

**SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM, Golden Tee Restaurant, Monterey Airport**  
**Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 10/6/2015**

**Attendees:** 11 folks present including all directors. 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, November 2 at location to be determined. Key events are election of officers, adopt budget and adopt any changes to Bylaws.

**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:** The big event was TAKMBD (see #7 below). Darius reviewed key points from the IMBA California Summit, which he and Phil attended.

**Notes:** Key topics reviewed by Darius include: (1) document big picture, regional scope, multi-decade trail plan; (2) try new sources of fund raising like hospitals that might fund "healthy Communities" efforts (kids outdoors); (3) encourage more women and minorities; (4) NICA-IMBA trail courtesy and instill trail maintenance ethic among student-athletes; (5) need to constantly remain in contact with key agencies that control lands.

**Item 2: Elections— Close of Nominations**

**Action:** The current directors were the only folks nominated. Henri and Darius to prepare ballots to membership by October 15, which include write-in option. Voting ends at November 2 meeting. Ken Howat to serve as Teller.

**Notes:** Membership just votes for board members, who then decide President and officers among themselves. Likely to be the same as 2015. Also Nov 2 meeting we must adopt a budget and adopt any changes to Bylaws, such as removing requirement for monthly meetings.

**Item 3: FORA/ESCA and Fort Ord Reuse Update**

**Action:** Meeting was September 23 with focus on Army burn protocol. Next meeting will be January 2016.

**Notes:** To receive alerts re Army fire burns, sign up on [www.fortordcleanup.com](http://www.fortordcleanup.com) or contact 831-242-7383. You must register each year.

**Item 4: County Update/Happy Trails Signage**

**Action:** Nick Madronio will contact Nick Nichols of County to express concern that revised FORHA map has closure of several key trails. We will map them on Sunday ride Oct 18, then Nick to meet with Sup. Parker on Oct. 19 and attend Fort Ord Committee on October 26. Signage begins in earnest when ground softens up. We may rent a post-hole digger.

**Notes:** Also, Joel, Henri and Darius attended a meeting with Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District, which will likely be retained by County to manage Happy Trails area. They were interested in our concerns, volunteer opportunities etc.

**Item 5: Volunteer Trail Work Update**

**Action:** September had 8 folks working in Trail 31 (fencing to prevent hiker short-cuts). We have logged 376 hours to date. October 17 Trail Day will be a large effort as part of Public Lands Week, with focus on realignment of Trail 42 entrance (Redrock). BLM staff will participate.

**Notes:** Darius and crew put in extra hours with Ranger Kenny working on alignments and flagging. PLDay means special T-shirts as well as lunch provided (FORT Friends willing to help pay for food). November task may be Outhouse trail and possible lower Ewok realignment.

**Item 6: Treasurer's Report**

**Action:** As of October 5, we have roughly \$33,146 as current total balance. \$17,900 grant is in a separate account to track. Joel and Nick to work on 2016 Budget for adoption at November 2 meeting. We have 184 members.

**Notes:** We received \$2,280 from BETA, plus \$300 from California Custom Sheds, \$333 from Twilight Ride and \$139 for TAKMBD donations!! TAKMBD expenses are rolling in, with more to come. We discussed best ways to use BETA money—perhaps ask BLM of their needs.

**Item 7: TAKMBD –Saturday October 3, 2015**

**Action:** Kudos to Sue for great organization and a very successful event!! 123 kids, 25 adults on course, plus many parents/friends at venue. We will send thank you letters to key volunteers and sponsors. There is a volunteer BBQ October 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 PM. .

**Notes:** Huge Thanks to all volunteers. Big shout out to Salinas High/Palma High, who were essential. Kudos to Fort Ord Cycle Paths group, who volunteered and donated raffle items. George and Karl are key to great skills course. Brian is the king of the Adventure Zone. Nick and crew rocked the BBQ. We discussed what went right (e.g., EventBrite and Road ID number system) and a few tweaks still needed (e.g., portable loud speaker for raffle). Nice photos in Californian. Other groups are now eyeing our skills structures.

**Item 8: Bike Park/Pump Track**

**Action:** Darius continues work on Marina location near Locke Paddon Park – Park District asked for footprint info. If exact location is confirmed, then we will retain professional designer to prepare detailed configuration.

**Notes:** At TAKMBD, we also had the opportunity to chat with head of County Parks, Mark Marisol, re possibilities at Toro for trails, pump track and bike park. He liked the idea of dual slalom year round at Laguna Seca.

**Item 9: Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks**

**Action:** Darius, Henri and Joel met with Parks management about their impending management of Happy Trails area as well as process to open Palo Corona. A relevant factor is bond measure for Park District funding (20% of budget). Taxpaying mountain bikers need to speak up about our right to access to public lands we help pay for.

**Notes:** We had a good meeting with Parks District staff and learned that coordination with State Parks is key re access to Palo Corona via San Jose Creek area. Darius to follow-up with IMBA reps on contact with State Parks Commission and need for interagency coordination.

**Item 10: Night Ride Kickoff October 24, plus seasonal night ride permit**

**Action:** For Oct 24, setup at 5 PM. Bobcat and Light&Motion will attend (demo lights); no demo bikes. We will BBQ and bring loaner lights, if needed. Permit almost ready for season beginning Wed October 14 (pre-payment for the season will be available).

**Notes:** Joel working on final details, insurance certificate, safety plan, tweaking route maps (we wanted to ask about adding trails). We need to spread the word about impending fees for legal night rides every Wednesday on specific routes. We must avoid the salamander breeding areas.

**Item 11: Calendar Review Items –volunteers needed to plan and implement**

**Action:** October 17-- Trail Day (Public Lands Day)  
October 18-- Volunteer BBQ, 12-3 PM  
October 24—Night Ride Kickoff 5:30 PM (set up 5 PM)  
October 25—Cyclovia Salinas 10-2 (yay Brian to represent)  
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. Sue is inviting volunteers to Oct 18 event via Eventbrite; HS will need help re food etc. BBQ at Meadowbrook Tennis Club (close to 8<sup>th</sup> and Gigling). MORCA will pay for basic meat and beer. Brian needs company at Cyclovia. Nov 4 Twilight will feature Turkey Taco treat and Pumpkin Pie Party!

**Item 12: Jersey Order**

**Action:** There is general interest. Brain and Phil both have ideas and there are several vendor possibilities. Darius suggested a committee to come up with a design and go for it. Choose vendor without a minimum.

**Notes:** Primal has artwork for existing design but has a minimum number that must be ordered that is hard to obtain. Voler and others have 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*