

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, December 2, 2019
Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey

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Your 2019 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, January 6, 2019 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

Secretary Notes: A quorum was present (Mike, Brian, Mort, Henri). Nick, Darrin, and Matt were absent. Other members attending were: Darius Rike, Molly Bauer, Phil Craig and Ken Howat. New 2020 directors Jen Acorn and Rodrigo Sierra also attended.

12/2/2019 Agenda Items: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:06 PM.

1. **Opening Remarks--** Mike thanked outgoing directors Matthew Lamont and Darrin Noel for their service to the club. He welcomed new directors Jen Acorn and Rodrigo Sierra Corona, who begin as board members in January 2020. He thanked continuing directors Henrietta Stern, Nick Madronio and Brian Tomasini (and Mike McGirr too). At the January 6 meeting, the directors will pick officers for the year.
2. **President’s Report--** (A) Mike indicated we have **139 active members** as of 12/1. (B) December 7 is our reformatted “First Saturday” ride with several riding groups. (C) We have an opportunity to apply for PayDirt Fund grant; Darius and trail crew will discuss on December 10 and determine if we can meet the Dec 31 deadline (if not, go for Mar 31). (D) We agreed that we cannot take on a separate information booth for **SeaOtter Classic** given our other roles and tasks. Mollie reported on booth planning. Ken is working up SOC’s online volunteer form. Jeff Lindenthal from SOC will attend out meeting in January.
3. **Secretary Report—**Henrietta reported that the memorial bench for Bob Bradfield should be installed soon and will work with Bobcat Bikes about a memorial ride. The board voted unanimously (Henri motion, Brian second) to co-sponsor the January 19 Girls Rock ride at Creekside with up to \$150 for snacks, coffee etc. Darius said he would bring the MORCA canopy and table (thanks!!) Mollie and Jen to help.
4. **Treasurer’s Report—**Mike reviewed Nick’s e-mailed **monthly report**. Our combined balance is \$28,487, which includes \$1,906 for Trail Fund and \$150 for Pump Track Fund. Income was \$104 in donations and \$536 in night ride fees to total \$640. Key expenses were memorial bench, SeaOtter campsite fees, night ride fees and trail day food (\$1,300 total). The draft **2020 Budget** was accepted at the November meeting and no changes were made on December 2, 2019.
5. **BLM Safe PASSAGES Trail Initiative--** Mike (MORCA) and Henri (rep. FORT Friends), and REI met with BLM staff on November 20 for a kickoff meeting on the Safe PASSAGES program to encourage good trail etiquette especially when passing. We shared suggestions from the MORCA November 4 board meeting. Henri brought BLM’s latest version of an explanatory poster, postcard raffle entry (given when good behavior is observed) and text for a joint news release among MORCA, FORTF and REI. This will entail creation of links on our respective websites and coordinating the release to media (perhaps delay until after holidays?). We can also share information among other MTB groups, bike shops, outfitters etc. Darius previously suggested in-person presentation by BLM staff to high school teams and BLM is interested in doing this. Brian suggested handing out the one-day passes from Public Lands Day (note: we later learned this is not possible).

6. **Night Ride Report**-- Henri noted the weather looks promising for our **Holiday Night Ride on December 11 at 8th&Gigling**. She is contacting Light&Motion to confirm attendance with loaner lights and hopefully another discount coupon.
7. **Trail Work Report**- Darius said our YTD total is now 895 hours with a goal to exceed 1,100 hours in 2019. In November, trail workers completed a nice job on Red Tail in Toro Park and T49 in Fort Ord. December 14 will be a big trail day with Salinas High Cowboys reclaiming T48 near Couch Canyon. There also has been some afternoon work on T65 for those certified in UXO. December 10 is trail crew meeting for future planning. Check Facebook and website for details. Sign up to work at: <http://morcamtb.org/trails/trail-work/>. Now that we have had some rain, it's time to move some dirt!
8. **Toro Park/County Update**— No action by the County trail committee; the only action has been MORCA doing trail work!
9. **Other Business (several parts)** —
 - (A) Mike and Darius continue work on **Mailchimp e-mail service** to replace the IMBA email.
 - (B) **Member Party** -- The board previously agreed that January is better than a holiday party to recognize volunteers and other fun aspects. New board to plan details.
10. Public Comment on **Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)**—Henri attended two meetings on November 20 that describe the HCP as well as the environmental review of the HCP; Mike has been communicating with land watch. Comments due **December 16**.
11. **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 with comments due on **January 3**. Public meetings with various cities are scheduled in upcoming weeks. No new info on Palo Corona.
12. **Calendar Review; Upcoming in 2019/2020** –
 - December 3 at 6 PM—Mike will be on conference call with CAMTB
 - December 11, 2019 at 6PM—Holiday Night Ride (with Light&Motion)
 - January 6—Board meeting with Jeff Lindenthal from SeaOtter
 - January 2020 TBD— MORCA membership event
 - January 2020 TBD—MORCA board planning retreat
 - April 16-19, 2020-- Sea Otter Classic

We adjourned at 7:44 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 12/8/2019