

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, April 1, 2019; opened at 6:05 PM;
Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey**

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Your Officers/Directors are: Mike McGirr (Prez), Brian Tomasini (VP), Henrietta Stern (Secty), Nick Madronio (Treas); and Matthew Lamont, Darrin Noel and Jim “Mort” Morton (Members-at-Large)

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

4/1/2019 Agenda Items: All directors present except Nick and Brian; plus Molly, Phil, and Tony

- 1. Hopy Trails Grant Application—** Mike submitted at \$500 grant request for a string trimmer to GU (open until May 15). Check them out at SeaOtter and potentially get some raffle items.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report—**Nick provided info to Mike to review. We have \$22,779 in combined assets, with \$1,169 in the Trail Fund. In the past month, we received a \$5 donation and had expenses totaling \$1,289, primarily \$1,044 for insurance plus trail day food and booth supplies.
- 3. Membership Update—**President Mike has sent out newsletters to all members encouraging them to sign up again and visit us and/or volunteer at SeaOtter. We have 131 active members, and 380 of the 622 delivered newsletters were opened. Mollie volunteered to help write the content as she is an English teacher!
- 4. IMBA/CAMTB.org News--** Last month signed a contract with IMBA to be part of the CAMTB regional entity. Website will be www.CAMTB.org as of April 25. A new app called SLACK will be used for interclub communication. This regional organization has no staff yet nor clear funding. We agreed that \$3 per member to go to CAMTB seems fair given that the IMBA cut of membership fees is \$12 per person. Mike will attend via webinar the April 24 CAMTB meeting.
- 5. Sponsorship Possibilities:** Mort and Darrin are working on a tiered sponsorship approach similar to MBOSC; the key concept is describing what company will get for their sponsorship in terms of recognition metrics and good will. After SOC, Mike will contact MBOSC regarding a template.
- 6. Sea Otter Classic (4/11-14/2017); Booth G37—** (A) Mike described four 16”x20” posters that will describe our key activities. We will buy extra stickers (free little ones and bigger if donation received). We will use Square on i-pads (preferred) or phones, plus bring extra batteries. We will have a cash donation bucket. (B) Raffle items include One-Up USA bike rack plus Specialized full kit, plus GU Energy Labs items for TAKMBD donations. The Specialized bike for trail workers only will be determined by Darius, Matt and Darrin re issuance of raffle tickets for hours worked. We agreed that if a Board member wins the raffle, it will be forfeited and another name called {Matt motion, Mort second, unanimous approval}. We will do raffle Saturday afternoon at the Specialized booth to maximize exposure. (C) We still need volunteers for the MORCA booth and Dual slalom course marshals. (D) we also have a campsite and will likely do a Wednesday evening ride from the Campground area.
- 7. First Saturday Session Ride/Revised Format—**The first event and picnic will be Saturday June 1. May 4 is Old Cabin Classic so Beginner Ride will be moved to Saturday May 11. Matthew taking the lead assisted by Henri.
- 8. Trail Day Report-** Darius was out of town. We worked on T50 last time. Mike reported we are on track to exceed 1000 hours again in 2019. **Next trail day is April 20** likely to finish T50 and do some more work on T49 or assess SeaOtter impacts. Sign up to work at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>. We noted the new T70 and T65 are open. Also T15 has fun new squiggles. T61 and 62 should be open relatively soon. **Also April 20 is Earth Day and the 7th Anniversary of the Ft Ord National Monument.** There may be some ribbon-cutting or other official actions by BLM. It was suggested to highlight this fact to local papers, KAZU etc. In order

to do work on T70 and T65, one has to take on the online UXO training because this area has not yet been released to BLM from the Army. **Need to re-post UXO training link.**

9. **Toro Park/County Update**— Mike reported on the Toro Park trail committee, which recently walked Gilson Gap and Ollason Road. Our goal is having Gilson open to all users. Mike is researching history of how decisions re trail access were made (unilateral, non-public). Matthew described the Lehigh Trails in Tehachapi as a good model (stacked loop, cattle on property).
10. **August 13, 2019 Twilight Ride Hosting**-- This is a Tuesday during the Motorsports Reunion which could relate to a vintage bike theme. We will also BBQ for Custom Sheds **Sept 11 event (Wed)**.
11. **FORA Eastside Parkway News (aka "Northeast-Southwest Arterial Connector" project)**-- No news at present. Mike is communicating with Land Watch re environmental review. **See info at: connector@fora.org** .
12. **Marina Pump Track**—Darius was out of town. No news.
13. **E-bike Update**— Bike shops need education on where e-bikes are legal and not allowed. There will be a meeting at SeaOtter, geared toward land managers, sponsored by e-bike companies, which Nick will attend representing MORCA. Eric Morgan of BLM has confirmed attendance.
14. **Other Business (several parts)** —(A) Mike sending out e-mail blast re SeaOtter—visit us, volunteer etc. (B) Mike noted Club Ride has a \$2,500 grant due April 30. Darius and Matt to create a project list. (C) Mike will focus on TAKMBD after SOC with key question of who will lead committee. Mike will check status of application. (D) Fund raising for TAKMBD and trail fund will be at SeaOtter. (E) Mike would like to do a Survey Monkey re club interests in a major fund-raising event such as a 4 or 8-hr race, or gravel grinder, etc.
15. **Calendar Review 2019** –
April 11-14—Sea Otter Classic
April 20—Trail Day and Earth Day
May 4—Army walking tour/bus tour
May 4—MBOSC Old Cabin Classic
July 13—Army Tour

Also on the radar—

1. **Army munitions efforts** —see www.fortordcleanup.com
2. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— www.palocorona.org. Darius received a reply from Regional Parks re his letter asking about mountain bike access to the Palo Corona back-country. Access is included in the proposed General Plan, which is undergoing CEQA review.

We adjourned at 8:00 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 4/6/2019