SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2014 at 6:30 PM, Black Bear Diner, Seaside
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary

Attendees: 13 members including directors Joel Trice (P), Ken Howat (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T),) and Phil Craig (MAL). Sue Benjaram (MAL) had to work.

Item 1: **President's Opening Remarks**
Action: **Joel thanked all the folks who volunteered at the Santa Cruz Mtn Bike Festival--- George, Karl, AmeriKen, John, Darius, Lisa, Brian, Neil, Tony. This creates good will between clubs and MBOSC indicated it would donate some $$ to us as a thank you.**

Item 2: **FORA-ESCA Update/County/Fort Ord Reuse Issues**
Action: **County's Fort Ord Committee meeting for March was cancelled. Brd of Sups to consider Land Sale Plan on April 8.** Henri reminded the group that next year the Army will be doing burning and munitions removal in several popular areas of the National Monument; more on that in future months.

Item 3: **Trail Work**
Action: **Darius reviewed March 15 trail day with roughly 10-12 adults and 5 high school students (with Tony). Next trail day is April 19. Watch Facebook and Google group for trail committee meetings and event info. Oakley decided to donate another $1,000!**
Notes: March trail work focused on T49 from Jack's Road to the Rock, plus that final rutted turn at the bottom of Goat. April 19 will focus on T36 sandy areas and an armoring test case (if we get permission), plus finish up other trails. Darius will request potential for mid-week trail crew (with vehicle) as there is so much to do and little time before trails dry up. Henri suggested some ride and trim for poison oak some Wed eves. Darius did not mention our total for the year, but last month it was 168 hours.

Item 4: **Treasurer's Report**
Action: **Nick reviewed current balance, plus expenses and revenues this past month and those anticipated next month. We now have insurance for rides, trail work and TAKMBD!**
Notes: The current balance is $9,618 (checking and PayPal) including $1592 in the trail fund. Income of $560 expected from IMBA, and Oakley promised $1,000. We should make $900 from SeaOtter for volunteering. Big near-term expenses exceed $4,400 total for insurance ($1,500); bike bells ($500), patches for sale at SeaOtter ($427); T-shirts ($706) and MORCA jerseys ($900). Hopefully these will all generate income at SeaOtter and elsewhere! MBOSC indicated they may gift us with $1,000 as thanks for all the work we do for their Kid's Zone. Now that insurance is handled, Nick will focus attention on grant writing after SeaOtter. Great job everyone!

Item 5: **Women's Ride is moving to Fridays at 4:30 PM, with Ellie as our lead.**

Item 6: **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is April 10-13** – BE SURE TO VOLUNTEER!!
Action: **Joel, Darius, Ken and Ken reviewed final logistics for our four major volunteer tasks: (1) IMBA booth, (2) MORCA booth, (3) Dual Slalom, and (4) Night Ride. Watch the MORCA website, Facebook and Google Group posts for final details. For SOC events,**

be sure to sign up at SOC volunteer center the day of your shift even if you picked up your T-shirt earlier. Ken has sent list of names over to SOC.

Notes: (1) **IMBA booth** lead is Joel Trice. Help is still needed Thursday AM and Sunday afternoon. We will tell folks at IMBA booth to grab a coupon and get a free bike bell at the MORCA booth. MORCA fliers and biz cards at IMBA booth too.
(2) **MORCA Booth** will be led by Ken Chrisman and will have posters on our trail work and TAKMBD. Thanks to Darius being the toast of SOC staff, our booth has been moved into the prime grassy area!! Ken has scored some awesome raffle items (Fox fork, a bike, $350 towards a shuttle trip, plus lights). Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. We are selling patches ($10), t-shirts ($20) and taking pre-orders for jerseys ($65). Raffle will end Saturday afternoon just before the Clif party (roughly 4:30 PM). Ken to check to see if we can do our prizes there or separately at our booth. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds of raffle go to TAKMBD. Proceeds of all other sales go to MORCA. Don't forget rolls of tickets, a container, and lock box for cash. Ken and Phil are coordinating on printing a poster of the raffle items.
(3) **Dual slalom** lead is Ken Howat. He still needs one person Friday. George is providing radios so we have good contact among ourselves and hopefully with medical folks. Ken will provide extra info sheet to volunteers once they sign up. Be there 7:30 AM.
(4) **Night ride** lead is Darius. As of 4/7/2014, 62 people had signed up and paid $5, which goes to MORCA! 20 road on the track, and 42 mtn (not clear who is A and B). We need full complement of leads and sweeps for two groups plus folks to help with start/finish area. Shift is 7-10 PM. Folks arrive at 7:30 PM and ride starts at 8 PM. Darius got permission to park in dirt day use area AFTER 6 pm. We plan to have an informal BBQ for volunteers and MORCANs at the finish area. Long day but Fun!

Item 7: **Take-A-Kid-Mountain-Biking Day is October 4, 2014**
Action: **Sue has created a poster, fliers and a photo album.**
Notes: Sue was not present, so we will focus on this in May and beyond. We previously agreed to ask for a Ranger presence and invite an equestrian to the event (HS to ask BETA).

Item 8: **Amazon Smile**
Action: **Joel described our intent to get website linked with www.smile.amazon.com**
Notes: If you buy anything from Amazon via that link, and designate "IMBA, Marina, California" as the recipient charity, then MORCA gets 0.5% of the purchase price!

Item 9: **Little Bellas – request for kid's structures one weekend**
Action: **We indicated interest in helping out, but want to learn more about the organization.**
Notes: This is a mtn bike camp for young girls that occurs during SOC—now it is extending over several weekends through June via a local coach (Brianne), who is also looking for female mentors for the kids.

REMINDER: **Other Business— May 3 is Warhorse Day. Beginner's Ride will be warhorse ride instead, 8-10 AM from Marina Equestrian Center. Watch for e-mail reminders.**
Action: **We will have a booth at Warhorse Day as well.**

NEXT MEETING –MONDAY MAY 5 at location to be announced.