

SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MEETING (ANNUAL MEETING)
Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM, Golden Tee Restaurant, Monterey
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 11/3/2015

Attendees: All directors plus five others, including new visitor Wayne Dominguez.
2015 Directors: Joel Trice (P), Phil Craig (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), Sue Benjaram (MAL) and Brian Tomasini (MAL)

Special Notes: The November regular meeting is the annual meeting when we finalize elections of directors, adopt budget, and amend Bylaws. The next director's meeting is Monday, December 7 as we do not plan to have a December regular meeting (Xmas party instead on Saturday Dec. 5)

Agenda Items for November 2, 2015 are:

1. **Opening Remarks/Events Last Month;**
2. **Election OF Directors and Amend Bylaws to Change Meeting Schedule**
3. **FORA/ESCA Update;**
4. **County Update/Happy Trails signage;**
5. **Trail Work Update;**
6. **Treasurer's Report including Adoption of Annual Budget;**
7. **TAKMBD;**
8. **Bike Park;**
9. **Regional Parks**
10. **Twilight Ride Nov 4**
11. **Calendar Review for Remainder of 2015; Christmas Party**
12. **2016 Planning**
13. **Other Business – Jerseys, BLM Trash Cans**

Item 1: Opening Remarks – President Joel Trice briefly summarized October events including Public Lands Day trail event (Oct 17), Volunteer BBQ (Oct 18), Night Ride Kickoff (Oct 24) and Cyclovia Salinas (Oct 25; kudos to Brian Tomasini for staffing by himself).

Item 2: Election of Directors and Change to Bylaws -- Ballots received as of the meeting were tabulated by (teller) Ken Howat. **All directors ran unopposed and were re-elected** for another term. The directors vote among themselves in December for President and other officers. The current slate will likely continue.

On a motion by George Fontes (seconded by John Beardshear, **the group unanimously approved a change in the Bylaws to have at least three regular meetings per year (plus the November annual meeting) instead of monthly regular meetings.** The regular meeting will likely be quarterly and will be social in nature unless a special meeting is needed for SeaOtter or TAKMBD. **The board of directors will continue to meet the first Monday of the month. All members are welcome to directors meetings.**

Item 3: FORA/ESCA and Fort Ord Reuse Update-- No meetings occurred in October. No burning has occurred or is scheduled. The next meeting is November 25 at noon (changed date). See FORA website and e-mails. www.fora.org

Item 4: County Update/Happy Trails Signage – Nick reported that **County RMA asked if we would get our grant extended** as they need to do environmental review; the grant agency seemed open to

this and asked for something in writing; we await feedback from the County. (Grant expires in April 2016 unless extended).

We want the County to change some of the trail closures that are in the most recent FORHA maps. We agreed we need to ID and mark the trails we are concerned about. **Nick will lead trail marking effort on Sunday November 29 at 9 AM at 8th and Gigling** (social ride).

Fort Ord Committee meeting of Oct 26 was cancelled; next meeting is **scheduled for November 23 in Salinas.**

Rogue trail-building in Marks Rach (near Toro) – Phil Craig hiked the area in question and chatted with the trail-builder; pretty funky conditions at the top but lower section has potential. **We discussed the concept of a win-win situation where MORCA would be willing to help build sustainable trails if we were given access to Marks Ranch** for riding. Joel asked Sue to schedule a meeting with Mark Marisol, the County Parks chief.

Item 5: Trail Work Update – We hope for more rain so we can refine the tread and turn at the new entrance to Red Rock; **next trail day is Saturday, November 21 at 9 AM.** Watch for details.

Item 6: Treasurer’s Report and Adoption of Budget – **Nick reviewed account status for end of October 2015** (roughly \$32,600 current total balance, including \$17,900 in trail signage grant savings account). Income included night ride fees and previous PayPal income (\$1,122). Expenses included October Trail Day, continued TAKMBD invoices, IMBA regional conference, and BLM night riding fees (\$1,390).

Nick also reviewed the proposed budget for 2016, with expected income of \$15,000 from various sources, including more corporate grants and contributions. Total expenses were proposed at \$13,865. After discussion, this was amended to add \$100 for FORT Friends membership, \$200 for trail map printing, \$2000 for website review and upgrade (if deemed necessary). On a motion by Henrietta stern (seconded by Phil Craig), **the budget (as amended) was adopted unanimously.**

Item 7: TAKMBD – Sue reported on follow-up tasks that focused on thanking supporters and volunteers. She wrote letters to Principals of Salinas and Palma High School, and **we will be donating \$400 to Salinas High and \$200 to Palma High mountain bike teams** as a thank you for their volunteer work. We discussed the concept of donating money to the teams based on student volunteer hours next year, similar to how SeaOtter donates to MORCA for volunteering. **We presented a thank you letter to Sue Benjaram and partner Dave Braden** for all their work to make TAKMBD a successful event.

Item 8: Bike Park/Pump Track -- No report.

Item 9: Regional Parks District – Henri briefly reminded the group about Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District their increasing role at Happy Trails, their plans for Palo Corona and the need for us to contact State Parks re use of their land for access. Darius has been coordinating with IMBA for assistance on the State Parks issue.

Item 10: MORCA hosts Twilight Ride at Laguna Seca, November 4 at 5-7 PM– Sue to shop for turkey taco makings, and pumpkin pies. Joel to be the Grill master. Henri to be master of ceremonies for coasting and slow races. Sue and Joel have posted reminders.

Item 11: Calendar Review – Future items in November-December not discussed above include:

- **November 7—Friends of Ft. Ord Warhorse Event and MORCA Beginner Ride**—Henri will help with their Tour de Fort Ord bike ride at 8 AM at Marina Equestrian Center. Sue and Brian to lead MORCA Beginner Ride at 9 AM at 8th and Gigling.
- **November 27—Darius “Burn the Turkey” ride at Henry Coe State Park** (advanced ride) – stay tuned for details.
- **December 5, beginning in afternoon: MORCA Christmas/Holiday party and gift exchange.** Thanks to Ken Chrisman and family for hosting once again. Stay tuned for details.
- **December 16—Wednesday Night Ride—Christmas Ride!!** Dress up bike and body with lights etc and light up our Christmas Bush at Kyles Bench. We await announcement of Critical Christmas ride in Cannery Row as well.

Item 12: 2016 Planning – Joel plans to map out key events for the year and discuss the potential of a high school team fund.

Item 13A: Other Business/MORCA Jerseys—(from last time) Phil will provide Darius the Voler info to consider. Note that Mary Lawson made a nice kit in Bend and she can share details too.

Item 13-B: **We discussed suggestion to use some BETA money donated to MORCA for more trash cans to help reduce dog poop** and plastic poop bags on trails. Due to leash laws, more dogs poop on trails rather than in bushes off-leash. The cans are \$185 each. We would want our logo on them if donated. Phil and Joel to meet with Eric Morgan re options. Note that Brian has done some research on various alternative cans.

The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

The next Board meeting is Monday December 7 at 6 PM (location TBA)

The next Regular Meeting will not be until 2016.

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