

Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association

Feb 2021 Minutes

ZOOM!

February 1, 2021

I. Call to order: 6:32pm

II. Roll Call of Board Members present: Tom Phillips, Gina Bauer, Tai Morgan, Sean Tetrault, Travis James, Steven Pearl, Lacey Comer, Tim Daniels, Bec Law, Sean Robertson, Sara Farley, Shaun Fyfe; Guests: Ronnie Colby, Tom Gallup, Darlene Santner (late add)

III. Approval of January Minutes: add Bec Law to attendance. Motion to approve by Shaun, seconded by Tai, approved by Board.

IV. Officer's reports:

- a. Chair: Moved to McKinleyville, looking forward to relearning trail system!
- b. Co-Chair: Defer to items later in agenda.
- c. Treasurer: \$21,405.63 after paying Tom and insurance.

V. Prior Action Items:

- a. Travis and Bec still need to meet to reconcile IMBA payments with memberships.
- b. Sean R developed incoming/outgoing Board member interview questionnaires and will send drafts to Board for document approval.
- c. Sean T sent written request to GD to allow Class 1, non-throttled, non-aftermarket, or modified eBikes on Hatchery Ridge Trail System. Document is in legal review with GDRC and if approved will be added to agreement.
- d. Tom will write letter of support for Klamath Renewal Corps' efforts to mitigate loss of recreation by creating new areas of opportunity. Will send out this week.
- e. Sean T and Steven have not met with the Blue Lake Pump Track crew. If at a place for design, they will develop a draft plan. No meeting yet.
- f. TAC will begin planning for McKay Community Forest budget. TAC will meet 0715 on 2/8 at Coffee Break.
- g. Sean T is still waiting for quotes for insurance options. Email vote occurred and Board approved adding required insurance rider for the City of Arcata to our current policy. The MOU will go to City Council for consideration on 2/17, and trail days can begin if approved.
- h. McKinleyville Community Forest: Travis has contacted MCSD Director Pat Kaspari. Probably a year and half out from land ownership. Interested in seeing what we've done with other municipalities.
- i. Sean T added subcommittee member names to Operational Guidelines and sent to Board.

VI. Ongoing Business/Updates:

- a. GD Blue Lake/Mck/Mckay: No status change or updates.
- b. Blue Lake Pump Track: Rob Jensen interested in helping with plan. Pearl states need to get meeting with stakeholders scheduled/get status update. Tim D volunteers to reach out to Mandy/City to restart conversation. Idea floated to pay Pearl to come up with design. Sean R: municipalities should be paying for design/planning work. Our work should be focused on advocating and pulling projects/people together, not necessarily being project managers. Gina expresses concern of paying volunteers to do work. Next step – we need concept before moving forward to seek funds. Tim will send email to stakeholders to get status update. Tom will look into ethics/examples of board members being paid as subcontractors and ways to reduce conflicts/bias.
- c. County McKay: Bob stuck in permit process. Stolen tools were replaced by businesses – Pierson's, Schaffer's, Revolution Bicycles, and Katri Dart Electric – and Conex box to be moved.

- d. Lacks: Hopefully campground this summer. No news on reroutes/environmental document yet.
- e. Fortuna Bike Park report: Done and awesome!
- f. Arcata Community Forest: City Council set to discuss the MOU on February 17th. Regarding the Planning Commission meeting – landowners present asked for Caltrans traffic safety study, but project doesn't meet threshold. Landowners claimed/complained of people parking in private driveways and increased traffic from people “shuttling” to Sunny Brae. Sean R will write blurb for newsletter. The Commission hasn't made a recommendation, but the EIR will go to Council on 2/17. Members need to be present and show support. The water rights issue was addressed in EIR, but landowners have expressed continued concerns. Pearl – Arcata no movement on Pump Track so he sent email to their city engineer for update.
- g. HCMTB: Hoping for a race series, will find it in two weeks. The League split region into 5 smaller regions, with ours being largest because of population. Plan is to only race three other teams. The team would like to have a local race, probably in ACF, in April or May. The NorCal crew does logistics, team and volunteers do support. They've added a second training ride/week.
- h. Group Workdays and Rides: Sean R thinks we can have small groups, 10 maximum for each group. Plan for February 21st in Blue Lake with three cohorts of 10 starting one hour apart in three locations. Pearl 0900, Travis 1000, Tom 1100. Pearl to create signup on SignUp Genius.
- i. Slugs went mostly well, except Strava. Hoping that glitch is fixed for next Round – Butler Valley 2/12-15.
- j. Grants for kids: Sean R has begun working on grants. City of Arcata working on People for Bikes grant with Pearl and Sean R. Outride Grant has two grant options - one for middle schools, one for youth development. Sean R is working on that piece. Boys and Girls Club would fit right into this grant. Monica from BGC submitted through Family Foundation, also submitted a separate grant to build fence. If successful, hoping for mid-summer build. Yay! Blue Lake Pump Track would also be a good fit for this grant, but it would have to be through the City of Blue Lake. Would need to have fundraiser as this is a matching grant. HCMTB also submitting to create a bike share for the Club. \$3.5 million in grants available, so lots of potential.

VII. New Business:

- a. Solar Farm: Community member asked us to weigh in on proposed solar farm on Hatchery Road. As with other similar requests, Board chooses not to take a position. Gina will email and let her know.
- b. WC Pump track: Ronnie Colby, new to Willow Creek, given a big warm welcome! Working with the WCCSD and their newly-formed Recreation Committee (inaugural meeting 2/3/21!), he was given permission to explore a new land area 19 acres up Willow Creek. It's been suggested that it may be a good area for a bike park/pump track with a flow trail. We've needed an active community out there to take up historic trails for a long time and this is great news! Susan O'Gorman is director and is bike-friendly. RCMBA will “attend” meeting via Zoom on Wednesday to offer support.
- c. GDRC Gravel permits: A member reached out to ask if there was a possibility of getting a permit process started with GDRC to legally ride gravel roads. Tom will mention it to Todd to gauge possibility.

VIII. Add-on agenda items:

- a. Lacey got T-shirt designs from Lacey. Group votes on one design with modifications. Lacey will get new mark up and email to the Board for final approval before ordering.
- b. Darlene Santner joins from Petrolia. She has just obtained her coaching license and has a small cohort of teenagers that she's riding with. She's also interested in working on trails in the area. Sean R will reach out and collaborate. Welcome!

IX. Actions Items this Meeting:

- a. Travis and Bec will meet to reconcile IMBA memberships with payments.

- b. Sean R will send draft incoming/outgoing board member questionnaires to Board for input/approval.
- c. Tom will send letter of support for Klamath Renewal Corps.
- d. TAC will meet on 2/8 at 0715, outdoors at Coffee Break.
- e. Tim D will email Mandy and other Blue Lake Pump Track stakeholders to get status update and determine next steps. Pearl is willing to take Sean T's concept plan to next level, perhaps with help from Rob Jensen.
- f. Sean R will do write up about shuttling SB for newsletter.
- g. Arcata City Council will meet 2/17 and we will encourage support from members.
- h. RCMBA will have a workday in Blue Lake on 2/21. Tom, Pearl, and Tim will be crewleaders. Pearl will create signup using SignUp Genius.
- i. Sean R working on grant apps and will/has forwarded announcements to other entities. Blue Lake pump track may a go as well, depending on status and interest from stakeholders.
- j. RCMBA, (Tom, Steven, others) will attend the WCCSD Rec Committee meeting on 2/3 via Zoom. Tom will get historical docs to Ronnie from his research/time planning and building the Lacks Creek Trail System, and also give the history of Tish Tang and other legacy trails in the area.
- k. Tom will ask GDRC about permits for members to access/ride gravel roads.
- l. Tom will research examples/ethics of paying Board members to do work for Club.
- m. Lacey will get updated t-shirt design from Noah and email new markup to the Board for approval.

X. Next Meeting time and date: March 1, 2021 likely Zoom, TBD

XI. Meeting Adjourned: 8:30