

**SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**November 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM, La La Grill, Monterey**  
**Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary on 11/4/2014**

**Attendees:** 17 members total including officers Joel Trice (P), Ken Howat (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), and Phil Craig (MAL) and Sue Benjaram (MAL). Director-to-be Brian Tomasini also attended.

**Item 1: Opening remarks from President Joel Trice**

**Action:** Joel reviewed MORCA participation in Santa Cruz Enduro race. He thanked Sue again for chairing TAKMBD. He described our volunteer efforts at Public Lands Day (in the rain) and congratulated John Bearshear for his Volunteer of the Year award from BLM.

**Item 2: FORA/ESCA/Army Update**

**Action:** Henri noted that an important Army presentation will be at the Thursday Nov 13 FORT Friends meeting (Ft Ord Natl Monument speakers series). Army will be doing burning, munitions removal and closures for Blair Witch, T68, Burmese, Little Moab etc.

**Notes:** FORT Friends meeting is Thursday 11/13 at 6 PM at Oldemeyer Center in Seaside (Blackhorse Room).

**Item 3: County Action, Happy Trails Signage Project**

**Action:** Nick received notice that our \$14,000 grant to do trail signage in Happy Trails was not approved by the Community Foundation. He will apply to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation by Dec. 31, 2014. County meetings were cancelled in October.

**Notes:** There is uncertainty about the date of next Fort Ord Committee meeting as well as special dates and deadlines for the Phase 1 Open Space Plan, which once had a Nov 24 goal for completion. Stay tuned for details on how you can participate. MORCA directors plan to attend Supervisor Parker's informal Monday eve meeting on Nov 24. An informal map of "Happy Trails" is being circulated by KFOV folks. Note: some trails on that map have not been transferred by FORA and are technically still "closed".

**Item 4: Trail Work Update and IMBA Trail Care Crew**

**Action:** For October, we did a ride and trim on Oct 25 as part of Public Lands Day. Darius has family emergency and may be out for several weeks. Others need to manage Nov 13-16 IMBA care crew visit. John B is lead on pin-flagging on Thursday 11/13 (IMBA crew will direct). Joel to double check agency invitees re Fri 11/14 Better Living Through Trails presentation at 1 pm at REI. Ken C needs final count for food for 11/15 REI class. We previously agreed to budget \$600 max from Trail Fund for light refreshments for Friday (\$100) and lunch for volunteers on Saturday (\$500). We still hope to have a sponsor (possible \$250 from Rocky Mountain bikes??) We hope the rain continues for some tread work in December. Palma and Salinas High coaches/kids plan to attend!

**Notes:** If you have contacts for Chamber of Commerce or similar groups, please invite them to the Friday talk at 1 PM at REI. Sunday 11/16 social ride is the final event for trail care crew. See Darius e-mails on how to sign up via IMBA website. Thanks to Mike Terry for rooms at Los Laureles Lodge. Henri sent reminders to Velo Club; also FORT Friends.

**Item 5: Treasurer's report and related financial info**

**Action:** Nick reviewed details of current finances; as of 10/31/2014, we had \$7,800 total in bank with \$2,223 allocated for trail fund. We purchased 9 annual County passes.

**Notes:** See detailed printouts provided by Nick.

**Item 6: TAKMBD follow-up**

**Action:** Given we have about \$300 left in TAKMBD fund, the directors voted to send Thank You plaques and letters to sponsors and High School teams. Sue will lead this, and created some really nice photo-thank you cards. If you have suggestions for next year, please write them down to share with Sue/Directors at: [morca@morcamtb.org](mailto:morca@morcamtb.org)

**Notes:** None.

**Item 7: Bike Park at Toro**

**Action:** Ken C. said now is time to form a committee to move forward on a "temporary" pump track associated with April 2015 SeaOtter for perhaps May 2015 bike week. I did not catch who volunteered for committee, though many folks indicated in survey their willingness to help build, fund raise etc. We purchased 9 parks passes as a group to show support for parks.

**Notes:** John Akerman is current Parks director. Randall "Casey" Nelson is Toro Ranger contact.

**Item 8: Night Ride Kickoff—LAST MINUTE CHANGE TO WED NOV 5 AT 8<sup>TH</sup> AND GIGLING**

**Action:** Set-up/light demos stat at 5 PM; rides start at 6 PM. Need leads/sweeps and clear understanding of BLM-approved routes. Sunset is about 6:08.

**Notes:** Light and Motion will attend per Bobcat. We will do our normal BBQ plus bring extra hotdogs and condiments. See MORCA night ride link to sign up and also routes. Need to sign waivers if you haven't already.

**Item 9: Twilight Ride at Laguna Seca—Wed November 12 Fundraiser 5-7 PM (note earlier time)**

**Action:** Henri volunteered to coordinate with some help. Theme is "Pi Ride for Pie". Light and Motion will attend. Sue to shop for pies and some BBQ items at Costco (thanks!)—Tony/Phil to help run "races" Xtra pie pieces available for a donation.

**Notes:** We will have 3.14-lap race at 5:45 PM with divisions for road, mtn bike, youth etc. Also a slow raceatch for future e-mails on this and plan to attend.

**Item 10: County Park passes—good through January 2016**

**Action:** Nick passed out the passes. Henri to mail Pat McNeill's.

**Notes:** Good way to support parks and good deal to get extra months.

**Item 11: Calendar Through December 2014**

**Action:** We confirmed meeting dates and special events; CHRISTMAS PARTY FRI DEC 5 at 6:30 instead of Monday 12/1 regular meeting.

**Notes:** Key calendar items are (see MORCA calendar for details):

Nov 5—Night Ride kickoff starting 5 pm

Nov 8—Friends of Warhorse Vets Day event, 10 AM—MORCA booth at event (Brenden to help)

Nov 12—Night Ride kickoff 5-7PM Laguna Seca

Nov 13—Army presentation at 6 PM FORT Friends meeting

Nov 15—IMBA trail care crew class, lunch, and afternoon trail work (all day)

Nov 24—Sup Parker 5 PM, directors meeting 6 PM Portobella's in Salinas

**Dec 5 at 6:30—Xmas party at Ken C's**  
**Dec 17—Xmas ride to Kyles Bench (8<sup>th</sup> and Gigling)—decorate yourself and bike !**  
**Dec 24—no night ride**  
**Dec 29—Directors meeting 6 pm LaLa Grill**  
**Dec 31—New Years Eve ride! 8<sup>th</sup> and G**  
**Jan 3—beginner ride Sat 9 AM**  
**Jan 5—Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM at Turn 12 in Monterey**

**Item 12: Holiday Party FRI DEC 5 at 6:30 at Ken C's (thank you!!)**

**Action:** The party will replace the regular Dec 1 business meeting. See future e-mails on this (bring a \$15 gift that a mtnbiker would like and food/drink to share). We voted not to have "Yankee grab"—volunteer trading after gifts are opened is A-OK.

**Item 13: Election for Board members**

**Action:** Ballots were sent out to members via e-mail notice to IMBA list in mid-October. Mary served as teller. A total of 10 ballots were received. Slate of candidates all approved; no write-in names were submitted. Your new directors as of January 1, 2015 are: Joel Trice, Phil Craig, Henrietta Stern, Nick Madronio, Sue Benjaram and Brian Tomasini.

**Notes:** Directors will meet in 2014 to select officers for the next year. They also need to prepare a 2015 budget for approval of members.

**Item 14: Other Business—**

- A. We discussed where to meet and survey results.** Ken noted Peninsula preferred by slight majority—decent food and beer desired. Directors will wrestle with this.
- B. Henri noted she and Darius submitted final report on mountain bikes in Palo Corona back country to Regional Park District**
- C. Henri noted a flier about Dec 2 workshop on CEQA/EIRs regarding Monterey Downs sponsored by Land Watch—explains the environmental review process and how folks can participate**

**NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM AT LALA GRILL**