

SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2015 at 6:30 PM, Crazy Horse Restaurant, Monterey
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 9/12/2015

Attendees: 7 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 regular meeting is Monday, October 5 at 6:30 pm at Crazy Horse Restaurant (or other location TBA). Key event is accept nominations for board members. Also TAKMBD debrief and prep for a busy October.

Agenda Items:

1. **Opening Remarks/Events Last Month**
2. **Election Time**
3. **FORA/ESCA Update**
4. **County Update/Happy Trails signage**
5. **Trail Work Update**
6. **Treasurer's Report**
7. **TAKMBD**
8. **Bike Park**
9. **Calendar Review**
10. **Other Business**

Item 1: Opening Remarks/Month in Review

Action: Joel noted the big event in August was the Bend, OR trip (15 MORCANS participated). Planning for next year starts now. We also brainstormed on how to make meetings more inviting to members.

Notes: Suggest ask members for feedback on what compels them to go (or not go) to a meeting. Is there too much overlap with director meeting?

Item 2: Elections—call for nominations

Action: Henri to advise membership that nominations are accepted through Oct 3 meeting.

Notes: Bylaws (4.6, 4.7) call for nominations in September through the October meeting. Prepare ballots by October 15 and vote through November meeting. We just vote for board members, who decide President and officers among themselves.

Item 3: FORA/ESCA and Fort Ord Reuse Update

Action: No meetings. We advised re fire burn season via social media.

Notes: To receive alerts re Army fire burns, sign up on www.fortordcleanup.com or contact 831-242-7383. You must register each year. There is a FORA-ESCA noon meeting scheduled for Sept 23 (unless cancelled).

Item 4: County Update/Happy Trails Signage

Action: Nick Madronio has led effort with County staff; we have grant money and are ready to go, but County moves more slowly.

Notes: Nick provided an update and noted likely management of Happy Trails by Regional Parks District, which is another entity to coordinate with. Nick provided signage specs as allowed by County. But the project is still on hold as Parks is

anxious about potential environmental effects of new posts. We need to ID existing wood sign posts, and prioritize sign locations. We'd like credit on Kiosk for MORCA and grant agency. Joel has surveyor friend with detailed mapping tools to mark spots where signs will go. There might be a mapping ride on Sept 19 and/or 20. Nick will attend Jane Parker informal meeting on September 14 at 5:30 pm at Mountain Mikes in Marina to solicit support to implement grant. (She also meets Sept 21 in Salinas). Also Fort Ord Committee is September 28.

Item 5: Volunteer Trail Work Update

Action: August had just a few folks out as most were in Bend. September trail day is Sept 19 and will focus on Trail 31 near Creekside (closing cuts through switchbacks).

Notes: A future idea is top of RedRock.

Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Action: As of August 31, we have roughly \$30,948 as current total balance. \$17,900 grant is in a separate account to track.

Notes: Other income includes \$1,960 from IMBA for second quarter dues and \$500 from Cypress Subaru for TAKMBD. \$17,900 grant is good until end of April 2016. BETA donation of roughly \$2,000 is anticipated in the future.

Item 7: TAKMBD –Saturday October 3, 2015

Action: Kudos to Sue for great organization and many details to coordinate. The most important thing is sign up to volunteer on MORCA website.

Notes: Grocery shoppers needed. Palma and Salinas teams to help. Nice article in Californian. Bring extra easy-ups, large water containers, ice chests. We agreed 20 free parking space passes to first 20 volunteers (who don't already have annual pass). Focus is food for kids (not adult family). George and Karl are key to build day and structure build logistics. Tell folks to register on www.eventbrite.com for Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day (raffle prize). Goal is fewer but better raffles. Bag stuffing party is now Sept 28. Darius to feature TAKMBD on website.

Item 8: Bike Park/Pump Track

Action: Darius previously reported that Marina location near Locke Paddon Park looks promising. Continue to pursue Toro or BLM areas.

Notes: MPRPD owns Locke Paddon and plans to include pump track in area plans. State Law absolves public agency owners of liability if free access to public. 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 9: Calendar Review Items –volunteers needed to plan and implement

Action: October 3 -- TAKMBD
October 18 Sunday afternoon volunteer BBQ, 12-3 PM
October 24—Public Lands Day 9 AM; Night Ride Kickoff 5:45 PM
October 25—Cyclovia Salinas 10-2
November 4—MORCA hosts Twilight Ride (fall theme)
November 7—Friends of Ft. Ord Warhorse Event

Notes: See e-mails, Facebook or website for info. Henri to coordinate 10/18 BBQ at Meadowbrook Tennis Club (close to 8th and Gigling). MORCA will pay for basic meat and beer.

Henri to check with BLM re Oct 24 PLDay. Oct 24 Night ride kickoff entails coordination and permit from BLM. Likely Creekside with no demo bikes. Check with Bobcat re Light & Motion demo lights. Add T38 and T39 to Creekside Night Ride map. Suggested a review of night ride routes to see if some extra legs can be added.

Do we have Spanish speakers who can attend Oct 25 Cyclovia event?

Item 10: Other Business – Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District is becoming increasingly important as an agency that will manage and control trails.

Happy Trails – County likely to retain MPRPD to manage Happy Trails. MORCA meets with them Sept 22. Their tone is much more “governmental control.”

Palo Corona – MPRPD to retain consultant to prepare Management Plan. Their board is anti-bike and looking for excuses not to allow mtn. bikes. IMBA/Jeremy Fancher provided case law that insurance covers bikes on public property at no additional cost. We need to track their meetings more closely. Jeremy and others to attend meeting re insurance issues.

Taxation Vote – MPRPD is soliciting community feedback on bond issue to refund their open space projects. Bikers need to tell MPRPD that mtn. biking needs to be included, especially at Palo Corona, and huge back country area that few hikers or equestrians would have time or fitness to explore. Contact MPRPD at 60 Garden Court, Suite 325, Monterey, CA 93940-5345. Or go to website at: www.MPRPD.org

Previous notes:

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

JERSEYS-- We discussed interest in new jerseys and agreed that if someone wants to take this task on, that's great. Phil may coordinate with Mary L re her vendor, 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.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Henrietta Stern