

Here are the April 1, 2013 Minutes -- Please read carefully! LOTS GOING ON --Watch for separate e-mails on many of these topics. Next meeting is May 6, 2013.

MORCA, A Chapter of IMBA, Summary of April 1, 2013 Meeting

Penny Farthing Restaurant, Salinas, 6:30-8 PM

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on April 5, 2013

Our website is www.morcambt.org

About 16 people attended. All officers present

YOUR CURRENT OFFICERS THROUGH 2013 are:

President: Darius Rike (webmaster too)

Vice-President: Ken "AmeriKen" Howat

Secretary: Henrietta Stern

Treasurer-- Joel Trice

Members-at-Large – Mary Pozzi and Lee Jetton

LIAISONS coordinate extensively with officers (or may also be officers). They are:

==CSUMB and New Member/Beginners: AmeriKen Howat

== FORT Friends and FORA/ESCA liaison: Henrietta Stern

==Other Groups: Jason Campbell (ForU) and Chris Mack (KFOW)

==IMBA and BLM: Gary Courtright and Lee Jetton (trails)

You are welcome to contact the liaisons to offer assistance.

1. President's Remarks-- Darius welcomed the group and outlined the agenda. If you have an idea for an agenda item, be sure to contact officers at morca@morcambt.org at least one week before the regular meeting. Officers meet the Tuesday before the monthly Monday meeting to review the ongoing task list and set the agenda.

2. Santa Cruz Mountain Bike Festival-- April 13-14. Karl is lead for getting our great skills structures over there. 3-4 folks to meet in Marina at his storage unit Fri April 12 and take down Sunday afternoon April 14. Ellie indicated MBOSC will make some introductions to industry reps re some swag for TAKMBD

and/or SeaOtter in exchange. Darius will bring MORCA tent. Lots of fun-- they can use some volunteers too.

3. Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is April 18-21-- Many volunteers needed. Get your waivers to AmeriKen (you can sign and scan)

A. One **MORCA/IMBA booth** with lots of nice swag for new or renewing members at different levels. We will put our other tent in the club area and leave literature. That is the hangout place-- the IMBA tent is for working only. Help grow IMBA/MORCA. **Joel** is lead. Watch for e-mails if you signed up. 4-hr shifts. Related tasks are posters (Mary/Lisa/Sue). Lisa needs pix of working on chaingang. Also ideas for poster on Why Be a MORCA Member? We will also have "save the date" cards for TAKMBD.

B. **We still need dual slalom volunteers**-- the SOC payment is a major part of our budget, so please help out. Watch for e-mails and sign up to help on the website. We had extra volunteers sign up for the booth, some maybe asked to help with dual slalom and others may be asked to roam the area with IMBA e-mail/raffle information. **AmeriKen** is lead for **dual slalom** volunteers. Passes, T-shirts, lunch as "payment" plus a sizable donation to MORCA for the dual slalom work. All day shift, but several hours in between AM and PM sessions.

C. **Darius** is lead for the **SOC night ride event** -- MORCA to lead and sweep an A and B ride, quickly patrol the track + registration at Turn 5. So at least 6-8 volunteers needed for a few hours around 7-10 pm. The A and B rides are closed with 40 riders each!! Track ride is still open. Sponsor is MagicShine, a Chinese company, who will provide light refreshments afterwards. We decided a big BBQ was too much but may return to campsite to hang out afterward.

D. **Wed April 17 Regular Evening Ride**-- 6 PM from **Laguna Seca campsite #135**-- park in BLM day use a lot across from bathrooms. This follows IMBA booth set-up earlier that afternoon.

4. **FORA-ESCA Update/ROE Permit** -- Henri and Darius are ready to submit FORA Right of Entry (ROE) permit for 2013-2014 (May 1 start date). We will ask for same terms as last year. It is possible that FORA-ESCA may add conditions-- to be determined. Henri attends bimonthly Trail Users Group meetings re ESCA cleanup status. ESCA website is <http://www.fora-esca-rp.com/>

5. **Fort Ord Natl Monument first anniversary celebration May 11, 2013.** Henri described how FORT Friends volunteered to serve as funding conduit and will be asking for donations for the celebration. BLM views the celebration as a means to raise funds for Trailhead Maintenance (hire janitorial service so rangers spend more time on trails rather than in bathrooms). Depending on donations, lunch maybe very simple or just some cake etc. Last month, MORCA voted to donate \$250 plus match another group or individual donation up to \$250, for up to \$500 total. Henri working to find

matches. MORCA to lead ride to celebration site from Creekside. We may need to sign Volunteer Agreement with BLM for certain activities. Next planning meeting is **Thu April 11 at 6 PM** at Oldemeyer Hall in Seaside.

6. **Fort Ord Access Alliance Petition**-- Jason Campbell reviewed a petition drive to place an initiative on the ballot that would change zoning for four specific parcels to open-space/recreation (not golf or paid arenas) rather than current development. This would affect Whispering Oaks, Monterey Downs/Horse Park and two community park areas now slated for commercial development (near Jerry Smith corridor and near 7th and Giggling). Jason emphasized that Vets Cemetery or its endowment parcel is not affected. Group had questions about what uses would be allowed. Jason asked for volunteers with goal of 22,000 signatures. Goal is to ensure current zoning is consistent with original base reuse plan (plus some tweaks). See separate e-mails on this. Info at fortordaccess@gmail.com or <http://www.fortordaccess.org/>

7. **Bike Park Update (AmeriKen)**-- a major multi-year goal is a Bike Park in our area. Ken and Darius met with Alpine Bike Parks, who plan some sort of Grant Program. They want site ideas, and names of interested groups/stakeholders and especially folks who may have concerns about a bike park. Want to thoroughly vet the concept and address issues ahead of time. Gary mentioned a possible bike park site at Marks Ranch (next to Toro) as part of a larger recreation facility that hopes to enable able and disabled kids to have fun together. Other ideas are pistol range near East Garrison, Marina Equestrian Center area, Del Rey Oaks, within Toro Park and Jerry Smith corridor access area (one of the parcels in the petition described above). There will be a meeting at Sea Otter at 2 pm Friday 4/19 about bike parks. We agreed we would need a special meeting just on this subject to carefully review questions and answers.

8. **Treasurer Report and Fundraising Update (Joel)**. We have \$7,059 in the bank with \$592 earmarked for trail fund. About \$541 planned expenses for T-shirts to sell at Sea Otter. Payment owed to BLM is about \$500 for Feb and March night rides.

OAKLEY \$1,000 GRANT to MORCA -- Thanks to Lee who successfully got a renewal of \$1,000 to support trail work projects. Let's THANK OAKLEY!!

MBOSC will help with introductions to industry reps in exchange for our help at their festival.

No Trail Day in April due to Sea Otter and SC Festival.

9. Other Business and Updates

A. **April 25--Special Ladies Night at BobCat bikes**-- bike related health, fitness, basic mechanics training and trunk show. Also bike fit discounts to MORCA members through April and 10% off merchandise.

B. **Friends of Fort Ord Warhorse Celebration Saturday May 18**-- They are doing an easy family road ride Marina Equestrian Center to 8th and G and then to Comanche Grave area and back. See e-mail and fliers on this interesting day.

C. **Hammerstein 24-hour Event** is **May 25-26**-- let Darius know if interested in a team (\$800 for a corporate team which is \$67 per person if 12 folks).

D. **On-Line Store for MORCA branded stuff (logo-wear)**-- Michael DoCouto will handle this--thanks for your volunteer efforts, Michael.

E. Idea-- Host October **Grand Fondo event** as a fundraising opportunity-- this will need to be after TAKMBD.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY MAY 6 at 6:30 PM-- Penny Farthing in Salinas -- -