

SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2015 at 6:30 PM, Crazy Horse Restaurant, Monterey
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 6/8/2015

Attendees: 12 folks present including all directors. 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, July 6, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Crazy Horse (but check to be sure). The next director's meeting is Monday, June 29, at 6 PM at Airport Restaurant (to be confirmed).

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. **Calendar Review;**
9. **Bike Smart Youth Program**
10. **Other Business**

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

Action: Joel noted a successful Twilight ride where we had 5 pots of chili and made \$217! Thanks to all chefs! Next Twilight ride is Nov 4 with more Chili + Pumpkin Pie theme. We have 198 paying members now—let's exceed 200!

Notes: We will have a BBQ in summer as a thank you for all volunteers.

Item 2: FORA/ESCA and Fort Ord Reuse Update

Action: No meetings. EIR comment deadline for Monterey Downs/Horse Park/Cemetery is June 19. Henri to prepare draft letter re direct and indirect impacts to trails for review by Board. June 18 at 6:00-7:30 PM is quarterly community outreach event by FORA-ESCA about project progress and next steps.

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 and Joel reviewed very positive site visit by County and Grant Agency staff on May 8. We feel we have a good shot at grant for trail signage—we should know after June 3 (no word yet). May Fort Ord Committee was cancelled. Next meeting is June 22—an issue maybe County agreement with Seaside re Monterey Downs land.

Notes: We agreed this is a good time to meet with County re other plans such as TAKMBD temporary pump track, intermediate trails in Toro Park, bike tourism etc. Joel and Nick to arrange meeting with John Akeman and new County Parks director.

Item 4: Trail Work Update

Action: May 16 was vegetation trimming; next month is June 20 to continue lots of overgrowth needing trimming on T59, 68, 20 and 23.

Notes: Darius goal for 2015 is to break 1000 hours—we have 260 hours to date.

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

Action: As of May 26, 2015, we have roughly \$10,132 as current total balance. Darius tested Trailforks donate button and it worked!

Notes: See worksheets provided by Nick. MBOSC check for \$1,250 and \$840 from SeaOtter were major revenue. \$500 for EIR review was major expense. \$1,493 assigned to trail fund. \$1000 reserved for pump track seed money. We should be getting \$1800 from IMBA for the second quarter (includes SeaOtter). Henri noted that we may be receiving a generous donation in the future for trailwork (to be confirmed).

Item 6: TAKMBD –Saturday October 3, 2015

Action: We continued raffle item discussion—possible items and Ken H to ask how MBOSC does raffles online. Now is the time to plan “temporary” pump track if we want to do this. Sue described other outreach ideas.

Notes: Should we start a TAKMBD subcommittee for planning details now?

Item 7: Bike Park/Pump Track

Action: Four potential avenues to pursue: (1) small pump track at Badger Hills trailhead (Ken to modify formal proposal); (2) IMBA Pump Track boof ideas (Phil to review and prepare a bullet point summary); (3) Marina neighborhood pup track (Darius and other Marina resident have prepared a draft proposal and city is interested); and (4) temporary track at Toro (need to pursue with County as part of TAKMBD).

Notes: John Akeman is current Parks staff contact; Randall “Casey” Nelson is Toro Ranger contact. Lots of logistics to consider re water, soil, labor, liability etc.

Item 8: Calendar Review Items (besides events described above)

Action: Near-term dates:

June 20—Ken’s birthday party after trail work (see e-mails)

Aug 14-22 is Bend OR trip.

October 24 (Saturday) is Night Ride Kickoff – must figure out where to hold this—will there be demo bikes or only demo lights? 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 9: 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: BLM asked FORT Friends about co-funding printing of trail maps for shops, hotels etc. BLM will focus on trailheads only. Darius determined we have about 175 maps and lots of business cards and brochures. We expressed interest in \$100 worth of maps in future

and were really interested in the BETA maps with GPS coordinates (Henri will ask BETA folks about that). 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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Henrietta Stern

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