is a "Mountain Bike" Club. Our club is a "Bicycling" club. The insurance company does not cover mountain bike clubs. Members expressed their confusion about this distinction. League of American Bicyclists does not cover MTB, but McKay does. IMBA members receive a discount from McKay.
- Justin has created a Facebook page for the 6 Hour Race. Christine Buckstead will add a link on the club web site. Justin suggests creating a page and/or domain for all of SABA's annual events. The cost is \$9/year for a domain.

- Justin will be in charge of timing. He has requested that SABA reimburse him \$75 for the software license fee. Christine Jones offered the use of her laptop for the event. A back-up battery will be available.

IV. Mountain Bike Day

- Justin would like to combine this IMBA-supported event with the 6-Hour race. The event is held the first weekend of October across the country, but we would have it on Oct. 15 to coincide with the race. Start time TBD.
- IMBA provides goodie bags (if we meet the registration deadline) and press releases. Specialized has a banner. Concho Bike has 50 water bottles to give away. Christy will provide helmets. Kathy will obtain goodie bags from the police department.
- Roy has the permits for the state park and insurance ready to submit. Club insurance will cover the event, but everyone must sign a waiver.
- SABA provides volunteers to lead the children on the trails. Older children may ride the time trial loop; younger children will ride the smooth jeep roads. Justin has some volunteers lined up, but may need more.
- This makes a long day for volunteers who work the children's Mountain Bike Day in the morning and the 6-Hour race in the afternoon.
- Approx. 25 children have been attending the MAC racing Saturday rides, but numbers have been decreasing. Similar numbers or more are expected for Mountain Bike Day.
- **A motion was made for SABA to sponsor the IMBA Mountain Bike Day. The motion carried.**

V. MTB/Road Time Trial

- The roads at the state park have been resurfaced with chip seal. They are rough with patches of loose gravel. Also, Kurt insists that we would need 5-10 certified traffic controllers to run the event. The club would have to pay them. The MTB/Road TT has been postponed until a solution can be found.

VI. New Business

- The annual ride through the Christmas Lights has been scheduled for Sunday, December 4. Start time will depend on sunset. REACT will put up traffic cones, Community will provide cookies, SABA will provide hot cocoa. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their bikes.
- **A motion was made to host the Christmas Lights ride on December 4. The motion carried.**
- Christmas Lights booth - SABA would like to team up with SARL to volunteer at two shifts in the booth on December 19. We are waiting to hear back from Amanda Brown.
- **A motion was made for SABA to provide volunteers to work the Christmas Lights booth on December 19. The motion carried.**
- New officers will be elected at the next meeting. A member suggested that the current officers call all the members and ask them personally if they would like to be officers. Instead, a nomination committee was formed. Rick, Dionnie, and Roy will all work to find a slate of nominees in time for the annual meeting. Officer duties are explained in the bylaws. Christine and Roy Jones are not going to run. Any volunteers?

- A member mentioned the desire for the new officers to plan the Tour de Burma for next summer.
- Justin recommends that SABA purchase a laptop computer for use with timing software at major events. An adequate laptop could be purchased for about \$250. Timing software is available for \$75/event or \$350/year.
- Recognition of volunteers: Members discussed what types of gifts or certificates should be distributed, and if it depend on how many hours of service were volunteered. Ideas for gifts include: unclaimed club socks and t-shirts, gift certificates, certificates. It was generally agreed that there would be some type of tier system for volunteer recognition. The club secretary will need to check the web site for submissions of volunteer hours.
- Roy and Christine Jones have offered to host a club Christmas party at their house. SABA will provide ice and pop. Details will be discussed at the next meeting. Possible dates include Dec. 3, 17, or 31.
- Annual meeting will be October 26. New officers will be elected. The club will provide food, probably pizza, water, and G2. Kathy will bring some food and ice.
- The November meeting has been scheduled for the 30th. This will also be an introduction to club operations for the new officers.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Submitted by
Christine Buckstead, secretary