

**Southern Sierra Cyclists**  
**Monthly Meeting, September 7, 2011**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Kelley Angle.

- Bill Zigler commended Barbaree on behalf of the club for the double duty she has performed over the past few months, working as both the club's VP and secretary.
- Kelley asked for nominations for club secretary. Norm Wright had volunteered for the position. The motion was made, seconded, and carried that Norm be approved for the position.
- Debbie (?), representing the City of Visalia Waterways and Trails Committee, spoke to us about bicycle safety programs and about the upcoming "Tour du Creek" on October 8, 2011. This event starts at the Golden West High School with registration at 7:30 am and ride at 8:00 am. This will be a free 10K ride along the St. Johns River to Cutler-Orosi. For more information, call 713-4209 or email [bike@ci.visalia.ca.us](mailto:bike@ci.visalia.ca.us).
- Introductions were made around the table.
- Treasurer Sarah Smith reported that we have \$ 4,228.23 in our account with one check outstanding.
- It was suggested we approve minutes for the August meeting at our next meeting.
- The meeting was turned over to Bill Zigler and Roy Clyburne to discuss the recent Rocky Hill accident involving the death of a cyclist who collided with a runner.

- Alan Ishida of the Tulare Board of Supervisors directed that Tulare County Traffic, the CHP, and the Tulare County Sheriff's department gather to discuss ways to improve the situation. 3 SSC Club Members were present at the meeting, representing cycling interests.
  - Multiple forms of recreation on foot, bicycles, motorcycles, etc.
  - Tulare County was going to have a staff level meeting.
  - The initial reaction was to go into enforcement mode, ticketing cyclists.
  - Everyone has a stake in the use of Rocky Hill and Yokohl Valley, with numerous triathlete clubs, high schools and others involved.
  - Law enforcement wanted to educate as a first choice.
  - The county's first step was to clear the weeds along the road, so that walkers / runners will not worry about snakes.
  - Bruce Weber proposes "Share the Road" signs. This would involve the California Department of Transportation.
  - Other signs would be placed at the canal, citing the California Vehicle Code.
  - Walkers left, facing traffic. Cyclists right, with traffic. Walkers are permitted to be on the road where there are no sidewalks or trails.
  - Be predictable, be alert.
  - The bicyclist is in control of the situation, and should be aware at all times that the walker / runner is unpredictable.
  - Training at schools was recommended with the CHP. Contact Kelley for further information.
  - Roundtable discussion comments: slow down, establish eye contact, law enforcement knows pedestrians are a part of the problem, bring Athletic Directors to SSC meetings, stress education, use pictorial signs (simple), county flyers, use Capsu downhill (few walkers).....
- Janet Robertson is doing well, recovering, and needs help to defray medical bills not covered by insurance.

- Ted filled us in on Exeter's plans to stripe Visalia Road from Orange to Alberta, and asked for input – should we accept a fog line two feet from the curb or ask for sharrows? The consensus was that sharrows would be preferable.

**The meeting was adjourned at about 8:10.**