

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, January 6, 2020
Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey

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NEW! Your 2020 Officers/Directors are: Mike McGirr (Prez), Brian Tomasini (VP), Henrietta Stern (Secty), Nick Madronio (Treas); and Jim “Mort” Morton, Jen Acorn and Rodrigo Sierra (Members-at-Large)

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

Secretary Notes: All directors were present (see list above). Other members attending were: Darius Rike and Phil Craig.

1/6/2020 Agenda Items: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:03 PM.

1. **Selection of Officers**—The board unanimously re-elected the current slate of officers as listed above (Henri motion, Mort second).
2. **2020 Budget Review and Discussion**- Mike reviewed the key components of the budget as it reflects our priorities and assumptions for the year. Jen made a suggestion about having a line item reserved for matching funds for grant applications as this greatly improves success in obtaining grants. We need to decide on a specific amount that makes sense. She also will provide information about the CSUMB service learning program that could potentially be a source of student resources.
3. **Board Retreat**—The board decided that a separate retreat is not needed, and that future meetings could set aside extra time for pertinent topics. February will focus on trails, TAKMBD plans and SeaOtter tasks.
4. **Presidents Report**-- (A) Mike indicated we have **139 active members** as of 1/6. (B) The Jan 4 “First Saturday” ride was a success with 19 riders, including new faces from Santa Cruz. (C) We applied for a \$6,171 PayDirt Fund grant (\$611 for hand tools and \$5,560 for power wheelbarrow and compactor plus trailer). (D) We will visit the CAMTB organization booth at SeaOtter; no specific info yet on this regional version of IMBA.
5. **Secretary Report**—(A) Henrietta requested some help for the January 19 Girls Rock ride at Creekside. Darius will bring the MORCA canopy and table. Mike to welcome the group and have the Square card available for donations. (B) Henri and Brian have also collected waivers for year 2020 at MORCA rides these past few weeks.
6. **Treasurer’s Report**—Nick provided spreadsheet with info to date. Our combined balance is \$28,585, which includes \$1,390 for Trail Fund and \$150 for Pump Track Fund. We received \$950 in donations! The board voted unanimously to transfer a \$500 general fund donation into the Trail Fund (Nick motion, Brian second) so Trail Fund now has \$1,890 in it. Expenses totaled \$775, primarily for trail day food and related expenses, plus night ride fees. We expect a check from IMBA for \$1,097 for dues.
7. **Sea Otter Registration**-- Jeff Lindenthal from SOC was scheduled to attend but did not appear. Ken Howat is coordinating with him re smooth on-line volunteer experience.
8. **Trail Work Report**-- Darius was pleased to announce we **exceeded our goal of 1,100 trail worker hours in 2019**—the actual total was **1,188 hours!!** Congratulations trail workers!! So a new goal of 1,200 hours has been set for year 2020. Go MORCA! December trail days included a large contingent of high school MTB student athletes at Fort Ord (T48) and Red Tail trail at Toro. Darius noted the County appreciates our good work at Toro. Jan 11 trail day is T34 (beehive trail) out of Creekside. Check Facebook and website for details. Sign up to work at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>.

9. **BLM Safe PASSAGES Trail Initiative--** Darius has posted BLM materials on the MORCA website under “News” – Henri and Mike to work on Facebook posts and news release. BLM has prepared an explanatory poster, postcard raffle entry (given when good behavior is observed) and sample text for a joint news release among MORCA, FORTF and REI. We can also share information among other MTB groups, bike shops, outfitters etc. Ranger Tammy is meeting with high school teams and will attend the Jan 19 Girls Rock event.
10. **Toro Park/County Update—** No action by the County trail committee; the only action has been MORCA doing trail work, but this has reaped good rapport with County operations manager. County asked for MORCA input on Cal Fire crew activities at Toro.
11. **Night Ride Report--** We have had several rides, weather permitting, and new waivers for 2020 are being collected. We discussed whether MORCA should pay the BLM fee for participants, but decided to leave it as is.
12. **Sea Otter Classic—**We briefly discussed the two key components: Booth (Molly lead) and Dual Slalom (Ken lead). Both seem to be under control and moving forward. Brian discussed PR ideas for One-Up bike rack and Ryan Leech riding course. (Note: Henri later contacted Krista Gray Coaching, who is also willing to donate a private coaching session).
13. **Other Business (several parts) —**
 - (A) Henri submitted 12/16/2019 MORCA comments on **Habitat Conservation Plan and EIS/EIR.**
 - (B) **Take-a-Kid Mtn Biking Day** concepts will be discussed in February, including the issue of how we want to handle our skills structures for TAKMBD and other events.
 - (C) Henri submitted 1/3/2020 MORCA support comments on **FORTAG trail/greenway project.**
 - (D) **Notes from last time:** The board previously was interested in a **member party** to recognize volunteers, leaving the new board to plan details. This was not discussed.
No new info on **Eastside Parkway or Palo Corona.**
14. **Calendar Review; Upcoming in 2020 –**
 - Jan 11 and 25—trail days
 - Jan 19—MORCA co-hosts Girls Rock at Creekside
 - Feb 3—MORCA board meeting
 - TBD-- MORCA membership/volunteer event
 - April 16-19, 2020-- Sea Otter Classic
 - May ??—Old Cabin Classic

We adjourned at 7:55 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 1/13/2020