

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

**Attendees:** 8 folks present including all directors, except Phil Craig. The meeting opened at 6:30 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 meeting is Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Crazy Horse Restaurant, and is intended to be a festive event for all members and those who volunteered this past year. Free beer and appetizers; bring photos or video for fun viewing. The next director's meeting is Monday, July 27, 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. **August meeting/volunteer party**
10. **Other Business**

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

**Action:** Joel noted the big event in June was AmeriKen's birthday bash, and our successful grant application. See below.

**Notes:** None.

**Item 2: FORA/ESCA and Fort Ord Reuse Update**

**Action:** No meetings. MORCA commented on Draft EIR for Monterey Downs/Horse Park/Cemetery. June 18 was a quarterly community outreach event by FORA-ESCA about project progress and next steps. July 18 is another bus tour of Fort Ord sponsored by US Army (10 and 11:45 AM).

**Notes:** Contact person for FORA weekly e-mail is [jen@fora.org](mailto:jen@fora.org) Website is [www.fora.org](http://www.fora.org) for more info on FORA activities. See separate e-mails re documents to comment on. The Army website for the bus tour is:  
<http://fortordcleanup.com/event-calendar/july-18-2015-community-involvement-mobile-workshop/>

**Item 3: County Update/Happy Trails Signage**

**Action:** We received a grant award check for \$17,900 from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation for our trail signage project! Next step is meeting with County to hammer out the details. Likely start with existing large posts and kiosk. Trail signage committee to meet Thursday July 16 at 6:30 PM at Mountain Mike's in Marina.

**Report is due on April 3, 2016. Kudos to Nick Madronio for all his hard work on this effort. June Fort Ord Committee was cancelled (next meeting is July 27).**

**Notes:** We agreed that our meeting with County would be a good time to discuss other issues 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: Volunteer Trail Work Update**

**Action:** June 20 had 9 folks out for vegetation trimming mainly on T68 and 59. Next month is July 18 to continue trimming on T59 plus T23.

**Notes:** Darius goal for 2015 is to break 1000 hours—we have 296 hours to date. Henri got a call from PG&E with folks interested in volunteering. Darius said there are opportunities without poison oak issues. We brainstormed ideas re top of RedRock.

**Item 5: Treasurer's Report**

**Action:** As of June 30, 2015, we have roughly \$10,350 as current total balance. \$17,900 grant to be put in separate account.

**Notes:** See worksheets provided by Nick. \$1,493 assigned to trail fund. \$1000 reserved for pump track seed money. No expenses last month. IMBA check for \$332 received. Checks written in July so far are \$50 thank you card to grant writer and \$54 to Darius for June trail expenses. 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 our good works (to be confirmed).

**Item 6: TAKMBD –Saturday October 3, 2015**

**Action:** We agreed to drop the up-front adult raffle unless a nice item is donated; too much hassle and we have enough funds for the event. We agreed kids raffle would be best at lunch and try to streamline it. New county application requires set up and take down details, which affects pump track idea.

**Notes:** Sue will hold a planning meeting in September; she is working on poster now.

**Item 7: Bike Park/Pump Track**

**Action:** Darius reported that Marina location was nixed by School District landowner, but City is still interested at other locations (Lock Padden Park owned by Regional Parks seems best choice). We agreed to hold off on Hillride contract until a site is more certain. Darius can use Marina info as a model for other locations. Salinas High coach interested in pump track at Badger Hills trailhead. And we will discuss Toro location with County.

**Notes:** Darius will be in the Weekly Thurs July 9 re Marina pump track! John Akeman is current Parks staff contact; Randall "Casey" Nelson is Toro Ranger contact. Phil and others have copy of IMBA manual on pump tracks.

**Item 8: Calendar Review Items (see also events described above)**

**Action:** Near-term dates:  
July 14—Bobcat lecture at REI (must register via REI)  
July 16—trail signage committee  
July 18—Trail work day and Army bus tour  
Aug 14-22 is Bend OR trip.  
October 9-11—Darius planned trip to Tahoe

**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: Member/Volunteer thank you party August 3 to replace regular business meeting**  
**Action:** Henri to write up verbiage; Darius to help post to Facebook Event and get RSVP.  
**Reserve room if enough will attend.**

**Notes:** MORCA pays for beer and appetizers. Solicit video, photos, DVDs to show.

**Item 10: Other Business**

**Action:** MAPS--We have several hundred trail maps but are open to ordering \$100 more in conjunction with FORT Friends order.

**Action:** JERSEYS-- We discussed interest in new jerseys and agreed that if someone wants to take this task on, that's great, but assembled members did not want to be that person.

**Notes:** Primal has artwork for existing design but has a minimum number that must be ordered that is hard to obtain. Voler has no minimum (but are \$80 each) and has templates to design jersey. Lots of work to design, solicit orders, payments, coordinate with vendor.

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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 8:00 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

***Henrietta Stern***