

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, August 5, 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, **September 9, 2019 at 6 PM**, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

Secretary Notes: Nick, Mort and Matt were absent; Henri and Darius to be absent for 9/9 meeting. A quorum was present; other members included Darius, Ken H., Mollie and Tony.

8/8/2019 Agenda Items: President Mike McGirr chaired the meeting.

- 1. Membership Update and Outreach--** We reviewed paid members (138) plus hundreds of followers on Instagram, Facebook, Strava, Meetup etc. Mollie suggested a Meetup email and website icons to easily connect to social media platforms. Mike hopes to tap into these resources to encourage paid membership, volunteer participation etc.
- 2. 2019-2020 Night Ride Planning—Brian** made initial e-mail contact with Eric Morgan and noted desire to add or amend allowed trails. Darius will help Brian submit formal form and suggested trails 70 and 65.
- 3. TAKMBD (Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day) is October 5, 2019—**Mike continues coordination with County and will make a strong push to waive fees as County provides no services at all. Mike reviewed his “to do” worksheet and several folks have volunteered to lead certain tasks. Darius/Brian to lead set-up; Kim Beardshear and George Garibay to lead food (Henri to help with shopping/prep); Dave H and Mollie to coordinate with high school teams. Nick and Diana Madronio to do registration (Mike meeting with Sue re Eventbrite training). Other board members roving to help as needed. See July 2019 minutes for a detailed overview of tasks. Mike noted bicycle will come via Bobcat Bikes and Specialized will provide helmets.
Close out Tasks—Henri can write thank you letters etc. **Nick** to handle financial records.
- 4. Treasurer’s Report—**Nick provided info thru 7/29 via email and Mike reviewed. We have \$28,688 in combined assets, with \$355 in the Trail Fund. Hopefully this will be replenished by Custom Sheds in August. Income included \$250 trail fund donation from GU products. Expenses totaled \$65 for supplies. **Henri** to write thank you letters. **Mike** to follow up on MBOSC coffee “tip jar” at SeaOtter, earmarked for MORCA. **NEW—**we received a \$50 donation from Yvonne Asher and a check for \$1,500 from Epicenter Bikes/MBOSC movie fundraiser. **THANK YOU!**
- 5. Trail Day Report-** We have roughly 500 hours to date with a goal to exceed 1,100 hours this year. **New expanded trail volunteer options!! Second Saturday will be Fort Ord (primarily Creekside area) and 4th Saturday will be Toro Park.** Also some Tuesday evenings. Check Facebook and website for details. Sign up to work at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>. We also purchased two vegetation trimmers. Darius asked about insurance constraints if larger equipment is desired, or perhaps best to contract heavier machinery out.
- 6. Toro Park/County Update—** There is slow progress on the Toro Park trail committee. Darius recommends a detailed evaluation of all trails, with emphasis on current and future uses, and what changes may be needed to maximize sustainability.
- 7. August 13 and September 11, 2019 Twilight Rides --** MORCA hosts Tuesday 8/13 during the Motorsports Reunion. Bring out those vintage bikes. We will ride the track and the dirt. Gary Courtright, owner of Carmel Kitchens and Baths will BBQ on Aug 13 and donate the food! **THANK YOU!** Gary does an encore performance for host California Custom Sheds on Sept 11.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW/PROJECTS

FORA/ Eastside Parkway)-- No new info at present. The EIR is expected this summer or early Fall. **See info at:** connector@fora.org. Related items include: extension of FORA until 2022; and Veterans Cemetery Phase 2 EIR is nearing completion.

FORTAG trail greenway—We wrote a letter of support to TAMC, the lead agency.

Palo Corona Regional Park/MPRPD—We submitted a detailed comment letter that pointed out unfair bias against mountain bikes and advocated for full use of the back country area.

9. Other Business (several parts) —

(A) Mike received \$1,500 check from MBOSC fundraiser at Rio Theater, due primarily to hard work of Brian Tomasini THANK YOU!

(B) LOGO ITEMS— The board unanimously voted to authorize purchase (up to \$1,000) of orange trail volunteer shirts (roughly \$16 each) with Darius to determine quantity needed (Henri motion, Brian second). The board unanimously voted to authorize purchase (up to \$2,500) of new MORCA canopy, back curtain, wind feathers, table cloths etc. (Henri motion, Darrin second). Ken and Mike to work on this. The Board chose not to pursue coin purses due to change in price and options by vendor. We approved the concept of MORCA bells and stickers, and will finalize price/cost/quantity via email. Mollie is leading club t-shirt and other apparel via on-line shopper. Darren previously volunteered to review custom jersey info provided at SeaOtter.

(C) TRAILHEAD WORK STATIONS—Brian to ask BLM if they would be willing.

(D) MEMBER PARTY-- The board previously agreed that January is better than a holiday party. Cassidy and Darius are exploring a thank you party for trail volunteers with certain total hours.

(E) DISCOUNTS—Tony Zepeda of Cyclepath Outfitters plans to offer significant discounts to MORCA members, including bike parts etc as his store becomes established. THANK YOU!!

10. Calendar Review Upcoming in 2019 –

August 13—Tuesday—MORCA sponsored twilight ride at Laguna Seca

Sept 11—Cal Custom Sheds twilight ride at Laguna Seca (MORCA helps out)

October 5—TAKMBD

October 6—Cyclovia Salinas

October 26—Public Lands Day at Fort Ord—MORCA to do Ride and Trim

Unscheduled—Night Ride Kickoff (usually standard time change in early November)

April 16-19, 2020-- Sea Otter Classic (we were unable to get a camp site)

We adjourned at 7:52 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 8/10/2019