

Kansas Singletrack Society
Minutes of Meeting
February 15, 2005

The Kansas Singletrack Society met at Heartland Cycles in Wichita at 7:00pm. Members present: Loy Graham, Cort Anderson, Lonnie Cooper, Earl Martling, Jerry Bratt, Chad Sauvain, Bobby Smith, Terry Plenert, Others present: Byron Fick and Terri Morris of Heartland Cycles and Mark Moerner. Bobby Smith called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report Lonnie handed out 2004 year end and 2005 year to date written reports. Current balance is \$896.13.

501 (c)(3) Status Discussion held about whether to file with the IRS for designation. If the application is filed within 15 months of formation, it is retroactive. Pros—could possible qualify for more grants; contributions and dues to the club would be deductible. Cons—Cost to IRS to file is \$150. Consensus was that the club should file for 501 (c)(3) status and Lonnie was directed to prepare the application.

KTC/KDWP/IMBA Trail Workshop Bobby, Terry and Lonnie reported on their attendance in Topeka at the trail workshop. They received training on building sustainable trails and in the use of a clinometer to measure grades. In addition, there was an opportunity to network with people from the KTC (Kansas Trails Council), KDWP and other trail groups.

KTC Membership Bobby read a description about the benefits of KSS becoming an affiliate member of KTC. We would be listed on their website as an affiliate club, our trails would be featured on their web site and we could have access to their resources, which includes a tool trailer and DR machine. After some discussion, the club voted to join at a cost of \$25.

Old Business

- Web site & domain name—Rhett was not in attendance, but Bobby reported that he has begun work on the site. The group thought that March 31st should be the launch date for the site.
- Posters, flyers, trail guide—Paula has given the copy to Cort, but there is still some needed for the club information section. March 31st was also agreed as a target date.
- Trail maps—Bobby updated the group on the discussions he has had with people at the state level. He has emailed way points to them to see if they can use to create a map. If that doesn't work, they may either bring their equipment or loan it to us.
- Trail signage and marking—Examples of wooden signs created by Gage at Camp Horizon and Terry Plenert were reviewed. Consensus was that this type of signage was desirable, as long as we could keep uniformity. The club will need to buy steel posts, some lumber and paint, but the cost should be fairly low.

- Work Days—The last work day at Santa Fe Lake was cancelled due to the weather, but the 2/12 & 2/13 work days at Horizon were productive, with 7 people on Saturday and 3 on Sunday completing the new reroute/extension on Lyle's. Future work days are as follows: 2/26 & 27 at Santa Fe, 3/12 & 13 at Horizon, 3/26 & 27 at Santa Fe.
- MTB Access Meeting—Quite a bit of discussion about what would happen at the event, what part the club would play and when it would be. Cort presented a plan modified from last month that would be more geared towards educating people about the economic benefits of developing recreational trails. Club members expressed support for the concept but reservation about the club's readiness to handle such an event. Cort will explore doing the event with only MTB Access sponsorship, but invited all club members to participate if possible.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 7:00 pm at Heartland Cycles.

Lonnie Cooper
Recording Secretary