

# Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association

January 2021 Minutes

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January 4, 2021

**I. Call to order: 6:37pm**

**II. Roll Call of Board Members present:** Tom Phillips, Gina Bauer, Tai Morgan, Sean Tetrault, Travis James, Steven Pearl, Lacey Comer, Tim Daniels, Sean Robertson, Sara Farley, Shaun Fyfe; Guests: Mike Clem, Keith Reynolds, Adam Sullens, David Aumentado

**III. Approval of November minutes:** Sean T motions to approve, Sean R seconds, Board approves

**IV. Officer's reports:**

- a. Chair: Welcome to the Board, Shaun Fyfe!
- b. Co-Chair:
- c. Treasurer: \$24,525.63. Sunbelt discrepancies appear to be squared up.

**V. Prior Action Items:**

- a. Travis and Bec have not met because of holidays, will meet with Bec to reconcile IMBA payments with memberships prior to next meeting. Current memberships: 488 active members, 28 lapsed.
- b. Pearl has started the Blue Lake map update and shared the draft. Next is design and build of kiosk. Gina emailed ideas previously. (Reto has volunteered to build.)
- c. The nomination committee met and a vote was had.
- d. Gina made FB post and announced open Board position in the newsletter.
- e. Lacey ordered wool jerseys and they will be shown in upcoming newsletter and on social sites.
- f. Tool collection and subsequent inventory has occurred, and most tools have been recovered. There is a need to reorder, will fall under MMC. No budget approved at this time.
- g. Tom got BLM Lacks agreement to Tai to use as example for McKay. Bob V has MOU from Blue Lake, Lacks, Arcata and is compiling a draft for us, along with insurance requirements.
- h. McKinleyville proposal still in GDRC hands waiting approval. Side note: the McKinleyville Community Service District's new MOU with GD does not include the "good stuff." This may allow parking/access but is a different area. Steven requests that the McKinleyville trails planning go through TAC so they get updates. Need TAC meeting.
- i. Jimmy not present; Sean R to continue grant work that helps bring and support underserved groups in the cycling community. Several applications coming due soon.
- j. Need for exit/entrance interview for outgoing and incoming board members. Tai, Gina, Sean R to come up with process.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. Group discussion on ebikes - We bridge gap as advocate and landowner. We should not take a stance now as we do not own property; it remains landowner specific. Sean R – What are benefits? Being able to give advice to landowners. This is ever changing, as is the technology. We should not get involved with enforcement. Sean R: No enforcement but we should advocate for Class 1. Sean T will formally discuss with GDRC.
- b. Slugs! Planning occurred via email. Tai asks Pearl to add to website. Keep it simple – riders will record their own times and report to group leader. Will remain free; no mass start, no prizes. Four days to complete route. Go sluggers!
- c. Letter of support for Klamath Renewal Corp: Seeking letter of support from recreation groups willing to help with recreation mitigation projects surrounding Klamath Dam removal. No opposition, Tom will write and send letter.
- d. Reimburse Tom for hours for machine. \$20 for 100 machine hours to be talked about in closed session/email. Addendum: Board discussed via email and "yes" majority vote occurred.

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

- a. GD Blue Lake/Mck/Mckay: No updates.
- b. Blue Lake Pump Track: Sean T and Steven P to come up with plan and attempt to schedule a meeting with the Blue Lake crew for a February report.
- c. County McKay: Sean T – we need to start thinking about a budget. TAC should take up issue...need to have a meeting. Tai again recommends track race fundraiser when it's appropriate. FUN!
- d. Lacks: Campground delayed because COVID, but trails are clear.
- e. Fortuna Bike Park report: Pearl sent gifts and thank you notes. City is looking for funding for bike park accessories.
- f. Arcata Community Forest: Danielle, liability officer, and Julie met with Steven and Sean R to discuss MOU. They took out JC info because it goes against enviro document. Pearl had some insurance quote info, may be cheaper to go local with George Peterson. Sean R – City can't guarantee legal access to property via private landowners. May be included in future MOU's. RCMBA will agree to it, then to City Council, then to signatures. Sean R would like to explore cheaper options. Insurance: Sean T, R, Pearl will shop around. Shaun asked if Greg A would be covered to run machines. Answer is no – each operator has their own insurance.
- g. HCMTB: COVID, but the team is doing socially distanced group rides on Sundays with lots of kids attending, even when it's slippery and slimy. Will know in two weeks whether there will be a racing season.
- h. Group Workdays and Rides: Tabled for now because COVID and purple.
- i. Grants for kids: Grant open period is coming.
- j. Subcommittee/Operations Guidelines: Rabbit hole. Agreed to divvy up via email and make a table showing who does what. No decisions could be made regarding budgets, so each subcommittee will come up with own requests and send to the Board.

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

- a. McKay tool theft: Sean T sent email and is waiting to hear back from Bob Vogt to get cost and then perhaps we can fundraise or get community donations to cover loss.
- b. Night Riding: Sean R reached out to City regarding “press release” and gave three points: Paved MTBers in false light; 20+ years of doing the same; met with city officials on Thursday and no one made mention. No real way to retract the damage that is done regarding article/image, but it doesn't behoove us to draw additional attention to the matter.
- c. McKinleyville Community Forest: Has anyone heard about meetings? Plans? We want to be at the table early. Sean R asks Fyfe to reach out to CSD. Travis volunteers to help.

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

- a. Travis and Bec will meet to reconcile IMBA payments with memberships.
- b. Tai, Gina, Sean R to develop incoming/outgoing Board member interview process.
- c. Sean T will ask GD for formal position on Class 1, non-throttled, non-after market modified eBikes on Hatchery Ridge.
- d. Tom will write letter of support for Klamath Renewal Corps' efforts to mitigate loss of recreation by creating new areas of opportunity.
- e. RCMBA will reimburse Tom for 100 hours of machine time at \$20/hour for climbing trail.
- f. Sean T and Steven will reach out to Blue Lake Pump Track crew and try to schedule meeting. If at a place for design, they will develop a draft plan.
- g. TAC will begin planning for McKay CF budget.
- h. Sean T et al to shop around for cheaper insurance options and get quote to provide required insurance rider for City of Arcata to approve our MOU. Once obtained, MOU will go to City Council for approval and trail days can begin.
- i. McKinleyville Community Forest: We want to be at the table. Shaun Fyfe and Travis to contact CSD to find out status and be contacts moving forward.

- j. Gina and/or Sean T to make a table showing subcommittee members that fall under Operational Guidelines.

**X. Next Meeting time and date: February 1, 2021, 6:30p via zoom.**

**XI. Meeting Adjourned: 8:45**