

# Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association

June 2020 Minutes

Casa Bauer Backyard  
June 1, 2020

**I. Call to order: 6:50 pm**

**II. Roll Call of Board Members present:** Gina Bauer, Lacey Comer, Tai Morgan, Sean Tetrault, Steven Pearl, Sara Farley, Travis James, Tom Phillips, Bec Law

**III. Approval of May minutes:** Sean T motions for approval, Lacey seconds, approved by Board.

**IV. Officer's reports:**

- a. Chair: Much to discuss in the agenda. Lacks is running great but needs some brushing. BLM has been doing some trail maintenance, but one person can only get so much accomplished.
- b. Co-Chair: Defer to agenda.
- c. Treasurer: \$36,105

**V. Prior Action Items:**

- a. Officers, Committee Members, Chairs – write out your duty description for next meeting. Gina will make list of subcommittees with general descriptions, then email to board to get feedback/clarification.
- b. Pearl to clarify needs from Trail Labs regarding McKay proposal. There is some continued confusion about what is needed at this time. Sean T will reach out to Andrew to clarify the need. McKay has been pushed out to 2021 by County, buying us time, but it would be great to get proposal from Andrew to submit.
- c. Tom continue contact with County about timelines and expectations from us during this time. May ask for harvest exclusion to be able to cut trees as project gets developed. RCMBA needs clearer definition/relationship from county? Pushed back to 2021. CCC is out doing general trail work/clearing.
- d. Gina and Sean R keep CCCU grant on radar. More to come.
- e. Sean T will get equipment insured. Still waiting for quote.
- f. PNP (not officially canceled), Trail Summit (canceled), NPLD (not officially canceled), Membership BBQ (postponed), Return to Stormy Saddle (canceled), Friday Market (likely canceled). Will continue to monitor.
- g. Storage Unit will get organized. Tom will get lock and send code to Board. Gina will buy racks from Costco.
- h. Gina finally did a newsletter, including info about CalOre Membership.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. Open Board Member Position: Not in a hurry to fill. Gina proposes annual vote. Transparency is important. Process is important. Board agrees to table for now, sticking with process of having Nominating Committee present applicants in December to be voted on in closed session of the Board. New Board announced at January meeting.

**VII. Ongoing Business/Updates:**

- a. HCMTB report: Sadly, nothing. Senior Spotlight section in newsletter was great
- b. GD Blue Lake: Some new trail plans within the existing agreement area. Gina would like to see an all-women designed and built section below the climbing trail with berms and easy features. A true green-line where possible, easily tied into Oakie.
- c. County McKay: Still need potential project area from Gary with COVID to blame.
- d. Mactown: Logging occurring in many of the trail areas. Sean to reach out to Gary and Todd to see when we might be able to get agreement to build and ride legally. He requested some time back, but COVID. Tai also brings up McKay and the potential for a group of builders to take on some legal work there if we could get an agreement. It would be a great way for members that

want to build to come up with designs and proposals, and to get involved! It will depend on Gary/GDRC availability.

- e. Monthly Workdays/Group Rides: Group rides are out for now, but small workdays should continue. June 14<sup>th</sup> would be first one. More to come.
- f. Arcata Community Forest: On hold.
- g. Concerns about hiring Shaggy raised by Steven Pearl with discussion. In summary, the Board voted “yes” to bring in help two meetings back. The concern of “optics” (how it is viewed by members) that we are bringing in someone from out of area was raised. The idea is to import knowledge and have members and trail crew work alongside Shaggy so experience stays in community. Question of workshops was raised, which was always in the plan. Sara raised concerns about not hiring Trail Labs, though the decision to hire Shaggy was not a decision “not” to hire Trail Labs. Trail Labs is hopefully on board with assisting us in McKay and in Russ Park, with Andrew more accessible for ongoing projects. Still need details of “intern” position.
- h. Concerns raised by Steven about disenfranchised members who have come to him with comments about the trails not being a collaborative effort. Long discussion ultimately coming down to a lack of process. More legal trail building “area” (additional agreements with GDRC in McK and McKay) will alleviate some of the concern. All agree that we need more/better communication. Email and website communication are ALWAYS open. Tom’s direct email was included in Newsletter. Comment box at General Meetings is consistently unused. Our plan to have two workdays/month beginning in May likely would have drawn a lot of members into the process with much knowledge gained. Hopefully with ease of restrictions we will be able to have workdays and hope for a member BBQ at some point.
- i. 2020 MRE: Canceled.

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

- a. Gina to submit design to Noah for business cards.
- b. Travis to double check about auto emails
- c. Trail days! How to do them safely. Limit numbers, advertise on social media, email, website doodle poll to get first 10 people. If there’s a lot of interest, have two days in two locations? See how it plays out moving forward.
- d. Ferndale: Mark Daniels asking for letter of support, need more info for plan.

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

- a. Need for workday at Lacks when safe and allowed.
- b. Sean T will reach out to Andrew at Trail Labs to clarify our need and his availability for the McKay proposal. Need clearer direction from Mark Daniels from Ferndale regarding Russ Park Plans before we can request Andrew’s help on that.
- c. Gina will gather job/duty descriptions and summarize, then send to Board for input and additional information.
- d. Tom will continue contact with County about timeline for McKay
- e. Sean T will reach out to Gary for update with regards to expanding agreement to McKinleyville and McKay. Formal “process” to tap into local trail building/builder experience must be dialed.
- f. Sean T will get status on equipment insurance.
- g. Tom will get combo lock for storage until and send address and access code to Board. Gina will get and set up storage racks. All will take any RCMBA-related items in their possession to the unit for easy access to all.
- h. Gina will submit business card design to Noah.
- i. Travis will double triple check that emails are going out to notify members of status.
- j. We will hold a trail day.
- k. Sara will request update from Ferndale and get specifics of how we can help at this time.

#### **X. Next Meeting time and date: TBD pending community needs/restrictions**

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