

Kansas Singletrack Society

Minutes of Meeting

October 11, 2005

The Kansas Singletrack Society met at Heartland Cycles in Wichita at 7:00pm. Members present: Bobby Smith, Kevin Smith, KP Smith, Earl Martling, Lonnie Cooper, Ruth Cooper, Jerry Bratt, Terry Plenert, Paula Stout, Tim Miller, Brian Waters, Jim Griffin, Loy Graham, Ken Foiles. Others present: Byron Fick of Heartland Cycles and Wayne Tommer of Newton. Bobby Smith called the meeting to order.

Trail Reports

- Santa Fe—no change. Need to make arrows and/or blaze trees to mark a continuous loop.
- Horizon—In good shape except for some overgrowth in the Northwoods and other couple of downed trees.
- Winfield Lake—no report
- Miller's—In great shape. Need to build some stunts and would like to extend the trail this fall to adjoining property on the south. We will need a work day to help cut the new trail. Discussed the need to have people be club members to ride. Since club members sign a liability waiver, it could help limit exposure to the club and the landowner. People could ride it 2 or 3 times first, with the expectation of joining later. No action taken.
- Boeing Hills—Rideable, especially further south, but not an official club trail.

Work Days

- Next week at Oak Park for those interested. Not an official club trail.

Club Rides

- The weekly rides at Millers on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm are still going well, but with less daylight available, earlier rides are necessary
- The Syllamo trip was successful, with Lonnie, Bobby, Terry, Rich, Chad and Paula riding the great singletrack for 2 days in almost perfect conditions.
- A road trip to ride Clinton and the Lawrence river trails sometime in November was discussed.
- A Halloween ride at Millers was set, with the ride to begin at 3 pm, followed by a cookout and campout. Ideas for decorating part of the trail for night riding was also discussed. It will be the Saturday before Halloween.

Treasurer's Report Report showing \$2,494.20 and one new member was distributed.

Old Business

- Lyle Eaton Memorial—no discussion.

- Trail maps—No report.
- Trail signage and kiosks—Discussed the design for the kiosks at the Syllamo trails—simple but substantial, with a regular printed trail map under Plexiglas.
- Banner/Awning—Byron distributed some information he had picked up at Interbike in Las Vegas about the E-Z-Up tents. There was discussion about whether a tent or a banner would be best. No decision was made, but more information will be gathered to assist with a decision.
- Web Site Updating Procedure—Lonnie reported he had talked to Rhett about the web site. The problem is that the procedure for submitting changes to the site through Bobby is cumbersome, members haven't been submitting many changes, and of the ones submitted, some have not been made. Additionally, Rhett has not been active enough in mountain bike riding to have relevant information to make changes on his own. The web site has become stagnant and doesn't reflect what is happening with the club. The club decided there should be shared access to the site and that we should submit information directly to Rhett. Brian moved, seconded by Tim that we also obtain the domain name, KSSingletrack.com as it is simpler to give out. Members were encouraged to give Rhett input for updates and that we would monitor for improvement at next month's meeting.
- Trail Tools—Brian reported on the research he had done. He had got information on vendors and tools from the IMBA website. Tim moved, seconded by Terry, that the club buy 2 McLeod's, 1 pulaski and 1 rock bar. Motion passed. Brian will buy them and receive reimbursement from the club.
- Bike Path letter of support—Paula distributed the very fine letter she had written in support of building additional bike paths.

New Business

- Fall/Winter Trail Projects—Possible projects discussed: Horizon—a below the rim trail, finishing the Northwoods extension, some bridges or banked turns and reroutes. See also discussion re trail extension at Millers above.
- Oak Park—Loy reported that the trails at Oak Park haven't been ridden much for the last 3 years and have become overgrown. A light cleanup and a few reroutes around the Frisbee golf teeboxes would give maybe 1 or 1 ½ miles of singletrack. Loy will arrange something in the next week or two.
- Chautauqua County Ride—The club discussed whether to do the ride as a fund raiser and possible dates. One idea was that not calling it a "race" would increase participation from those who don't care for racing, but that the race types would come anyway. We will continue to work on the framework of the project.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00 pm at Heartland Cycles. Meeting adjourned and discussions continued at Heroes.

Lonnie Cooper

Recording Secretary