

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING and ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6 PM 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); Jim “Mort” Morton, Jen Acorn and Rodrigo Sierra (Members-at-Large)

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, December 7, 2020

Secretary Notes: After some technical issues were resolved, President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:18 with a quorum. All directors were present except for Brian Tomasini. Other members attending were: Darius Rike, John Beardshear, Ken Howat, Phil Craig and directors-to-be Christine Brockman and Julie Hymer. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

11/9/2020 Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

- 1. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting**— The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting (Mike motion, Mort second).
- 2. Secretary Report**—Henri noted our actions this evening on the Election of Directors and Adoption of 2021 Budget comply with our Bylaws; she noted recent emails about MBOSC “Out of the Ashes” fund raiser and IMBA California Advocacy workshop this week.
- 3. Election of Directors**-- Darius reported he received 10 ballots from qualified IMBA/MORCA members with 8 persons voting “yes” for all 7 candidates, 1 voting “yes” for some, and 1 voting “no” for some. Thus, the 7 candidates are elected to join the board as of January 1, 2020. **YOUR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDE: (returning) Mike McGirr, Henrietta Stern, Rodrigo Sierra, Jen Acorn, Jim “Mort” Morton; and (new) Christine Brockman and Julie Hymer.**
CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU for volunteering your time to serve the mountain bike community. In January, the new Board of Directors will determine who will serve as club officers.
- 4. Thank You to Outgoing and Welcome New Directors**—Mike noted with gratitude the service of long-time director and current vice-president **Brian Tomasini**, who has spent countless hours volunteering for MORCA. He is known for his fearless clearing of poison oak from trails, plus many creations such as the Fun Zone for young children at MORCA and MBOSC events; stickers, patches, signs and handouts; serving as the sweep for nearly all Beginner Rides and Wednesday “C” rides, tracking the waivers at MORCA rides, and so much more. He also thanked long-time director **Nick Madronio**, who has served ably as treasurer for many years. Though he is now living in Washington state, Nick thoughtfully volunteered to train a new treasurer and keep the books into the new year. Nick’s big smile and strong arms have helped keep the spirits up on many trail days, and when he couldn’t work, he provided pizza for lunch on many occasions! Nick has also represented MORCA on many races in which he excelled. Newly elected directors **Christina Brockman and Julie Hymer** introduced themselves and described their love of mountain biking and how they felt welcomed and supported by MORCA. Christine is an Army veteran and works for the VA in a health administration role. Julie is a retired exotic animal specialist and ran the Sea Otter program at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for many years. They bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the Board. Mike noted that for the first time, MORCA has a plurality of women on the Board.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report**—Nick reported that our combined checking and Paypal balance is \$30,961. Of that \$1,485 is in the trail fund and \$150 in is the pump track fund. There was no income. Expenses totaled \$150 for trail day food (\$50) and a budgeted donation to FORT Friends (\$100). *Henri to send out thank you for donations last month.*

- 6. Trail Work Report**—Darius did not update the hours to date; last month it was about 600 hours. On November 14 and 21 a limited crew will work on T94 at the request of BLM to fill in muddy areas with decomposed granite. We had a lengthy discussion on requests by high school coaches to allow mountain bike team members help with trail work as in past years. Due to increasing Covid positivity rates, we agreed we will not take on minors or any large group at this time. However, we recognized there is the need to grow the base of volunteers in order to get things done. Jen provided information on the **CSUMB service learning program**. We discussed the potential of a future pilot project with a limited number of CSUMB service learners, which might include required reading of IMBA trail texts, and a possible training certificate. Rodrigo asked if a mini trail academy would be possible to have more leaders or knowledgeable workers. A basic question is do we wish to set up such a program and what limits and protocols would be involved? Jen suggested that as folks do trail work, think about how you would train someone else to do the job properly. We will address this more closely as the Covid situation evolves.
- 7. Advocacy request re Palo Corona**—We received communication about a Petition (with 600 signatures) circulated by a MPC student regarding improved access for mountain biking on Monterey County and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) lands, with emphasis on the Palo Corona backcountry. Darius gave the history of MORCA’s involvement including on-site investigation (invited by the Park District), a detailed MORCA report, participation in all public meetings and workshops, and review of the draft development plan, which included limited mountain bike access and camping in the back country. **Darius provided links** to the detailed Palo Corona General Development Plan Final Report, technical appendices, the MORCA report, and Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the MPRPD board for us to review. **Henri to contact MPRPD general manager** to assess status and why there has been no forward progress. Based on this information, we will contact the MPC student and potentially appear before the MPRPD board to ask for specific action.
- 8. Marina Pump Track**-- Darius reported there has been no action since last month. For reference, last month said he would **start google group for interested people**.
- 9. President’s Report**-- (A) Mike indicated we have **127 active IMBA members** which is 5 less than last month. From previous meetings per Rodrigo, we wish to reach out to the many Facebook followers and members to see what benefits they enjoy and what they want from their club. **Mike, Henri, Mort to work on survey words; Jen to work on tech component of getting survey out and compiling answers.**
- (B) Mike noted that Lisa Rike will depart in 2021 as social media coordinator, and someone new will need to fill that role. Lisa has consistently and creatively kept the MORCA Facebook page fresh and advertised many events. She was key in the Make Your Miles Matter campaign earlier this year. **THANK YOU, LISA!** The Board unanimously voted to award Lisa with \$150 in gift cards as a token of our appreciation (Henri motion, Rodrigo second). **Mike to send thank you letter.**
- (C) Mike reviewed the **BLM Restoration and Resilience Fund Grant application**, which is up to \$2,500 for things like maintaining trails that have been damaged by increased use due to Covid. We first need a letter of support from BLM as a partner. The first deadline is December 1. The second deadline is February 1. **Mike to contact Eric Morgan. Mike, Henri, Jen and Julie to work on text with Darius as technical advisor on specific trail projects.**
- (D) Mike noted that December begins a **transition to new slate of officers** and also there is a need for specific committees to take on certain tasks so no one person feels overwhelmed. Typically, in January we have had a half-day (in-person) **strategic plan session** to fine tune our goals and actions to achieve those goals.
- 10. Adopt Proposed 2021 Budget**—Mike reviewed the proposed 2021 budget he and Nick prepared based on 2020 actual values, and the recognition that Covid will likely affect many activities in

2021. The budget is nearly balanced with about \$8,900 in expected income and expenses. After some minor edits and questions, the Board unanimously adopted the Draft 2021 Budget (Henri motion, Rodrigo/Jen second). Our Bylaws 7.1 call for adoption of a final budget in December with participation by the membership if they desire.

11. MORCA Social Rides—(A) Jen continues to lead informal “She Shreds” ladies rides on an ad hoc basis. (B) First Saturday group rides have been suspended due to Covid.

12. Calendar Review –)

--November 14 and 21—Trail work on Trail 94 with BLM

--December 7 at 6 PM—next Board meeting. This meeting also includes the right of the membership to vote on the final budget (Bylaws 7.1) Rodrigo might be able to arrange a socially distant meeting place.

We adjourned at 7:45 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 11/11/2020

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