

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, March 2, 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 30, 2020 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

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

3/2/2020 Agenda (minor renumbering by HS): President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:04 PM.

1. **Secretary Report**—(A) Henri noted MBOSC is pushing for letters to BLM regarding support for “Alternative C” to enable bike trail access at the proposed new Coast Dairies area north of Santa Cruz. Comment period closes March 19. See MBOSC website for more info. Darius/Mike to obtain a copy of template letter to share with MORCA members. Thaks to Darius, Ken and others who were part of aletter-writing party last week.
2. **Treasurer’s Report**— Our combined balance is \$30,374, which includes \$1,558 for Trail Fund and \$150 for Pump Track Fund. We received \$1,570 from IMBA for quarterly dues. Income totaled \$2,245 and expenses totaled \$2,052, including \$1,055 for insurance, \$700 for trail day food and equipment, and \$99 for night ride fees.
3. **MBOSC Old Cabin Classic-** May 30. Mike has sent Lending Agreement paperwork to MBOSC for use of skills structures. From last time, Brian to set up Kids Zone; Darius to meet MBOSC crew in Marina to pick up and return skill structures; Rodrigo willing to help as needed.
4. **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is April 16-19. BREAKING NEWS 3/6/2020—SEA OTTER HAS POSTPONED THE EVENT DUE TO CORONA VIRUS—A NEW DATE HAS YET TO BE ANNOUNCED.** Our discussion focused on: (A) Ken reported on fixing bugs in SOC’s new online form for **Dual Slalom volunteers** and still needs folks to sign up for shifts. Unclear how postponement will affect signups. (B) Molly was well underway re **MORCA booth** and has re-established relationship with Hydroflask. She asked for MORCA bells to give out and the board unanimously approved \$600 to purchase them (Mort motion, Jen second). (C) Ken and others to attend March 15 meeting with SeaOtter staff (unclear if this meeting has been cancelled or not). (D) **Donation partners** include Hydroflask, Ryan Leech online coaching, and 1 UP USA bike racks (MORCANS need to pose for photo with their racks). Henri needs to finalize Krista Gray Coaching gift certificate. (E) Darius to ride with paraplegic cyclist April 19 morning re rating trails (unclear if cancelled). (F) We agreed that \$100 gift cards will be raffled for dual slalom volunteers and \$50 card for booth volunteers. This will likely occur at a volunteer party after SeaOtter. **All plans subject to change due to SeaOtter changing status.**
5. **Take-a-Kid Mtn Biking Day (TAKMBD)** – Henri reported on BLM willingness to co-sponsor TAKMBD at Lightfighter LZ picnic grounds with no permit fees if it can be integrated into the Safe PASSAGES outreach program. Henri also working with Ranger Tammy to include Junior Rangers and be able to use Latino Conservation funds. We discussed pros and cons of Lightfighter LZ area. Pros= BLM support, picnic benches and bathroom already there, a treat to be in center of Monument, and flat space well suited for youngest riders and setting up stations. Cons= More of a hassle to drive in; only hilly single-track nearby, 100-kid limit imposed by BLM. After discussion, we decided to pursue this avenue. We also discussed whether skill structures will be part of event. Henri open to this if someone else takes ownership of that one component. Henri has

contacted BLM to name three dates that work for them other than Sept 4-13 (awaiting response), then Jen to help with Doodle to see how this meets MORCA needs. Coordination with Community Bike Collective (formerly local Trips for Kids) and Lindsey Overton (cyclist and horse owner) was suggested.

6. **Trail Work Report**-- Darius reported we have 204 hours to date. Last month was finishing T34 curve and Gilson Gap at Toro, plus a special March 1 fix of dangerous crack at Upper Goat. Great job! And special thanks to John Beardshear, who obtained the heavy equipment and trailer to transport it. Next trail day is March 14 to clean up roots and other irregularities on new T91. Important! **You must have on-line UXO training to work on T91.** Darius to provide info. March 28 at Toro; March 31 quarterly trail crew meeting. 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/>.
7. **Toro Park/County Update**— There is a possible meeting of County trail committee next month as their report is expected soon—what have we learned, what should be planned and what is needed to achieve goals? County operations manager, Brett, has reiterated his appreciation for our trail work at Toro.
8. **Night Ride Report**— even more permitted trails have opened, but this is somewhat moot as March 4 was the final permitted night ride in our season. Standard practices (off BLM trails one-half hour after sunset) return on March 11 ride due to daylight savings. All rides now at 8th&Giggling with BBQ afterward.
9. **President's Report**-- (A) Mike indicated we have **141 active IMBA members**; (B) Still awaiting word on \$6,171 **PayDirt Fund grant**). (C) Mike has a 3/3 call with MST who owns property on which we'd like to install a **bicycle repair station** at 8th&Giggling via TAMC grant. (D) Mike working on relationship with Sierra Nevada Brewing—ideas include big trail day (like a bridge over Couch Canyon) and party afterward; how about SNB sponsoring our volunteer party for trailworkers?? (E) Mike reported being contacted by an Equine Vet who wants to meet about a large equestrian event at Fort Ord.
10. **Other Business** — no new business on Eastside Parkway or Palo Corona. (A) Mike laid out financial info that supported dedication of \$3,000 as a new line item for Charitable Giving—this would include matching funds, awards/rewards, and charitable giving or grants that we make (which could include pass-through grants from other entities). The board unanimously approved the \$3,000 line item (Henri motion, Brian second). (B) CAMTB organizational meeting March 12 in Sacramento 9-4 PM—is there video access?
11. **Calendar Review; Upcoming in 2020** –
March 30—Board meeting
TBD-- Sea Otter Classic ON HOLD FOR NOW
TBD-- MORCA membership/volunteer event -- Jen has volunteered her home
May 30—Old Cabin Classic
For reference, several MORCANs will be out of town April 4-11.

We adjourned at 8:03 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 3/6/2020