

# Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association

August 2020 Minutes

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August 10, 2020

**I. Call to order: 1835**

**II. Roll Call of Board Members present:** Gina Bauer, Tai Morgan, Sean Tetrault, Sara Farley, Travis James, Tom Phillips, Sean Robertson, Lacey Comer, Bec Law; Guests: Shaun Fyfe, Adam Sullens, Nigel Hill

**III. Approval of July minutes:** Tai motions to approve, Lacey seconds, all in favor.

**IV. Officer's reports:**

- a. Chair: No report
- b. Co-Chair: Sent RCMBA Guidelines/Ops Plan draft sent to Board, Sean R and Travis submitted comments. Looks to add to what Gina collected for Board Member responsibilities and to help formalize the process. More below.
- c. Treasurer: \$35,923; Tim D will reach out to Jen Rice about \$250 check that has not cleared since January for the Forsythe matching funds.

**V. Prior Action Items:**

- a. Pearl will collect info to date from the work Travis and Tai have done at McKay and pass to Andrew in hopes that he can use it to develop a deliverable package to county for skills area. Pearl will reach out to Andrew this week. Trail Labs conducted a site visit and they are generating a conceptual plan. Andrew P is in touch with the County as needed. All agree that the area is too confined to accommodate what we (and County?) are hoping for.
- b. Sean requested quote from Zach and has all the info, waiting for policy. Sean and Reto got ATV running. Someday we will be able to use the ATV at trail days.
- c. Sean T met with Shaun Fyfe, Mike Clem, and Keith to brainstorm locations/plan. They have mapped the wish list area to lay over whatever boundary map Todd/Green Diamond produces. Great progress so far, just need GDs map to get going on legal McKinleyville trails!
- d. Tom will get locks on storage unit. Once accessible, Gina will get rack from Tai and set up/organize the things. Still need lock and access from Tom.
- e. Sara spoke with Marc Daniels and next step is to send letter to Hadley Executer to introduce ourselves. Pearl, Sara met and drafted letter, Gina and Sara finalized and will send.
- f. New improved kiosk design was brainstormed for Blue Lake – Gina sent example to Board and met with Noah to discuss. Once new maps are produced for Blue Lake, Noah can print. Two-sided kiosk will allow for more information/signage. Need to set a kiosk build date, perhaps when weather changes.
- g. Sean T will reach out to Green Diamond regarding ebikes – good verbiage will control usage if they are open to class 1, NONTHROTTLED bikes. Sean/Gina advocate for directional signage if e-bikes are allowed. All pedal assist bikes would be encouraged to yield to all others. Sean will ask Todd when he follows up with McKinleyville map.
- h. Shaun R has volunteered to map out a McKinleyville “wish list” to present to Green Diamond. Shaun will work with other McKinleyville riders to obtain product. As above!
- i. Bill Lydgate Memorial should be placed in the Arcata Community Forest. Perhaps Tim D can take the lead and work with Erica Gray. Welcome back Tim! Gina will get Erica's contact info to Tim and he will reach out.
- j. Follow the CCCU grant process. Fortuna? Arcata? Sean R and Pearl to follow. Sean R met with Steven and plans to get grant app together by end of month for PB and Jump Trail.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. Operations plan – Sean put basics down, Gina to fill in with detailed descriptions of

committee/jobs descriptions. Tom thinks one person needs to be responsible in each committee to take care of action item. Sean R thinks TAC needs to have regional aspect to it. Trail stewards for each system? Sean R to get edits to Sean T. Trail Stewards Committee/Volunteer Coordinator/Maintenance Committee. Action Item – Trail Steward role? All board members review Sean’s document, edit, expand as needed. GET DOCUMENT. August 24<sup>th</sup>. Nigel - people to feel empowered in the communities they ride. Trail Stewards would help accomplish that piece.

## **VII. Ongoing Business/Updates:**

- a. Communications Committee: Social media – Member! Don’t forget what your benefits are! Gina will do a social media post.
- b. HCMTB – NICA is still deciding, race concept would be timed trials followed by time slots for races.
- c. GD Blue Lake: multiple trails being constructed. Machine rental secured, and there’s a Shaggy loose in Blue Lake!
- d. County McKay: Bob V is on board to expand the MTB area, working with Andrew to designate area.
- e. Mactown: As above
- f. Monthly Workdays/Group Rides: Travis states a need for some sort of workday, smaller is better. Aqua recommends sign up on website, perhaps do a doodle poll. We can do it safely. Need for having small and focused groups to do trail work and workshops while Shaggy is here. The dirt is dry and difficult, but weeding and general maintenance is still needed. Tim D will reach out to the Trail Stewards, who have recently restarted their trail days, to see what model they are using.
- g. Arcata Community Forest: Lollipop has some great features, made it fun, MTB-optimized. Pearl via email update: PB and Jump Trail will fall under Cat Ex, but city needs to issue themselves a hillside development permit (hoping by end of August) prior to any construction. Trail days on PB should be able to start in the fall, with weekday preference because of budgeting. Jump Trail is a little harder to estimate. Need another walkthrough with City, hopefully Darius can attend and oversee construction end. Pump Track was itemized out of this Cat Ex because it’s part of larger Park plan, so it’s on a slower timeline. Julie from the City thinks this will be next year, and there may be funding. Next phase should move rather quickly.
- h. Fortuna Bike Park: Pearl via email - City came to an agreement with the Skatepark Collective to relocate their site and they now want to crank the bike park to 11, this year. Pearl is still working on a plan similar to the one developed for Arcata to discuss with the city and expects it will go to construction this fall, which is cool since it would be about a year since we got in there and moved some dirt. “We talked about paving the track and a local reached out on some additional layout ideas. We all agreed it would be good to make more use of the space available. Once I finish the plan, I will be able to come up with better cost estimates for construction. It was suggested I reach out to Wendt Construction since they “donated” the dirt originally and they are also based out of Fortuna.”

## **VIII. Add-on agenda items:**

- a. Jacoby Creek – Old guys yelling, not really threatening. Tai mentions trying to bring Barnum land into agreement because of new trails. Discussion outcome – RCMBA has tried in the past to do this, but discussions were not favorable with Barnum. We have too much on our plate right now anyways.

## **IX. Actions Items this Meeting:**

- a. Tom will stay in touch with Andrew as concept plan moves forward for McKay.
- b. Sean T will follow up with Todd/Green Diamond about 1) McKinleyville boundary map and 2) pedal assist bikes on their property. Sean will notify McKinleyville team with updates.
- c. Tom will get locks on storage

- d. New maps needed for Blue Lake once current trail projects are completed. Gina will stay in touch with Noah about signage needs and set kiosk building date.
- e. Tim D will reach out to Erica Grey and take lead on Bill Lydgate Memorial
- f. If pedal assist bikes get the go-ahead, directional signage will be added to DH trails.
- g. Sean R will submit a CCCU grant application for PB and the Jump Trail. Gina will assist however, whenever.
- h. RCMBA will produce an Operations document by August 24<sup>th</sup> for Board review. Anyone wishing to comment on existing draft can do so. Travis, Sean, Sean, and Gina to help edit.
- i. Gina will make post about member benefits
- j. Tim will get guidance from Hum Trail Stewards about how they are conducting trail days. RCMBA will have small group trail day before next meeting.
- k. An introductory letter will be sent to the Hadley Estate to introduce club and offer guidance/services if a trail system is to be developed in Ferndale.

**X. Next Meeting time and date: TBD**

**XI. Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm**