

SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2015 at 6:30 PM, Crazy Horse Restaurant, Monterey
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 5/7/2015

Attendees: 9 folks present including all directors, except Phil Craig (VP). The meeting opened at 6:10 PM.

2015 Directors: Joel Trice (P), Phil Craig (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), Sue Benjaram (MAL) and Brian Tomasini (MAL)

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:30 pm at (location to be determined). The next director's meeting is Monday, May 25 at 6 PM at (tbd). This date could change due to Memorial Day.

Agenda Items:

1. Opening Remarks/Events Last Month;
2. FORA/ESCA Update;
3. County Update/Happy Trails signage;
4. Trail Work Update;
5. Treasurer's Report;
6. TAKMBD;
7. Bike Park;
8. Sea Otter Classic;
9. Calendar Review;
10. Bike Smart Youth Program
11. Other Business

Item 1: Opening Remarks by President Joel Trice – Month in Review

Action: Joel focused on SCMBF and Sea Otter, with thanks to all the volunteers. MBOSC donated \$1,250 to MORCA/TAKMBD as a thank you for skills structures. HS to write a thank you letter.

Notes: We decided to not to have a pizza party and instead have a BBQ in summer as a thank you for all volunteers.

Item 2: FORA/ESCA and Fort Ord Reuse Update

Action: City of Seaside released the EIR on Monterey Downs/Horse Park/Cemetery and comments are due June 1 (possibly extended to June 19). On a motion/2nd by Brian and Sue, the group unanimously voted to donate \$500 towards professional review of the Draft EIR. Henri to write cover letter with emphasis on our concerns about impacts to trails and access issues. Henri summarized key components of April 2015 version of FORHA trails plan. Army released their proposed plan on additional munitions removal on certain BLM trails, and comments are due May 8.

Notes: Contact person for FORA weekly e-mail is jen@fora.org Website is www.fora.org for more info on FORA activities. See separate e-mails re documents to comment on.

Item 3: County Update/Happy Trails Signage

Action: Nick reviewed April 27 Fort Ord Committee meeting. Nick reviewed meeting with County staff (John Akeman and Nick Nichols), who remain supportive, but noted possible issues about digging post-holes. There is a May 8 at 2:30 site visit by the

granting foundation, County and MORCA (Nick and Joel). Then we await the June 3 decision.

Notes: County has budgeted 2 kiosks at trailheads for FORHA. County Parks staff appears generally supportive of MORCA goals for a local pump track or possible bike park (may need to be temporary). Henri noted that County Parks strategic plan mentioned pump tracks at Toro and Fort Ord. Sadly, we learned that the County did not get the East Garrison trailhead grant. Next Fort Ord Committee meeting is May 18 at 11 AM.

Item 4: Trail Work Update

Action: There was no trail work in April due to SOC. May 16 will be vegetation trimming; meet at 8th and G at 9 AM. Darius described how REI may consider a Wilderness First Aide class at Marina store in 2016.

Notes: Darius goal for 2015 is to break 1000 hours—we have 240 hours to date. Speaking of trails, Darius is working with Pinkbike's "Trailforks" trail mapping program, and is updating Fort Ord trail info. They also have a donation button that goes to MORCA!

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

Action: As of April 27, 2015, we have roughly \$8,588 as current total balance. Sea Otter raffle tickets and donations totaled \$2,321 and we netted \$1,304 from the raffle (Fat tire bike cost us \$767)! IMBA dues were \$866.

Notes: See worksheets provided by Nick. \$1,000 reserved for pump track seed money. Nick is sending tax forms to companies that donated bikes at SOC.

Item 6: TAKMBD –Saturday October 3, 2015

Action: We discussed starting now on raffles and maybe trying to sell tickets beginning in July. One idea is asking REI for a Ghost bike as they are new in area and TAKMBD would be good exposure. Same for Giant adult bike. We hope for 2 kid's bikes (like last year) and one adult bike to raffle. Now is the time to plan "temporary" pump track if we want to do this. Sue described other outreach ideas.

Notes: County fee for site is \$275 rather than \$155. Yuba bikes might donate a strider; SOC might donate leftovers; we have lots of IMBA goodies left over from Sea Otter. Sue has lots of "save-the-date" business cards to hand out. She'll investigate COSCO \$\$ donation. Henri mentioned Earthbound farms.

Item 7: Bike Park/Pump Track

Action: No new info at Toro. Previously, BLM indicated interest in small pump track at Badger Hills trailhead area, especially since kids are building jump lines. Darius to arrange a walk-meeting with Ranger Kenny on May 17 at 3 PM if possible. Another possibility is FORHA area near East Garrison. Darius met with Marina folks re pump track next to the skate park. Phil is reading the IMBA pump track/bike park book and says there are great ideas in it. Ken H. is able to modify our original Toro proposal to submit re: temporary pump track. Tony noted that other areas hire a professional trail master (Joel noted this is a good idea once we get land owner buy-in).

Notes: John Akeman is current Parks manager contact; Randall "Casey" Nelson is Toro Ranger contact.

Item 8: Sea Otter Classic – April 16-19, 2015

Action: See Treasurer report re raffle (good news). Bad news is that IMBA membership signups were down about 30%, though many said they had signed up on-line a few weeks before. We had great volunteers and things went pretty smoothly.

Notes: We decided not to have a pizza party and do a BBQ later in the year for all volunteers.

Item 9: Calendar Review Items (besides events described above)

Action: Near-term dates:

May 9 is Intergenerational Bike Ride, Warhorse Day, Army back-country hike, Monterey Downs EIR open house, and Flow Trail Grand Opening (4 good choices all at same time).

May 20 Laguna Seca Twilight ride—we host chili tasting, but we need cooks!

Aug 14-22 is Bend OR trip.

October 24 (Saturday) is Night Ride Kickoff -- need to advise Bobcat re demo lights etc
Public Lands Day is likely Oct 24 (to be confirmed).

November 4 is Fall Laguna Seca Twilight Ride – we host (pumpkin pie ride?)

Notes: See e-mails for info

Item 10: Bike Smart Youth Program

Action: Joel reminded folks about program to teach school kids safe bike skills—they need volunteers. See www.bikesmart.org which is a program of Ecology Action www.ecoact.org

Notes: The woman rep. will make a presentation at June meeting

Item 11: Other Business

Action: Henri will look into possibility of a Horse Park presentation to MORCA at REI (after Draft EIR).

Action: REI may ask us to co-host a demo day for new Ghost bikes (Darius)

Action: We agreed that organizing stunts for May 30 Outdoor Youth event was too short notice, but are interested next year.

Action: BLM sked about co-funding printing of trail maps. We expressed interest in 300 at up to 15 cents each. Suggest they just charge bike shops and other businesses who ask. Maps are also available online.

From previous.....

We have some paperwork to do to add T39 to Creekside Night Ride map. Suggested a review of night ride routes before next year to see if some extra legs can be added.

The meeting ended at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Henrietta