

Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Attendees: Christie O'Hara, Jim Atchison, Kathy Redden, Craig Campbell, Jed Dawson, Kenny McCarthy, Paul Reinhardt, Eric Nelson, Alex McClure, Frans Bloom, Nick Watkins, Chris Barnickel, Jeff Jantos, James White, Scott McRoberts

I. Approval of minutes of previous meeting - Christie motioned to approve the August 2023 with minor changes and Kathy seconded. All in favor.

II. Agenda requests & introductions for any new folks.

III. Agency and Land Manager updates and discussion as needed

a. SLO County

i. El Chorro Regional Park - Christie, James, Chris and Craig are working with the group to put out a bike park development plan. Craig created a list of tasks for the county. Will also do a Zoom call to cover the Survey. At Lake Lopez, Eric reported that Tom Becker and Kenny finished brushing the Duna Vista loop. Eric did some grass trimming on Cougar Trail. Kathy Redden and Kathy Longacre are meeting tomorrow with Santa Margarita Lake county staff on setting up Fall/Winter trail work days and projects.

b. Paso Robles Pump Track - Jed said that the city of Paso Robles is starting construction Friday after ten years of planning. They have contracted with the Alpine Bike Parks Company. The bike park will be entirely Paved. It is designed in two sections: beginner and advanced. The city is working on having a regular maintenance crew for the park.

c. Morro Bay Bike Park - Bonnie Johnson is looking to retire. An anchorperson will need to be found eventually, hopefully someone who lives close by the park. There is also a board vacancy that needs to be filled. [Jed will send an announcement to Christie about the positions.](#)

d. LPNF and Cal Poly/West Cuesta Trails

i. LPNF Work Plan - Craig said that Forest Service is still researching natural hazard mitigation issues for the West Cuesta trails. Christie and Craig are working together with Cal Poly. Christie would like to attend a Cal Poly Cycling meeting and bring pizza to the meeting for them. Paul motioned for \$100 and James seconded for pizza expense. All in favor.

e. City of SLO

i. Righetti Hill Bike Trail - Craig said the city is planning a multiuser perimeter trail around Righetti Hill with a design emphasis towards beginner bike riders. It would be the first directional trail for the city. Jed, Niels and Craig have already met to

discuss ideas. Niels presented to the idea to the City today and they generally agreed with modifications. The project, once approved, has been pushed forward to start in the next couple months. Alex reported that Ranger Niels is communicating with some other trail builders on new descent lines within the Eucs Bike Skills area. Some pavers have been reset on the Quercus Connector due to winter storm damage.

- f. State Parks - The new storage container box is now in place. Paul has added a new lock. Vents will need to be added. Morris is working on brackets for organizing and holding tools. A second roof will be added above the patched existing roof. Jim installed a replacement cyclist end point sign at the end of the Oats Peak Trail on Oats peak summit. Kathy Longacre had an old sign in storage that she provided. Other missing signage will be reinstalled on that summit when the replacement signs are delivered to the Parks office. Will also consider adding one-way signage for the Manzanita Trail.
- g. LCSLO - John McKenzie is leading work crews on varnishing the trail benches throughout Pismo Preserve.

IV. Items Requiring Discussion or Action-

1. Fall/Winter Workday Schedule

- i. Lopez Lake- October 21 from 9AM to noon. Eric will host and will host another in the Spring. Could find a sponsor for the food or have a gathering after the workday. Kathy Longacre is planning another chainsaw class through Forest Service. Camp French might be available as a classroom.
- ii. Cerro Alto November 4 from 9AM to noon. Jed will host a brushing workday. Jim will provide tools from the clubhouse. Kathy will help coordinate with food.
- iii. West Cuesta - TV Tower clean up day. Christie will contact Niels for a possible date. John Little has a hydraulic dump trailer he would be willing to haul up there.
- iv. Santa Margarita - Will determine a later date likely in March 2024. Kathy would like to add a Rinconada Trail workday on January 20th from 9AM to noon. Backcountry Horsemen will pay for lunch.
- v. Super Bowl Sunday MDO- Feb 11th - Paul would like to add a weekend workday at Cerro Cabrillo in December. He will look at dates he could be available.
- vi. Organizing committee/food - Would like to get bike shops to offer food for the workday for sponsorship. [Paul will look up crew leader duties list](#). Will table planning a crew leader appreciation dinner event or other gathering for a later monthly meeting.

2. NICA Funding - Jeff created a preliminary budget for the NICA chapter. An estimated \$1680 needed. Nick would also like to be able to reimburse coaches for their costs. Race jerseys are currently paid for by the race participants. Annually, Jeff would like to make sponsor logo t-shirts for the kids to wear. Will plan a NICA trailwork day for January. Team Trail Corps is part of NICA. Alex

and Paul both suggested that CCCMB offer a grant to NICA chapter tied to trail work and a special drive on matching funds. Christie made a motion to create a fundraiser with matching funds from CCCMB up to \$2,000 and Jed seconded. All in favor. Alex offered to help with this promotion with Nick and Jeff.

V. Committee Reports

1. Financial Report - \$12K paid out for El Chorro bike park design to Progressive Ramps. Bank statement posted to Google Drive. \$68K in account.
2. Sponsorship & Bells - No report.
3. Membership Report -222 current members.
 - a. Survey Results - Alex reported that the four cohort trends show that everyone is appreciative of the work CCCMB does and making a variety of trails that are available.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19th 5:30-7pm