

# Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association

November 2020 Minutes

Tim's house  
November 2, 2020

- I. Call to order: 6:55 pm, with introductions**
- II. Roll Call of Board Members present:** Gina Bauer, Tai Morgan, Sean Tetrault, Travis James, Steven Pearl, Lacey Comer, Tim Daniels, Sean Robertson, Sara Farley; Guests: Tom Gallup, Shawn Fyfe, Jimmmmy Lucchesi, Adam Sullens; Later arrival: Sean Robertson.
- III. Approval of October minutes:** Sean T motions to approve, Tai seconds, minutes approved
- IV. Officer's reports:**
  - a. Chair: Notes via email – Kudos on the pump track. Upper Mermaid is punched through and is ready for some fine tuning with a workday. Gate codes and lock combos to storage unit were sent (Board – see email for access). RCMBA received an email back from GDRC regarding parking complaint, which was positive. Tom Foolery reroute is close to being approved, hoping to get started after the holidays.
  - b. Co-Chair: Sean read messages from Tom. GDRC wants to expand opportunities.
  - c. Treasurer: Via text – balance is \$24,403.13 plus IMBA check that was received today for \$4,827 – total \$29,230.13. Travis to connect with Bec to audit membership amounts.
- V. Prior Action Items:**
  - a. When appropriate timing, Sean T will talk with Todd about pedal assist bike usage on their properties. Language will be included on signage updates. Sean T plans to submit with the McKinleyville plan, hoping that with clearer classifications we can get approval for pedal assist bikes without throttles.
  - b. Tom sent lock and combo info to Board for storage via email.
  - c. Tim will remain in contact with Pam and discuss waiting for ACF pump track or Forsythe property to place a bench/workstation in a more visible area to honor Bill Lydgate. All agree that there is no hurry and we should wait until the time/project is right.
  - d. Sean R, Sean T, et al., are continuing to work with Boys and Girls Club on bike-friendly area. Monica from B&G Club is submitting grant applications.
  - e. Blue Lake pump track committee met October 8<sup>th</sup> at site. There are a variety of groups involved with different roles. RCMBA is on task for design and maybe implementation, perhaps some fundraising. Pearl agrees to be point person for design on our end.
  - f. Tom received a positive response to our letter addressing the Hatchery employee's concerns.
  - g. Pearl will help update Blue Lake map now that Fortuna is sealed (ha!). Improved kiosk will be built this winter. Noah will make some maps. Perhaps existing kiosk can be moved to mid-mountain with a map.
  - h. Pearl finished up Fortuna Bike Park with help of a lot of generous donations of time and materials; he specifically mentions Curtis from Wahlund Construction and Mark Benzinger from Mercer Frazier. Actual project costs to the Club came in just under \$2000, estimated value approximately \$25,000 (probably more?). Board previously voted to approve \$1500 for materials/incidental expenses to get things rolling, actual costs have come in slightly higher but way less than anticipated! Sean T motions to cover up to \$3000, Pearl requests vote to approve up to \$5,000 to include gifts to contractors that helped make this project a reality. Tai seconds the motion, approved by Board. As a side, Pearl states he thinks total should run under \$4,000. Gina mentions need to have all major expenditures approved by Board prior to spending to ensure transparency and approval.
  - i. The Board is seeking nominations of a new Board member. A Nomination Sub-Committee has been developed; will include Tom Gallup (community member), and Lacey and Tim D (board

members). Gina suggests that we have an additional member from the community. Tom Gray and Jared Gerstein are mentioned. Gina will reach out to both. Nominations accepted through November. Pearl or Gina to make announcement on social media for board member opening (previously announced in newsletter).

**VI. New Business:**

- a. Merchandise: Lacey will bring proposal for hoodies, jackets, windbreakers, etc. to next Board meeting. Via email, board expressed need to have at least 50% committed sales of wool jerseys prior to ordering because expense to club is significant at \$2,500. So far, 12 people committed to buying wool jerseys, so motion made by Sean T to approved expenditure to purchase 25, Tai seconds, Board approves.
- b. Tool inventory/reordering: Sean - quad is up and running, available for use on trail days. Weed eaters are in, some tools were collected on the hill today but we are missing many. Sean T states need for a tool master to manage tools and the trailer is expressed. Originally supposed to be in storage unit but GD also approved of us parking trailer on the hill. Pearl volunteered to help manage tool inventory. MMC?

**VII. Ongoing Business/Updates:**

- a. Nomination Committee: As above
- b. GD Blue Lake: Running so fun. Modifications made to lower Half Rack (thanks Jimmy, Ali, and Alyssa!) to slow speed through new section. Modifications still needed on upper section; will happen after rain.
- c. Blue Lake Pump Track: as above
- d. County McKay: Tai needs BLM agreement used at Lacks as example for County, will get from Tom.
- e. GD McKay: No news
- f. GD McKinleyville: Maps are just about ready to submit, thanks to McKinleyville crew and Sean T for collaborating on this.
- g. Lacks: As above, almost ready to reroute Tom Foolery.
- h. Fortuna Bike Park report: "Best pump track in Fortuna." See above.
- i. Arcata Community Forest: Hill slope permit was approved and the determination has been made to proceed with Forsythe Project under a Categorical Exemption. Next step is unknown - can we expedite construction, or do we have to wait for environmental services to act? More good news - this is the only time we need to go through this process, so in the event of future logging operations, we can get right back in and restore the trails. Pearl makes a motion that he takes lead on the project. Sean T states it makes sense since he's been the point person thus far. Sean R states a desire to be a part of the project as well. Gina suggests that it include Darius, Jared, and Sean R. Sean T seconds motion, Board approves. Gina mentions that there is a process for this in the Operational Guidelines that was approved by Board and was to be initiated at start of new Board in January. (Should fall under TAC and MMC?)
- j. HCMTB: Virtual Movie night. Movie tickets are available online through Brown Paper Tickets and the team will be selling raffle tickets. Get your tickets, support the team! Team ride is November 8<sup>th</sup> at Lacks.
- k. Group Workdays and Rides: Workday scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> in Blue Lake!!! Sean T, Tim D, Jimmy, Tom volunteer to be trail leaders with groups of no more than 10 focused on a variety of projects. Many of the OG trails have not had much maintenance since last winter. Gina notes that upper Cobbler needs some love for the rutted section before the rains, and also the "roads" between upper and lower Cobbler and the top of Mermaid need to be weed whipped. Many opportunities and the members are anxious to help!
- l. Grants for kids: Most opportunities are announced after the start of the new year. There seems to be a lot of money out there aimed at getting kids on bikes. We need a coordinated approach to applying. (Fundraising Committee!)

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

- a. Jimmy inquires about our efforts to reach out to under-represented groups to bring them into the process and ensure a welcome to the cycling community. Jimmy volunteers to engage someone from loud and proud/Latino club. Prima and or/Hector are also great resources and would probably be happy to help.
- b. ADDENDUM TO MEETING/MINUTES: Meeting was inadvertently prematurely adjourned. Sean R recommends that we develop a more formalized process to conduct an exit interview when board members leave to ensure outgoing members have an opportunity to give constructive feedback. This will offer both growth for the Board and closure for the member. Sean T and Tom reached out to our last departing member for input, but having a more formalized process will insure whole board involvement. A similar process would also be good for oncoming members to have an entrance interview/orientation to the Board.

**IX. Actions Items this Meeting:**

- a. Travis will meet with Bec to reconcile IMBA payments with memberships.
- b. Pearl will help update Blue Lake maps. The kiosk will get an update over winter.
- c. The nomination committee will consist of Tom Gallup, Lacey, Tim, and 1-2 other community members. Gina will reach out to Jared Gerstein and Tom Gray to see if they are interested.
- d. Gina or Pearl will make social media post about board member opening to follow up with announcement in newsletter.
- e. Lacey will order wool jerseys and bring a proposal to the next board meeting to purchase additional merchandise.
- f. Tool collection and subsequent inventory to continue, re-ordering likely needs to occur. Pearl volunteers to help manage tools. (Will fall under MMC.)
- g. Tom will get BLM Lacks agreement to Tai to use as example for McKay
- h. McKinleyville proposal to get turned into Green Diamond this week.
- i. RCMBA will have a workday! November 15<sup>th</sup> in Blue Lake. Pearl or Gina B to make social media posts.
- j. Jimmy will reach out to Latino club; Sean R to continue grant work that helps bring and support underserved groups in the cycling community! Hopefully we can pull Prima in to help also.
- k. Add discussion to next agenda for exit/entrance interview for outgoing and incoming board members.

**X. Next Meeting time and date: Pearl's house! 6:30 pm on 12/7. Meeting will be in closed session voting and responsibilities will be assigned under Operations Guidelines.**

**XI. Meeting Adjourned: 8:28pm**