

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, September 14, 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, October 5, 2020**

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

**9/14/2020 Agenda** (some renumbering by HS): President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:07 PM.

- 1. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting**— The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting (Jen motion, Mike second).
- 2. Secretary Report**—(A) Henri reported that she has contacted Eric Morgan regarding BLM’s plans for Public Lands Day but has yet to receive a response. This was discussed under Trail Work. (B) UPDATE—after the meeting Henri reminded the Board about termination of MORCA Meetup.
- 3. Treasurer’s Report**— This is a limited report as Nick was absent. Information is based on 8/31/banks statement. Our Union Bank balance was \$31,204. Income was \$366 (Paypal, Amazon Smile and Benevity donations). Expenses totaled \$231 for trail day food etc. *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. Unhealthy smoke has limited ride opportunities this past few weeks.
- 5. Trail Work Report**—(A) Darius reported that we have 560 hours to date, which is excellent given restrictions on larger group efforts. BLM allows a small MORCA group to do ad hoc work Thursday afternoons and some Saturdays. This week T50 South trimming will continue. Darius noted that a trail crew meeting will be held soon. (B) Henri asked whether MORCA should do some sort of trail work on October 24 the traditional date for Public Lands Day. Darius preferred to keep the schedule flexible as MORCA could be asked to help the County. **NEW UPDATE:** After the meeting, Eric Morgan responded that Public Lands Day will not be one event on October 24. Instead groups like MORCA are urged to do (social distance) volunteer projects between September 26 and October 24. Participants will get T-shirt etc. (C) We reviewed a request from County RMA staff on “popular and frequently used trails and access points in the former Fort Ord.” The County is working with partner agencies to develop a habitat and property management plan. From a MTB perspective, Darius will provide information on popular trailheads, a Strava Heat Map, anecdotal information and perhaps other sources of information (such as FORT Friends). *Darius to schedule trail crew meeting; determine PLD action; respond to County RMA request.*
- 6. Sea Otter Classic (SOC)** -- Registration for the virtual **Sea Otter Play** event began on 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. Sea Otter Play info here: [https://www.seaotterplay.com/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIkYKHwr-D6wIVO-aGCh3uTAVzEAAYASAAEgliFPD\\_BwE](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 initial efforts for a potential “virtual scavenger hunt.” We agreed that due to smoke and other uncertainties that we will not pursue TAKMBD in Fall 2020 in any form. However, Jen suggested a Spring semester effort. Mike asked that *Jen provide more information on the technical aspects and process of a virtual event* such as how is information collected, communicated etc.
8. **BOARD Director Election Process--** Now is the time to solicit nominations from the membership and advise them of who is already willing to serve. All Board members except for Brian indicated willingness to serve in 2021. Also (via phone) Christine Brockman said she would be willing to serve. See Calendar Review below for timeline for each component of the process. *Mike to send out nomination message to members by September 21 with October 5 deadline.*
9. **President’s Report--** (A) Mike indicated we have **128 active IMBA members** which is 8 more than last month but lower than in the past. However, we have 695 Facebook followers so how do we engage those people? We discussed the value of IMBA membership (of which we get a portion) vs. direct donations in the context of income/budget, effective advocacy and volunteerism. We agreed we should better describe what people are getting for their membership dollar. We agreed that we should survey current members to see why they are members and what benefits or services they are interested in. *Mike, Henri, Mort to work on survey words; Jen to work on tech component of getting survey out and compiling answers.*
  - (B) Mike and Darius participated in a **virtual CAMTB Interclub Event**. Mike described the evolving nature of the CAMTB group, which will focus more on California advocacy issues. We previously agreed to hold the question about IMBA membership until we better understand what CAMTB offers.
  - (C) The **City of Marina (Pump Track)** invited Darius to a September 21 meeting of city staff, consultants and key group leaders to discuss next steps for an integrated park plan—evidently the Pump Tack may be one of the first features constructed. *Darius to attend meeting.*
  - (D) Mike has procured 10 **yard signs** with information on MORCA to post at trailheads when we ride or do trailwork. *Board members to procure signs from Mike and display them on rides.*
  - (E) Mike noted that MORCA participated in a **Sierra Nevada Webinar** on outreach as part of Sea Otter Play and provided a link to the broadcast.
10. **New Business --** Jen described a potential opportunity to obtain CSUMB internet design student labor and expertise for things like data collection and analysis. *Jen will obtain application info.*
11. **Calendar Review – note required election and budget actions September-December 2020**
  - (A) Mid-September—call for nominations for board begins with Oct 5 deadline (Bylaws 4.6).
  - (B) September 1-20—SOC Sea Otter Play virtual event
  - (C) Sept 26-Oct 24—Volunteer window for Public Lands Day
  - (D) October 5 board meeting—close nominations for directors; determine names on ballots and disseminate by October 15 for November 2 voting deadline; set annual meeting (Bylaws 3.2) (SOP 4.7)
  - (E) November 2 board meeting= Annual Meeting per Bylaws 3.2; count ballots and elect directors (Bylaws 4.5); final chance for Board to adopt proposed budget (Bylaws 7.1)
  - (F) December 7 board meeting= final chance for membership to vote on budget (Bylaws 7.1)

**We adjourned at 7:44 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 9/16/2020**