

SHARE MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10TH, 2018

Attendees:

Officers:	Board Members:	Members:
Steve Larson Paul Miller Brad Larkins Dan Eitman	Jon Kearley Missy Kearley Martha Welch-Not Present Molly Hartsough-Not Present Andy Tucker Mike Soursby	Ketih Eckstein Jacques Brousseau Todd Lounsbury Manuel Doblado Scott Parsons Tony Perkins Warren Huckabey

Officer Reports:

President: Steve Larson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain was welcome and allows for trail work to continue, even though the amount of rain did some damage to the existing trails.
Vice-President: Paul Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report
Membership: Steve Larson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 181 Current Members Still tracking ahead of prior years. Need to identify membership drop-off for single-years and after multiple years. Some of IMBA's fees were directed towards membership programs. A more effective way is to pursue additional membership through relationship outreaches. Lapsed membership is a 60-day duration, expired members are after that time period. Lapsed members are emailed to the Membership Coordinator. Mike Soursby to start to take over this responsibility.
Secretary: Dan Eitman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. Elected positions for Vice-President and Treasurer upcoming. Elections to take place in 1st quarter with results finalized prior to 2nd quarter. Interested individuals to contact Steve Larson (president@sharemtb.com)
Treasurer: Brad Larkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review November and December Financial Statements Call for Expenses \$18k in the accounts. Club is financially strong. Income from IMBA was partially offset by software and management fees from said entity. Continually re-evaluate the current relationship with IMBA.

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Park Representative Director: Jon Kearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenty of people willing to help with mid-week and unofficial trail work with the appropriate direction. • The effect is that action on the trails by SHARE is seen and energizes non-members. • Request for "plasticized" cards provided by SHARE to give to people who ask about the ongoing trail work. Brad Larkins to follow-up. • Willing to host a "Trail Coordinator" training program for future volunteers.
Volunteer/Bell Coordinator Martha Welch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated total bell count as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1200 passive (bear bells) ○ 600 active (ringer bells)
Event/Activities Coordinator: Molly Hartsough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
Communications Director: Andy Tucker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. • Website calendar is not effective and cannot be detached from the Wordpress template. Try to remove calendar from website visibility.
Sponsorship Coordinator: Mike Soursby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHARE has (2) Bike Racks from Hollywood Racks. Let Hollywood know when they will be given away. • Brad to follow up on some leads with Mike.

Park/Area Reports:

Crystal Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle-scout built bike bell box locations set for No Dogs, El Moro Canyon, and Irvine Gate Trailheads. Locations based on feedback from OC Parks. Next proposed location is at Ridgepark, to be coordinated with LCF. CCSP will contact SHARE when they are ready to receive bike bells. • Trail Work on Saturday, 12/15, 8am-12pm. Opportunities on BFI and Ticketron. RSVP via Facebook Event posted to SHARE's account.
LCWP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCF/SHARE/Shimano Trail Work on 12/14 on Lizards. • Survey results have been tabulated and no action is being taken.
Aliso/Wood Canyons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCF worked on Mentally Sensitive this past weekend.
Whiting Ranch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleepy Hollow has been "realigned". • Adam asked for, and received, 300 additional bells (200 passive, 100 active). More to be provided in January to top off stock. • Mike Soursby looking for an Eagle Scout (or similar) to work on the next version of "Mark's Bench".
Santiago Oaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnout was great and the effect on the trails have been positive. • Signage exists, however the labor to install them does not exist.
Peters Canyon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.

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O'Neill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Wollenberg (Ranger) asked for more bells. 300 (200 passive, 100 active) were provided. More to be provided in January to top off stock. • Debris has washed further downstream. Debris flow was cleaned up but did not negatively impact the campground area.
IOSP/IRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail work opportunities via www.letsgooutside.com, a new trail is being built in the Irvine Regional Park Area, East of Santiago Oaks and Weir Canyon, to be called the "Overlook Trail".
Caspers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
Chino Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
San Onofre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report.
Other Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Holy Jim Fire closure area remains in effect.

Old Business:

- 1) (Via prior Roundtable) Should SHARE author an open letter to Orange County Government Agencies of all levels regarding the current concerns regarding the future of Mountain Biking in our area?
 - a. Focus of letter needs to be responsible, yet advocate for current and future infrastructure to serve this user group segment.
 - b. A lack of space for all users inevitably leads to some level of conflict. Too many people within too little of an area is a recipe for dissatisfaction, and inevitably, new trails established by all user groups.
 - c. Current open space within the jurisdiction is underutilized due to access restrictions, negatively impacting open areas immediately adjacent
 - d. Areas that have minimal environmental value due to their locations and prior use patterns are not leveraged.
 - e. Dedicated facilities for many user groups with much smaller populations, taxpayer basis, and whose user groups contribute less to the overall maintenance of the trail system retain priority over the Mountain Bike Community. Continued alienation of this active, dominant, and growing user group is a self-fulfilling cycle of users not caring for their resources because they are continually threatened to be excluded from shared areas.
 - f. **12/10 Update:** The letter continues to be developed in an effort to ensure the tone is appropriate.

- 2) (Via prior Roundtable) Engage and invite NICA (Coaches? Parents? Teams?) to future SHARE meeting(s). Outreach continues and we will attempt to invite local coaches to the next SHARE meeting. Attending member Todd Lounsbury will contribute to this effort.

- 3) Ongoing enforcement actions by the authorities are still an issue. Those at the decision making level are more resistant to compromise than the "boots-on-the-ground" members of OC Parks. There continues to be confusion over what is open, as signage (whether authentic or not) has appeared in the area of trails that do not appear on OC Parks (or local jurisdiction) trail maps.

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New Business:

- 1) SHARE participation in The Path podcast about trail advocacy issues.
- 2) Additional podcast opportunities to discuss trail access and advocacy.
- 3) If participating in an event/podcast as a representative of SHARE, it is important to understand SHARE's position and that you are representing the organization's position, which may not necessarily represent your own. If participation is as an individual and your membership is a part of your "resume", and you are representing your personal opinion, its important to note that you are doing so as an individual, with the standard disclaimer.

Roundtable:

- 1) With Craig Bike Park four years in the making, it is time to identify the next park opportunity and push for it. Gypsum Canyon (The Mountain Park Parcel) is off the table as the County has transferred it out of OC Parks Scope of control towards a potential cemetery site. Within OC Parks own documents, they have fallen far short of their 2008 plans with respect to mountain bikes, with a full majority of the 350 miles of "off-road" trails consisting of either paved trails such as the Santa Ana River Trail (30+ miles), double-counting the paved and unpaved mileage along sections of County Administered Trails (San Diego Creek), or trails accessible only by reservation or designated "open-access" days.

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