

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, February 3, 2020
Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey

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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, March 2, 2020 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey. Note that the **April meeting** will actually be held on **Monday, March 30 at 6 PM**.

Secretary Notes: All directors were present except Nick and Jen. Other members attending were: Darius Rike, Ken Howat and Phil Craig.

2/3/2020 Agenda (minor renumbering by HS): President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:08 PM.

1. **Presidents Report--** (A) Mike indicated we have **144 active members** as of 2/3, an increase of 5. (B) The Feb 1 “**First Saturday**” ride was a success with 15 riders. This was enhanced by KSBW coverage of Safe PASSAGES program talk by Ranger Tammy with Mike and Henrietta interviewed on camera. (C) No word yet on whether we received a \$6,171 **PayDirt Fund grant** (\$611 for hand tools and \$5,560 for power wheelbarrow and compactor plus trailer). (D) Mike requested a partnership with TAMC (land owner) in order to install a **bicycle repair station** at 8th&Gigling—no reply yet.
2. **Secretary Report—**(A) MORCA co-sponsored successful **January 19 Girls Rock ride** at Creekside. Thanks for the help guys. (B) Thanks Darius for posting **Safe PASSAGES** info on MORCA website; Henri wrote news releases to multiple media recipients. Mike and Henri were interviewed for Herald feature article.
3. **Treasurer’s Report—** Our combined balance is \$30,181, which includes \$1,758 for Trail Fund and \$150 for Pump Track Fund. We received \$1,097 from IMBA for quarterly dues. We received \$150 in donations to General Fund! The board voted unanimously to transfer a previous \$500 general fund donation from George Fontes into the Trail Fund per George’s request (Brian motion, Mort second). Expenses totaled \$264, primarily for trail day expenses and night ride fees.
4. **MBOSC Old Cabin Classic-** May 30. Brian to set up Kids Zone. Darius willing to meet MBOSC crew in Marina on Friday o pick up and return skill structures. Rodrigo willing to help as needed. Mike in charge of contract/hold harmless and language about kids being supervised.
5. **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is April 16-19.** (A) Ken demonstrated SOC’s new online form for **Dual Slalom volunteers** and how to use it. There are 4-hr shifts x 7 people x 4 days. He will contact previous volunteers before a larger e-mail goes out. Ken to contact Frosty re parking pass so vehicle can be adjacent to venue. (B) Molly is in charge of **MORCA booth** and has specific ideas re volunteer crew (absent due to illness). Mike will try to get passes for booth volunteers. MORCA T-shirts to wear and sell are also planned. (C) **Donation partners** include Hydroflask and Ryan Leech online coaching. Henri to contact Krista Gray Coaching about gift certificate.
6. **Take-a-Kid Mtn Biking Day (TAKMBD)** is presently not committed. IMBA no longer sponsors first Saturday in October so we can set whatever date we want. Henri volunteered to work with Jen and Sharon Osgood to see if a more specific plan can be developed for presentation at the March meeting. Darius emphasized the need for one person/small committee to take ownership. Henri questioned whether we need to replicate the major productions of the past and expenses associated with permit hassles, BBQ lunch etc. She likely will propose something simpler. Mike noted Eric Morgan may be willing to give a break on permit fees if held on BLM property.

7. **Trail Work Report**-- Darius is very pleased with progress on T34 near Creekside, which will be the subject of the Feb 8 day, and possible Feb 22 as well. No info on 2020 volunteer hours provided. The 2020 goal is to break 1,200 hours. Check Facebook and website for details. Sign up to work at: <http://morcamtb.org/trails/trail-work/>.
8. **BLM Safe PASSAGES Trail Initiative**-- As noted above, Darius posted BLM materials on the MORCA website under "News" – Henri and Mike interacted with media. We still need to share poster at bike shops etc and advise about the program. Ranger Tammy has been meeting with high school teams and spoke at the Jan 19 Girls Rock event.
9. **Toro Park/County Update**— No meeting or action by the County trail committee since last fall, and its slow going. But Darius has created a good relationship with County operations manager, Brett(?), who has attended trails conferences and understands good trail system design.
10. **Night Ride Report**—Brian/Darius are working with BLM/Eric to add trails 91, 92 and 93 (Little Moab area) to our permit so we can enjoy these newly opened trails.
11. **Other Business** — no new business on Eastside Parkway or Palo Corona. For reference, note the items below that were discussed previously but no action was taken.
 - (A) Should there be we have a matching fund line item in budget for grants; we were to come up with a number.
 - (B) Jen volunteered to host a party at her home, perhaps after SOC to award volunteers. We can raffle the two gift cards returned by George Fontes (\$100 and \$50).
12. **Calendar Review; Upcoming in 2020** –
 - March 2—Board meeting
 - March 30—Board meeting
 - April 16-19, 2020-- Sea Otter Classic
 - TBD-- MORCA membership/volunteer event
 - May 30—Old Cabin ClassicFor reference, several MORCANs will be out of town April 4-11.

We adjourned at 7:34 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 2/5/2020