

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, November 4, 2019

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 + Budget Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey. This is open to all members as the budget for 2020 will be finalized.

Secretary Notes: A quorum was present (Mike, Brian, Nick, Henri). Mort, Darrin, and Matt were absent. Other members attending were: Darius Rike, Molly Bauer, Terry Bauer, Phil Craig and Tony Zepeda.

11/4/2019 Agenda Items: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

- 1. Opening Remarks--** We acknowledged the recent passing of Bob “Bobcat Bikes” Bradfield in a solo bike accident in Santa Cruz and discussed ideas to honor him for 30+ years of service to our community. The Board unanimously voted to purchase a memorial picnic table at the Fort Ord “Lightfighter LZ” grounds at the base of Redrock T42 (\$549). (Henri motion, Brian second). (Note: BLM no longer allows memorial benches). Update: Henri has contacted Bobcat bike shop and BLM re logistics. Bob’s wife very much appreciates the idea.
- 2. Ballot for 2020 Board of Directors—** On October 14, Mike emailed 133 ballots to IMBA/MORCA members; 98 were delivered and 83 messages were opened. Darius received 10 ballots (6 email and 4 at the 11/4 meeting). All ballots said “yes” to the slate of 7 nominees. **Your 2020 directors are: Mike McGirr, Brian Tomasini, Henrietta Stern, Nick Madronio, Jim “Mort” Morton and (NEW) Jen Acorn and Rodrigo Sierra.** Thanks to all for stepping up to serve and thanks to Darrin and Matthew for their contributions in 2019. MORCA Bylaws call for the directors to choose officers in January.
- 3. President’s Report--** (A) Mike indicated we have **139 paying members** as of 11/1; he will contact 15 folks identified with lapsed memberships. (B) Bright orange long-sleeved **Trailworker T-shirts** with big MORCA logo were delivered. These will be passed out to those who have worked 2 trail days. (C) We began discussing **SeaOtter tasks** and roles. Mollie and Bill are in charge of the booth. Kackie and Ken may co-manage the dual slalom. Mike suggested each director take on a specific task as lead. We have a campsite for an RV (no tents) behind grandstands (L1170). The board voted unanimously to reimburse Mike for \$320 fee (Henri motion, Brian second). We also will have canopy space in the paddock area for dual slalom volunteers to rest.
- 4. Treasurer’s Report—**Nick provided the **monthly report**. Our combined balance is \$29,059, which includes \$1,991 for Trail Fund and \$150 in the newly created Pump Track Fund. We received \$2,180 in donations since early September! Key expenses were trail crew supplies (including t-shirts) and food, plus night ride fees (\$1,063 total). Nick also presented the draft **2020 Budget** for board consideration with anticipated revue and expenditures balanced at nearly \$17,200. Mike noted there are new line items for charitable giving (\$700) and also potential membership in the regional California Mountain Bike Association that is forming (\$500). We will hold off on budgeting for a pump track until there is a formal MOU with City of Marina (Darius meets with city next week). The board unanimously approved the draft budget (Henri motion, Brian second). Our Bylaws call for the budget to be formally adopted by the board and any member who wishes to vote at the December 2 meeting.

5. **BLM Safe PASSAGES Trail Initiative**-- Mike (MORCA) and Henri (rep. FORT Friends), REI and others have been invited by BLM to a kickoff meeting where BLM will be encouraging exemplary trail etiquette among users, especially with the advent of legal e-bikes and the potential for more riders who may not know safe practices. Components of the program may include enforcement (rangers on e-bikes), education/outreach, and rewards for good behavior. MORCA previously suggested that money would be best spent on more outreach to educate and encourage safe practices. Darius suggested in-person presentation by BLM staff to high school teams as they tend to ride in large, fast groups. Phil suggested more triangle yield signs in more places, especially on popular trails. Brian has an idea for "Busy Ahead, Go Slow" signage for popular trails near trailheads like T31.
6. **Night Ride Report**-- Henri reported on the Night Ride kickoff/Halloween Ride on October 30, which featured Light&Motion loaner lights. L&M has provided 20% discount tickets for all MORCAns! This is good through November for sure and possibly through mid-December. L&M is interested in attending our **Holiday Night Ride on December 11 at 8th&Gigling**. Start planning your bike and kit decorations!
7. **Trail Work Report**- Darius said our YTD total is now 827 hours with a goal to exceed 1,100 hours this year. On October 12, MORCA brushed out Red Tail in Toro Park and led the Bike&Trim Ride on October 26 for Public Lands Day at Fort Ord. November 9 at 9 AM will be at Creekside (T49) and November 23 will be Toro Park. Check Facebook and website for details. Sign up to work at: <http://morcamtb.org/trails/trail-work/>. Earth work must await decent rains. We may do some sand shoveling in appropriate places.
8. **Toro Park/County Update**— No real changes from previous reports. County staff has noticed our trail work and appreciates that we have followed through with our commitments made at the Trail Group Committee.
9. **Eastside Parkway/FORTAG/Other Projects** -- There is uncertainty re **Eastside Parkway** due to FORA termination in June 2020. **See info at:** connector@fora.org. **FORTAG** is moving forward with environmental review and funding. Veterans Cemetery Phase 2 is moving forward. No new info on Palo Corona. **NEW**—The US Fish&Wildlife Service is the lead agency on the Incidental Take Permit for endangered and threatened species harmed by Fort Ord development and the associated **Habitat Conservation Plan** that is now out for public review. Henri to take lead on review and comment by the December 16 deadline, including inquiries to other groups on how to handle the very large document. Mike has downloaded on the board's google drive.
10. **Other Business (several parts)** —
 - (A) **Giving Tuesday**—Mike will send out e-mail blast re the Tuesday after Thanksgiving focused on donations to favorite non-profit group or charity.
 - (B) Mike and Darius continue work on **Mailchimp e-mail service** to replace the IMBA email.
 - (C) **Member Party/Social Ride**-- The board previously agreed that January is better than a holiday party to recognize volunteers and other fun aspects. We discussed venues that might be good. We again brainstormed having First Saturday morning be a broader social ride + BBQ/tailgate, which will include a Beginner Ride option. This will get firmed up by new board in January.
 - (D) **Tony Zepeda of Cyclepath Outfitters** submitted a letter offering 50% discounts on many bike products for board members and 20% for any MORCA member beginning in 2020. Thank You!!
11. **Calendar Review Upcoming in 2019/2020** –
 - December 11, 2019 at 6PM—Holiday Night Ride (possible Light&Motion)
 - January 2020 TBD— MORCA membership event
 - January 2020 TBD—MORCA board planning retreat
 - April 16-19, 2020-- Sea Otter Classic

We adjourned at 7:51 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 11/5/2019

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