

Minutes of SVBC Monthly Social April 12, 2010

2010 Membership Update

- Current renewed membership – 176 (2009 total members: 301)
- Includes a few lifetime memberships!
- We're trying to avoid snail mail for renewals, so please renew (that's you, Jennifer)!
- When at SVBC events, try to get emails from new participants so we can send them SVBC info
- 500 members is goal (high membership numbers are helpful for advocacy work)

Treasurer Update – Marcia

- We have \$8,191.16 (\$400 in trail passes)
- Expenses: \$100 to Davis trip; \$80 Adventure Cycling Renewal; \$292 for new signage at Rocktown Trails
- To ride in Massanutten in 2010 (as in past years), you need Massanutten trail work or \$50 to renew (or get) a Massanutten pass! (Renew/get your pass from Basil H.) They enforce. Tell your friends!

Weekly SVBC Group Ride Schedule-for more info, visit SVBCoalition.org and use the Forums

- Monday, Social Rides, 5:30 pm, various locations
 - 3 so far this year; 8 folks at Massanutten on April 12; Hillendale prior week
- Tuesday, Women's Mtn Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, various locations
 - talk to Marcia for details
 - April 13 to be Mud Pond
- Tuesday, Fast Road Ride, 5:30 pm from SBC (talk to
 - Talk to Kyle for details, or to tell him how much he smells
 - About 25 folks last week
- Wednesday, High School Road Ride, 5:15 pm from HHS
 - Over 30 people last week
- Thursday, Massanutten Trail Work, 5:00 pm till dark
- Thursday, Tempo Road Ride, 5:30 pm from SBC
 - New Ride, talk to Jack Mormenstein for details
 - Not as brutal as Tuesday Fast Road Ride, but still fast
- Saturday, Hillendale Rocktown Trail Work, 9am at trailhead
 - All trails are open, thanks to Marshall and Rich!
 - Marshall says there is a LOT of work still to be done—still some blowdown to clear, and new trails to build!
 - We need more people to come out Saturday morning for Hillendale trail work!
- Sunday, Casual Road Rides, two of them:

- From Harrisonburg led by Carl
- From Bridgewater led by Rich

March/April 2010 Event Recaps

- Trail Work underway!
 - Had pre-bid meetings for \$100,000 DCR grant for trail enhancement. Waiting for bids to come back in.
 - Hillendale:
 - Again, we need more people to come out Saturday morning for Hillendale trail work!
 - After Hoo-Ha (June 19/20), Thursday night trail work will move to Hillendale as well
 - Massanutten:
 - Until June 19, trail work every Thursday night at 5 pm.
 - This summer's trail work at Massanutten will consist of several small projects.
 - Now we're trying to get Hoo-Ha racecourse tight, which this year will be a big pro race
 - Park on the same side of the road as everyone else park's on (it doesn't matter which side, but Massanutten wants us all on the same side)
 - Thank you Marshall for moving that gi-normous boulder
- Harri-Roubaix – largest turnout ever, over 120 participants!
 - Thank you Carpenter and Thomas!!!
 - Jay Chambers is our wonderful host—he bought the port-o-potty and refused to take a check for it
 - He says he would love 500 people camping!!

Discussion Items & Upcoming Events

- Earth Day – Tillman Road Clean Up, George Washington Natl Forest, April 24
 - Dog graveyard at 8 am
 - This is the 5th year
 - Tillman Road is 7 miles long. First year we took out 12 tons of trash, last year there were (only?) 4 tons of trash.
 - This year we'll break up into crews
 - Marshall needs vehicles!
 - Come for one hour or three hours – this is a great way to get a lot of quick forest service hours, much easier than digging
 - Please come!! The GW really appreciates it!
- Massanutten HooHa Planning & Team IMBA Event Update
 - HooHa: June 19/20; Thomas might bring in an outside caterer, because food is lots of work and we don't make much money on it
 - Steve—maybe we could get sponsors who would give us money in exchange for hanging a banner. People love the idea.

- Team IMBA/the old VA Mountain Bike Festival @Stokesville may or may not happen—Thomas isn't sure on this... Jake says that Chris Scott and Jay will be working on it. If you'd like to help, I guess contact Chris or Jake?
- Friendly City Food Co-Op – final month of fundraising mission
 - SVBC is a member
 - Karl (Carl?) says they need to raise \$300,000 by May
- Advocacy Update – advocacy group met for an hour prior to the meeting
 - May is BIKE MONTH! Yay Lara!!!
 - Lara says two or three events each week in May, and much plugging of SVBC's weekly rides
 - All events will be on the SVBC website and on Bike the Valley
 - Need help with Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 21
 - looking for “bike mentors” to help plan routes and perhaps accompany. Call Lara if you can help!
 - Also looking for help getting the word out. Call Lara!
 - Come to 2010 City Comprehensive Plan meeting to comment on City's long term plan
 - Thursday, April 29, 7-9 pm, Lucy Simms School
 - Harrisonburg Bike Plan
 - Come to June City Counsel meeting for passage of the Bike Plan
 - George Washington Forest Plan Meeting
 - Kyle had all his dates messed up and then pretended not to have them messed up because he can't admit he's wrong, but here's the deal:
 - The GW Forest is revising its forest plan, which it does every 15 years, although it didn't do so last time (because it was so contentious?)
 - Before finalizing its revised plan, the forest service is holding [5 public comment meetings](#) throughout the GW forest region. Two of them are close to Harrisonburg. They are all 6:30-9pm
 - One, Wednesday, April 28, Woodstock VA, is about 35 miles north of Harrisonburg
 - The other, Thursday, April 29, is in Verona VA, 20 miles south of Harrisonburg
 - TRAILWORK WILL BE CANCELLED THIS NIGHT SO EVERYONE CAN GO TO THE MEETING (or to the City Comprehensive meeting, which is the same night, urg. OR you could go to the Woodstock Forest Service meeting Wednesday and the Harrisonburg Comprehensive Plan meeting Thursday! Yeah!) Your presence at these forest service meetings makes a difference.
 - You have to go, because Thomas says so
 - Rich and Chris went to the one in Hot Springs
 - Friday, April 23 will be a recap of Davis trip at Blue Nile. Come because it's awesome.

- Shenandoah Valley Century Planning
 - Sept. 12
 - Planning meeting at Art's house (fovarg@comcast.net)
 - If you're interested in sponsoring a door prize, talk to Art
 - Art has done this for 28 or the last 28 years, and so NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! ☺
- Shenandoah Mountain Bike Festival Planning
 - Usually Columbus Day weekend
 - WE NEED TO GET THE LOAD OFF THOMAS!!
 - Please step up to be a key volunteer—meal organization/production is especially involved
 - Either YOU step up or the event gets scaled back...PLUS, if you step up, you make Thomas, Julie and Ethan happy, thereby guaranteeing yourself a long life of happiness and blissful rides, yeah~!
 - Meeting at Thomas' house on Wednesday, 5/5 at 7:30
tj@shenandoahbicycle.com
- Hillendale Trail Run -- Saturday, April 17, 10 am – please go and please beat Kyle

Next SVBC Social: May 10, 7:30, Clementine