SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 6, 2014 at 6:30 PM, Black Bear Diner, Monterey
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary on 10/13/2014

Attendees: 12 members total including officers Joel Trice (P), Ken Howat (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), and Phil Craig (MAL). Sue Benjaram (MAL) arrived later due to work.

Item 1: Opening remarks from President

Action: **Joel expressed a hearty thank you to all volunteers and sponsors who made TAKMBD so successful – see Item 6.**

Item 2: FORA/ESCA Update

Action: **Henri noted that City of Marina's vision for Marina Equestrian Center and related trails will be presented at the October 9 Ft Ord Natl Monument speakers series hosted by FORT Friends. An important Army presentation will be at the Thursday Nov 13 meeting. Army will be doing burning, munitions removal and closures for Blair Witch, T68, Burmese, Little Moab etc.**

Notes: FORT Friends meeting is second Thursdays at 6 PM at Oldemeyer Center in Seaside (Blackhorse Room).

Item 3: County Action, Happy Trails Signage Project

Action: **Nick noted our $10,000 grant to do trail signage in Happy Trails won't have a decision until December. Nick summarized County action to formally accept 1,499 acres and allocate $150,000 toward consultant to devise a plan to manage the property. There will be an opportunity for public to comment on Phase 1 Open Space Plan.**

Notes: There was uncertainty about date of next Fort Ord Committee meeting as well as special dates and deadlines for the Phase 1 report, which has a Nov 24 goal for completion. Stay tuned for details on how you can participate.

Item 4: Trail Work Update and IMBA Trail Care Crew

Action: **Darius described work in September. For October, we will do ride and trim on 4th Saturday (Oct 25) as part of Public Lands Day. He described details of Nov 13-16 IMBA care crew, and described many invitations sent out to various officials for the Better Living Through Trails presentation on 11/14 at 1 pm at REI. We agreed to budget $600 max from Trail Fund for light refreshments for Friday ($100) and lunch for volunteers on Saturday ($500). Darius also described how BLM wants to remove trails near vernal pools (e.g. T57) and he suggested better reroutes from our perspective.**

Notes: Darius described the suggested reroute of T19 near Comanche's Grave for the IMBA Trail Care Crew project. BLM has given approval for the project. IMBA event is Nov 13-17 as follows: Thursday 11/13 trail recon/flagging. Friday 11/14 at 1 PM trails and tourism talk for government officials and staff. Sat 11/15 9-12 AM trail class; Sat PM 1-5 trail work (we need to provide lunch and snacks for the day. Sunday 11/16 social ride. See Darius e-mails on how to sign up via IMBA website. Thanks to Mike Terry for rooms at Los Laureles Lodge.

Item 5: Treasurer's report and related financial info

Action: **Nick reviewed details of TAKMBD finances; we were under budget due to generous sponsors (Subaru and Carmel Kitchens and Baths). As of 9/29/2014, we had $8,560 total in bank with $2,223 allocated for trail fund. TAKMBD expenses still coming in.**

Notes: See detailed printouts provided by Nick.

Item 6: TAKMBD on October 4, 2014 – the big event was a great success!! 120+ kids!

Action: **Kudos to Sue (!!!) who chaired the event. Before she arrived, Joel thanked all volunteers who worked so hard for many hours on multiple days. He reviewed the detailed statistics by Sue/Dave gathered from the registration and lunch forms. Very positive comments. We need to write thank you notes to major sponsors. We agreed to have a pizza party to thank volunteers on a Friday eve (10/24?) Some members offered suggestions for next year. Please write them down to share with Sue/Directors for the TAKMBD debrief and manual. morca@morcamtb.org**

Notes: Thank You to: Subaru donated $500 for lunch; the Adventure Zone sponsored by Carmel Kitchens and Baths ($250); Cleary donated a strider bike ($200). Bobcat donated a bike and we purchased one at cost ($300). REI donated 150 bags. Green pedal couriers made smoothies. Cyclepath Outfitters (Tony) did free mechanical work. Palma and Salinas High coaches and kids lead rides and worked the obstacle course (and made Ice-ees)! Some ideas at the meeting was to not have separate skills clinic (but incorporate basic skills into the beginners ride); train teen ride leaders to get off bikes and help push kids up the small hills; provide more direction to them.

Item 7: Bike Park at Toro

Action: **Ken C. reviewed County financial challenges and goals, use permit and other regulatory hoops, and recommended the option of a temporary event for pump track as the fastest means for a project to be in place. Examples might be Bike Week (May) or TAKMBD (October). We also discussed buying parks passes as a group to show support for parks.**

Notes: John Akerman is current Parks director. Randall "Casey" Nelson is Toro Ranger contact. County Parks needs to be revenue neutral (self-sustaining) and they need more paying folks. County is also reviewing its own management plans and its Master Use Permit. Presently this does not include pump tracks or bike parks, but perhaps it could in future years (something to watch and track).

Item 8: Santa Cruz Enduro—October 10-11-12

Action: **AmeriKen described the event (includes camping) and need for volunteers.**

Notes: See MBOSC website and other internet info.

Item 9: Election for Board members

Action: **Joel reviewed our required schedule and took nominations**

Notes: Nominations due by October 15. Ballots back by Oct 31 or bring to Nov 3 meeting. Mary Pozzi volunteered to be the Teller (counts votes on 11/3). Joel, Henri, Nick and Sue said they would serve again. AmeriKen was a maybe. Brian Tomasini was nominated.

Item 10: Twilight Ride at Laguna Seca—Wed November 12 Fundraiser

Action: **Henri volunteered to coordinate with some help. We came up with theme of "Pi" (ratio of circumference to diameter of a circle) Ride (and a chance to win a pre-Thanksgiving Pie!) Light and Motion likely to attend.**

Notes: Watch for future e-mails on this and plan to attend.

Item 11/12: Night Ride Season Permit and Night Ride Kickoff Saturday Nov 1 at Creekside

Action: **Darius said goal for seasonal permit is Oct 15 (awaiting BLM). We agreed to do $75 pre-payment for those who choose. Nov 1 kickoff event permit not yet approved—key question is BLM comfort with demo bikes as part of event. Start about 4 PM. Sunset is at 6:15.**

Notes: Light and Motion will attend per Bobcat. Need a chairperson/committee to lead this. Likely to do BBQ as well. Fun stuff! This will occur before our next meeting so contact directors if you want to help publicize.

Item 13: Other Business—Possible San Jose Club visit October 19 (pending confirmation)

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2014
Location to be determined – stay tuned

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