

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, August 3, 2020
Via Zoom Conference Call
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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, September 14, 2020 (one week later due to Labor Day)

Secretary Notes: A quorum of 4 directors was present (Mike, Henri, Rodrigo and Mort). Brian, Jen and Nick were absent. Other members attending were: Darius Rike, John Beardshear and Ken Howat. *See text in italics for tasks.*

8/3/2020 Agenda (minor renumbering by HS): President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:06 PM.

1. **Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting**— The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting without correction (Mort motion, Rodrigo second).
2. **Secretary Report**—(A) Henri reported on the successful interviews in English and Spanish of George Garibay, Rodrigo Sierra and Bruce Delgado for Latino Conservation Week. Henri shared with Fort Ord Cycle Paths and FORT Friends. Kudos to Jen for Zoom management and major thanks to Lisa Rike for extensive video editing and translation. Henri noted that Lisa was paid \$650 by FORT Friends.
3. **Treasurer’s Report**— Our combined balance is \$31,179, which includes \$1,521 for Trail Fund and \$150 for Pump Track Fund. Income was \$2,646, comprised of IMBA dues (\$1,816) and donations (\$830 including Benevity and Trail Forks Karma). Expenses totaled \$137 for trail day food etc. Thank you to John Beardshear for donating July 27 food. *Henri to send out thank you letters.*
4. **MORCA Social Rides**—All formal MORCA group rides remain cancelled due to the pandemic. Jen is leading informal Ladies rides with limited participants from time to time with emphasis on beginners. Henri described the Covid protocol by the Tahoe Ladies ride group.
5. **Trail Work Report**-- Darius reported that we have 523 hours to date, which is excellent given restrictions on larger group efforts. BLM allows a small MORCA group to do work Thursday afternoons and some Saturdays. Darius described near-term plans and indicated a trail crew meeting is needed to plan out Fall tasks. Henri noted that Public Lands Day is still scheduled by BLM on October 24. Darius suggested work on Trail 42/Redrock for this event, if held. *Darius to schedule trail crew meeting.*
6. **Sea Otter Classic (SOC)** -- Registration for the virtual **Sea Otter Play** event begins August 14; people are encouraged to solicit pledges for the virtual “competitions” which run from September 1-20. MORCA is one of the beneficiaries for funds raised. Mike reported that CAMTB is also a new beneficiary. It is unclear how the funds will be disbursed. **Related:** See Item 8-B re CAMTB group. Sea Otter Play info here:
https://www.seaotterplay.com/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMikYKHwr-D6wIVO-aGCh3uTAVzEAAYASAAEgliFPD_BwE
7. **Take-a-Kid Mtn Biking Day (TAKMBD) in-person event has been cancelled.** Henri reported on her efforts in taking pictures of potential “scavenger hunt” locations, a possible Certificate of Completion, and idea about bike shop involvement. Last month, Jen indicated interested in creating routes and Lisa indicated interest in graphics and outreach. *Jen, Lisa, Henri and Mike pursue scavenger concept for launch in early October.*
8. **President’s Report**-- (A) Mike again expressed thanks to the professional job done by Lisa for the Latino Conservation Week interviews and thanked all participants (Jen, Henri, Lisa, George,

Rodrigo and Bruce). (B) Mike indicated we have **121 active IMBA members** which is 4 more than last month but lower than in the past. Mike also described the evolving nature of the CAMTB group, which will focus more on California advocacy issues. Once its role is clarified, that raises the question of IMBA membership by MORCA as compared to CAMTB. Will it be a replacement or a complementary organization? What would the benefits and costs be to MORCA? Our budget has a line item for CAMTB assuming \$3 per member. We noted the main IMBA benefits are the CMS database, national advocacy and the Expert Voice discount. This will be a future discussion. *Mike to contact CAMTB to assess situation.* (C) Mike noted that Sea Otter will not refund the camping payment for 2020; we agreed we should transfer the reservation to 2021. (D) Mike asked Darius for an update on the Marina Pump Track. The city is moving forward on this concept and has retained a planning and design firm. Darius provided previous MORCA concepts but noted a site-specific proposed design is needed, followed by community feedback, and then a final design. (E) Mike noted the Laguna Seca Bike Park concept is no longer a County active item. (F) Regarding outreach, as suggested last month, Mike designed a sign to post at trailheads and at trail work events that advises the reader that trails are maintained by local MORCA volunteers, and provides QR codes to volunteer or donate to MORCA. The Board unanimously authorized \$200 for 10 double-sided signs (Mort motion, Rodrigo second).

9. Calendar Review; Upcoming in 2020 – note required election and budget actions September-December (this corrects sequence shown in the 8/3/2020 agenda)

- (A) Informal rides
- (B) September 14 board meeting—call for nominations for board begins (Bylaws 4.6). Note that Mike, Henri, Mort and Rodrigo indicated willingness to continue to serve. Other directors were not present to ask.
- (C) August 14—SOC Sea Otter Play registration begins
- (D) September 1-20—SOC Sea Otter Play virtual event
- (E) Early October -- TAKMBD virtual scavenger hunt event (pending)
- (F) October 5 board meeting—close nominations; determine names on ballots and disseminate by October 15; set annual meeting (Bylaws 3.2) (SOP 4.7)
- (G) October 24 -- Public Lands Day (pending confirmation)
- (H) November 2 board meeting= Annual Meeting per Bylaws 3.2; elect directors (Bylaws 4.5); final chance for Board to adopt proposed budget (Bylaws 7.1)
- (I) December 7 board meeting= final chance for membership to vote on budget (Bylaws 7.1)

We adjourned at 7:17 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 7/16/2020