

Here are the November 4, 2013 Minutes -- Watch for separate e-mails on many of these topics.
Next meeting is a Christmas Party on Friday, December 6, 2013 at 6:00 pm (no regular business meeting). Stay tuned for details!

MORCA, A Chapter of IMBA, Summary of November 4, 2013 Meeting

Black Bear Diner Restaurant, North Monterey, 6:30-8:00 PM

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on November 8, 2013

Our website is www.morcambt.org

About 12 people attended, including all officers except Joel Trice (vacation).

YOUR CURRENT OFFICERS THROUGH 2013 are:

President: Darius Rike (webmaster too)

Vice-President: Ken "AmeriKen" Howat

Secretary: Henrietta Stern

Treasurer-- Joel Trice

Member-at-Large – Mary Pozzi

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

==CSUMB and New Member/Beginners: AmeriKen Howat

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

==Other Groups: Jason Campbell (FOAA/ForU) and Chris Mack (KFOR)

==IMBA and BLM: Gary Courtright

You are welcome to contact the liaisons to offer assistance.

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.

1. President's Remarks-- Darius welcomed the group and reviewed notable activities last month, including: beginning of night rides; trail design and construction classes taught by Drew from MBOSC; Niner Demo Day; and trail work.

2. FORA-ESCA Update -- (Henri)

== Henri reported that the FORA-ESCA meeting was cancelled for November; no further meetings yet for the FORHA= Fort Ord Recreation Habitat Area, basically a comprehensive multi-use trails plan. John reported that Intergarrison is open to East Garrison, but there is a stop sign at Schoonover, and 35 mph limit, plus no parking on the north side. We talked about ideas for signage and replacing current No Trespassing signs with trail signs.

3. Monthly Trail Day is Saturday November 16, also Public Lands Day-- MORCA will lead a ride and trim as part of Public Lands Day-- We will leave at 9 AM from Creekside. Be sure to be back at BLM Picnic Grounds at 12:30for BBQ and live entertainment! Note that Night Ride kickoff is same afternoon--see below.

Darius volunteered to take the lead in convening the Trail Committee once again to set out projects for next year. See his separate e-mail. Meeting is Tues 11/12/13 at 5:30 at Mtn Mikes in Marina.

4. Treasurer Report. Joel reported we have about \$8,444 in the bank with \$143 in PayPal account to pay for night rides. This is less than last month due to insurance expenses and TAKMBD expenses. We will need to pay insurance again in January.

5. Fort Ord Open Space Initiative-- Measure M Jason thanked the group for our donations and urged everyone to vote on November 5, and to contact friends to get out the vote. We thanked Jason for all his hard work on behalf of the trails. <http://www.fortordaccess.org/>

6. Twilight Ride at Laguna Seca--Nov 13. Timeframe is 5-7 pm; get there early to do a quick set up of MORCA canopy, BBQ tables etc. \$10 fee and we get \$2 per person. Need a couple of BBQ-ers and a couple of folks to organize the "gravity race" (coasting down the Corkscrew). Darius to bring a big donation box.

7. Nightride Kickoff Event--Saturday afternoon and night, Nov 16-- This is a big day with Public Lands Day in the AM. Then BobCat Bicycles hosts Specialized Demo bikes from 3:00 PM on-- Light and Motion has lights to demo. Nightride event begins at 5:00 pm until 10 pm (?). Same BLM fees apply as Wed night rides. We have a shorter course so people can try out various bikes and lights. Need 2 BBQ-ers; need lots of leads and sweeps as folks will need to trade off and get warmed up. John to bring generator and shop lights. Joel to bring laptop for membership signups. We will have radios for leads and sweeps. It will be very important to stay together and be responsible for the person behind you!

8. Christmas Party-- We agreed not to have the regular Dec 2 meeting (Monday) and have a Christmas Party on Friday Dec 6-- Looks like Ken Christman volunteered to host a pot-luck event!! Stay tuned for details.

9. Election of Directors for Year 2014-- Gary Courtright volunteered to be the neutral teller to tally all votes. Teller is not a current board member or running for the board. He reported that a total of eight candidates received votes, which included seven nominated candidates and a write-in. The six highest vote totals are the new directors-- They are (in alpha order): Sue Benjaram, Phil Craig, Ken Howat, Nick Madronio, Henrietta Stern and Joel Trice. Under the new Bylaws, the six directors select the President from among them. The Pres works with the directors to assign VP, Secty, Treasurer and 2 members-at-large. Right after the meeting the new directors got to work to select Joel as President, Ken as VP, Nick as Treasurer, Henrietta as Secretary, and Phil + Sue as members-at-large. Their term begins in January 2014. New directors are encouraged to attend the November and December agenda-setting meetings of the current board.

10. Other Business and Updates

A. SeaOtter is April 10-13, 2014-- need to start planning now-- we plan to volunteer again for night ride and dual slalom. Also a big item is the IMBA-MORCA booth.

B. Palo Corona Ranch Assessment-- MORCA continues to be involved in long-term planning for this property south of Carmel, but it could be several years before the backcountry is open to the public.

C. IMBA Regional Bay Area Conference-- Darius and Henri to attend on November 9

D. IMBA Trail Crew-- Darius submitted request for T42 (Redrock) entrance reroute; BLM was not open to major reroute ideas so soon, but agreed the T42 entrance needed work.

From last time-- Gary recommended that the board define one trail advocacy position that would work with all the local land managers, including BLM and County, with IMBA assistance.