

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, June 3, 2019; opened at 6:06 PM;  
Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey  
For more info, visit the MORCA website: [www.morcamtb.org](http://www.morcamtb.org)**

**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, **July 8, 2019 at 6 PM**, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

**Secretary Note:** There was not a quorum for the May 6, 2019 meeting so there are no minutes.

**6/3/2019 Agenda Items:** All directors present except Matt; plus Darius, Ken H and Tony

1. **Reports to State of California—Mike** submitted paperwork to the state regarding our 2017 raffle. He also submitted the SR100 form “Statement of Information”. [Note: There is paperwork from the state just arrived in the mail].
2. **Treasurer’s Report—Nick** reviewed activity last month. We have \$27,609 in combined assets, with \$985 in the Trail Fund. Income included \$1,140 quarterly IMBA dues, \$1,500 from SeaOtter for our dual slalom volunteering (THANK YOU volunteers!) and \$330 from Zoic “Drop Your Shorts for MORCA” event for a total of \$2,970. Expenses totaled \$284 including PO Box, Trail Day food and office supplies. We netted about \$3,700 from Sea Otter this year due to generous contributions from Hydroflask, Zoic and others. **Henri** to write thank you letters. **Mike** to follow up on MBOSC coffee “tip jar” at SeaOtter, which was earmarked for MORCA.
3. **Membership Update—** We have 130 paying IMBA/MORCA members. President Mike sent reminder emails to 45 lapsed members. We will be twitching to MailChimp newsletters, similar to MBOSC. Henri suggested enabling folks to sign up for newsletter via the MORCA website, similar to FORT Friends. Mike suggested a Survey Monkey re club interests.
4. **Old Cabin Classic Review—**Darius and Brian took the lead on helping MBOSC and things went pretty well; having MBOSC transport structures made a big difference. We had a formal agreement and insurance was in order. Having a designated MBOSC crew to help break down the structures was suggested for next year.
5. **IMBA/CAMTB.org News--** We previously signed a contract with IMBA to be part of the CAMTB regional entity. Website will be [www.CAMTB.org](http://www.CAMTB.org). An app called SLACK is being used for interclub communication. Mike participated in a CAMTB meeting webinar on April 24. There has been no reportable action since then.
6. **Trail Day Report-** We have 419 hours to date. The trail crew will meet on June 4 to discuss action in the next quarter. We did a lot of grass trimming on T59 and 69 last month. The board unanimously approved Darius to purchase vegetation trimming equipment up to \$500 (rather than rent). **Next trail day is June 8** likely to finish T69 and trim other trails in need. Lots of grass, poison oak and thistles! Sign up to work at: <http://morcamtb.org/trails/trail-work/>. In related action, BLM indicated an interest in supporting MORCA trail work efforts with funds or storage space. Mike suggested a bridge over Couch Canyon creekbed. Also, we received a \$250 grant from GU to help buy trail equipment. **Looking Ahead -- Latino Conservation Week (mid-July), MORCA trail day is July 20 from Creekside.** Henri indicated FORT Friends could pay for food etc for trail workers. **Henri and Darius** to work with event organizers and other groups.
7. **Toro Park/County Update—** Mike and Darius noted slow but positive progress on the Toro Park trail committee, but a somewhat negative attitude by some members of the Park Commission. Mike has posed questions re written law and policy, and Darius has noted that trail work by

mountain bikers (e.g. Keith Defiebre race events) has benefitted all users. Next **Park Commission meeting is Thursday June 6 at 3:30.**

8. **Palo Corona Regional Park Update--** The comment period for the environmental document for the Palo Corona General Plan has been extended to **June 28**. **Henri** will draft up comments for Board review. Mountain biking will be allowed in the back country, but will be limited to 50 bikes per day and a permit will be needed for each ride. We think this is discriminatory given that the document stated that MTB is expected to be a small proportion of overall use. More info at: [www.palocorona.org](http://www.palocorona.org).
9. **August 13, 2019 Twilight Ride Hosting--** This is a Tuesday during the Motorsports Reunion which relates to a vintage bike theme; perhaps a vintage bike show. **Henri** to mock up text ideas but can't attend. **Gary** to BBQ on Aug 13 and also Custom Sheds **Sept 11 event (Wed)**.
10. **First Saturday Session Ride/Revised Format—**We have yet to go beyond this being a Beginner Ride. **Matthew** is taking the lead assisted by **Henri**. **Darius** committed to leading an A/B ride.
11. **FORA Eastside Parkway News (aka "Northeast-Southwest Arterial Connector" project)--** No new info at present. The EIR is expected this summer or early Fall. **See info at:** [connector@fora.org](mailto:connector@fora.org). Related items include: extension of FORA until 2022; and Veterans Cemetery Phase 2 EIR is nearing completion. We will see more construction and loss of trails as the cemetery expands. Also a recent Keep Fort Ord Wild lawsuit that was not successful was not about the parkway; it related to Gigling and South Boundary Roads.
12. **Marina Pump Track—**No new info; City previously approved pump track as part of future park.
13. **E-bike Update—****Nick** attended a meeting at SeaOtter, geared toward land managers and industry, sponsored by e-bike companies. No specific action resulted. Though they are prohibited on the National Monument, e-bikers are out on the trails.
14. **TAKMBD (Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day) is October 5, 2019—****Mike** has handled permitting and County logistics to date but he needs help. **We need committees/volunteers** to work on food, registration, outreach, donations etc. This will be a high priority from now on. **Mike** noted last year's cost was \$3,150 or about 10% of our budget. He has asked us **all to contact one or two business/philanthropy folks for a \$100-\$200 donation**. We also need donated raffle items (e.g. kid's bike). **Mike** has contacted Pacific Valley Bank and Cypress Auto Group. Previously **Mort** and **Darrin** were to work on tiered sponsorship approach, similar to MBOSC (see April).
15. **Other Business (several parts) —**(A) **Mike** has been communicating with BLM re future projects; (B) **Ken H** volunteered to get quotes for a new EZ-Up, flags with new MORCA logo; (C) **Darius** to assess how many T-shirts we have or need for new order with new logo; (D) **Darren** will review custom jersey info provided at SeaOtter; (E) **Mike** suggested an end-of-year volunteer recognition party (perhaps November); (F) Mailchimp for newsletters (see item 3); (G) We briefly noted possible major fund-raising event (e.g., multi-hour race, poker ride, Scavenger, hash harrier)
16. **Calendar Review Upcoming in 2019 –**
  - July 13—Army Tours see [www.fortordcleanup.com](http://www.fortordcleanup.com)
  - July 13-21—Latino Conservation Week
  - August 13—Tuesday—MORCA sponsored twilight ride at Laguna Seca
  - Sept 11—Cal Custom Sheds twilight ride at Laguna Seca (MORCA helps out)
  - Oct 5—TAKMBD
  - Unscheduled—Public Lands Day (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October)
  - Unscheduled—Night Ride Kickoff (usually standard time change in early November)

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