

# Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Attending: Jim Atchison, Alex McClure, Paul Reinhardt, James White, Frans Bloom, Craig Campbell, Christie O'Hara, Jed Dawson, Eric Nelson, Kathy Redden, Joel Craighed, Chris Barnickel, Jim Aaron

**I. Approval of minutes of previous meeting** - James motioned to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes and Frans seconded.

**II. Agenda requests & introductions for any new folks.** Joel Craighed has been a trail work volunteer with CCCMB for a long time and is joining in on the regular meeting.

## **III. Committee Reports**

**Financial Report** - See report emailed from Kenny. He is currently working on splitting line items on our ledger for clarity. Christie requested clarification on the outstanding Fernandez Trail grant. Christie emailed a 2023 estimated budget along with a comparison to prior years as a reference for the upcoming budget meeting. [Christie will send an email out to everyone for a new budget meeting location and time. D&O insurance needs to be renewed. Most recent twelve months of financial records are needed from Kenny for our insurance provider.](#)

**Sponsorship & Fundraising** - Christie mentioned that Morris is working with Antigua Brewing and Land Conservancy on fundraising projects. Alex will coordinate with Morris for Blues game sign up management and food. Morris is planning to get quotes for food and beer support with our VIP area and possibly do another order for Blues bells. Alex will contact Morris when he returns. Christie still needs to get a commitment from Trevor at Art's Cyclery before we can roll out a 10% member discount program with all the local bike shops. Christie said REI is changing their grant structure for the Fall. We will need a diversity and inclusion statement for them to consider us for future grants. [Chris will draft a CCCMB D&I statement that we can submit.](#)

**Membership Report** - Alex reported that CCCMB currently has 208 active members, slightly more than last year at this time. He asked for feedback on membership enrollment methods. Christie would like non-member volunteers who show up for CCCMB workdays to have the ability to enroll in a new membership or renew on-the-spot at that event. Christie would like to finish setting up the membership webpage and button link to PayPal for supporting member type. Currently all that data goes into Wix. Currently, newsletter subscriptions have to be input manually for all new memberships. Will table IMBA chapter benefits for a future meeting. Could explore bike shop discounts with new membership enrollments. Paul suggested that Bill Mulder could design a new poster for bike shops with CCCMB information. [Christie will send out our event checklist.](#)

**Others as needed** -

## **IV. Items Requiring Discussion or Action**

### **1. Event Recaps**

**Santa Margarita Lake** - Thirty-one volunteers came out. Kathy arranged lunch. A tremendous amount of work was done, though there are still some areas on Rocky Trail that are still not rideable. Tom Becker wants to make another proposal for machine trail work on Rocky Trail.

**Cerro Alto** - Fifteen volunteers did grade reversals and brushing. Some treadwork was done. There is still some minor brushing yet to do on AT&T Trail.

**Rocky Canyon** - Twenty volunteers reworked two creek crossings: at the trailhead and one a quarter mile down from the trailhead. Pavers were installed and some grading was done. Drains and grade reversals were restored and ruts filled in. Some brushing was done. Extensive tread work was done filling ruts, opening drains and making grade reversals. Jed purchased a pallet load of pavers to rebuild the trailhead and around the creek crossings. Bovine Classic provided pizza from Mountain Mike's. Antigua Brewing provided adult beverages.

## **2. Upcoming Workdays**

**April 22- Lopez Lake (Earth Day)** - Eric is hosting a workday to realign sections of Cougar Trail away from water drainage. REI will be sending some volunteers. Cougar Trail corridor grass is cut and flagged. Eric will purchase some refreshments and snacks for the event. Paul motioned for \$100 expenditure for Lopez workday food and beverages and Chris seconded. All in favor. [Paul will get gift cards from Morris for the Lopez workday.](#) Also on May 6, the Eagle Scouts at Camp AG will learn to make a short trail. Eric will contact crew leaders. On June 3, Camp Arroyo Grande is holding a jamboree open house event. Lunch is free and they are expecting as many as 900 visitors. CCCMB has been invited as a vendor. The hours for the event are yet to be determined.

**May 7- West Cuesta** - [Christie said Niels and Kenny were going to coordinate this workday.](#) Work details to come.

**May 13- MDO** - Jim Atchison will host. Work details are yet to be determined.

**May 21- Pismo Preserve** - LC asked CCCMB to publicize this event and limit enrollment to perhaps forty volunteers. Jim and Craig will help with crew leading.

**3. Bike Month** - Christie is applying for a \$200 grant that will go toward workday food or other workday needs.

**4. Tools and Transportation** - Paul proposed purchasing a CCCMB member's used Chevy truck for hauling workday tools and our heavy equipment. Insurance companies would require designating a group of drivers in our organization under an insurance policy. Another possibility is purchasing a storage shed for Montana de Oro SP that would be placed behind the quonset hut. [Paul will look into auction sites and make social media requests for a storage sea box.](#)

**5. El Chorro Regional Park** - James reported that SLO County Parks Director, Nick Franco recently received an updated proposal from IMBA for a bike park at El Chorro for a total estimate of \$27,650. IMBA had made a site visit to El Chorro in 2017. The original conceptual plan drafted in 2017 included a concept plan and an estimate for preparation to develop a bike park. No estimate for the actual build of the bike park. SLO County would be able to contribute \$10,000. In addition to the IMBA proposal, the county would also need another competing proposal. Christie and James consulted with American Ramp Company for another estimate. Verbally, American Ramp estimated a proposal of the same criteria would run under \$10,000. Chris Orr of Sage Alliance and Niels Grether might be able to

offer estimates. Goals of a bike park would need to be determined for use by Cal Poly and NICA. Christie reported that the results from a Dig-In survey that she had conducted indicated that bike riders would prefer a bike park in the city of SLO and closer to schools. [James and Christie will arrange to meet with Nick Franco to see what his current vision is for a bike park.](#) Jed Dawson would like to be included in a conference with Franco.

**6. Committees** - This topic will be tabled until Christie can set up committee leaders with passwords.

## **V. Agency and Land Manager updates and discussion as needed**

**City of SLO** - Alex reported that SLO City Ranger Niels would like to conduct a survey for trail design preferences so that an overall trails design plan for the city of SLO can be created. Niels would like our assistance because of CCCMB's wide reach with local trail users. The survey would be for hikers, trail runners and bikers. Potentially 1800 people could be included in the survey. Alex will meet with Niels again about preparing a survey. The new extension of the Bog Thistle Trail for hikers in Irish Hills is just a couple weeks away from completion. The Botanicals/Morning Glory drain and reversal work has been completed, plus a new rock garden section on MG. Some projects that Ranger Niels is working on is a reroute of a portion of King Trail at Irish Hills, a plan for extending Hi Bar Trail up to Panorama Trail on the Miossi open space, as well as the Laguna Lake Bike Park design.

**SLO County** - The Tuesday work crew led by Eric Nelson completed a temporary connector trail to connect the Duna Vista Trail and Camp French with the main park road at Lake Lopez. Tuesday crews have been preparing the Cougar Trail realignment for the April 22 workday.

**State Parks** - Culvert creek crossing platform was repaired on Crespi Trail at Cerro Cabrillo. Drain and grade reversal work continues on Hazard, Oats Peak and East Boundary Trails at Montana de Oro.

**LCSLO** - Thursday work crews have been cutting grass and pulling mustard on all Pismo Preserve trails.

**LPNF**- No report.

**Others as needed** - Craig would like to add a land manager relations meeting.

## **VI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16th 5:30-7:00pm**