

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom Conference Call
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Your 2021 Officers/Directors are: Mike McGirr (Prez), Jen Acorn (VP), Henrietta Stern (Secty), Christine Brockman (Treas); Julie Hymer, Jim “Mort” Morton, and Rodrigo Sierra (Members-at-Large). **NEW!** Social Media Coordinators: Julie Hymer and Christine Brockman

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom

Secretary Notes: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:06 PM. All directors were present. Other members attending were: Darius Rike and John Beardshear. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

1/7/2021 Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

- 1. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting**— The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the December 7, 2020 meeting (Mike motion, Rodrigo second).
- 2. Secretary Report**— (A) Henri asked Darius to change the email list for directors for 2021, and also noted we should publicize board meetings in case IMBA/MORCA members wish to attend. It is noted that only directors get to vote on club business.
(B) Board Leadership for 2021—The new directors unanimously elected Mike McGirr to continue as President (Mort motion, Jen second). Jen Acorn volunteered to be Vice President with the understanding that she is being groomed for President in 2022. Christine Brockman volunteered to learn how to be our Treasurer, with help from Nick and Mike. Henri volunteered to return as Secretary. We added a new position of Social Media Coordinator—Julie and Christine will share this position. **Thank you all for stepping up to serve on the MORCA board.**
(C) Palo Corona Access – Henri submitted a draft of a letter to be provided to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) for their January 6, 2021 meeting; it was approved by the directors. Rodrigo described his conversations with Nate/petition sponsor regarding our respective roles working with the District, and urged Nate to join MORCA. Henri, Rodrigo and Mort will “attend” the District meeting on January 6 via Zoom. [UPDATE: Henri’s formal letter from MORCA was read to the District board by their Clerk; Henri and Mort also briefly spoke as individuals.] *Henri will again contact General Manager Payan on MORCA’s interested in potential Task Force. Henri will again contact the Coastal Trail representative. Rodrigo will continue coordination with Nate.*
- 3. Treasurer’s Report**—Mike stated that our combined checking and Paypal balance is \$34,046. Of that \$1,656 was in the trail fund and \$150 in the pump track fund. Income included \$736 in donations (Thank You Jim Morton, Victoria Duke, William Jakl, Joe Fabris and Emilie Palma). Expenses totaled \$212 for trail day expenses (food and equipment rental). The Board voted unanimously (Mike motion, Henri second) to move \$500 of the Paypal donations into the Trail Fund, as this reflects the intent of two recent donors. Thus, the Trail Fund should now be \$2,156.33 *Henri to send out thank you letters.*
- 4. Trail Work Report**— MORCA trail volunteers worked 794 hours January 1 - December 31, 2020 despite Covid restrictions and several months with no work allowed. Recent work focused on finishing work on T94 and repair of T34 near Creekside. Darius described intent to go back to 3rd Saturday of the month plus ad hoc days as appropriate. January 16 will likely be that funky turn on South T50. BLM might ask for help on T91. We brainstormed ideas of trails that need work, keeping in mind pending grant application for upper T65, hopefully in April. Darius plans to

develop a 2-year spreadsheet with projects in order for better advance planning, especially if MBOSC professionals get involved. Note drought conditions limit time to work on tread. Pray for more rain! A quarterly trail crew meeting will occur in the future.

5. **Marina Pump Track**-- The City continues work on this (slowly) and asked for MORCA's help to publicize opportunity for community input, when City is ready. *Darius to continue coordination with City.*
6. **President's Report**-- (A) Mike indicated we have **126 active IMBA members** which is 4 more than last month. See previous minutes on survey suggestions and note out new directors may have some ideas from their conversations with folks. *Mike, Henri, Mort to work on survey words; Jen to work on tech component of getting survey out and compiling answers.*
(B) Mike submitted an **invoice to BLM** for our work on T94 and T34 for about \$874 (at BLM's request as they have grant funds).
(C) Mike thanked Julie Hymer for free Sea Otter Merchandise as future **SWAG/prizes/raffle items**. Henri noted she is also coordinating with Iconic Sports and Dante Robles/Rachel Santos re sportswear, accessories and bike-themed jewelry.
(D) Mike has prepared a draft **BLM Restoration and Resilience Fund Grant application**, including a budget. The grant is up to \$2,500 for things like maintaining trails that have been damaged by increased use due to Covid. We plan to focus on the upper sandy section of T65. This has been reviewed by the MORCA trail crew leader and BLM. We now need a letter of support from BLM as a partner. The second deadline is February 1, 2020. *Mike to contact Eric Morgan re support letter and submit application once received. Henri, Jen and Julie to assist with text etc.*
(E) Mike noted that the Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is scheduled for May 20-23, 2021 pending the Covid situation. We agreed it is appropriate to support the SOC Foundation's recipient charity, "**Bikes for Vets**". [UPDATE: SOC has cancelled in-person event and will go virtual in 2021.] One idea may be repeating the virtual Makes Your Miles Matter campaign like we did in 2020.
(F) Mike noted that we now have new officers and social media coordinators, but there may be the need for specific **committees** to take on certain tasks so no one person feels overwhelmed (e.g., Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day in October 2021).
7. **MORCA Social Rides**—These are on hold per Covid; any rides are ad hoc individual rides.
8. **Calendar Review** –
--February 1, 2021 at 6 PM—Board meeting
9. **Other/New Business**-- (A) Darius noted we have more than 700 folks in our Facebook group which is growing—we should think about this source of potential members and donors. (B) Darius noted that the California Enduro Series may have some funding to repair Toro Park trails and Keith Defiebre asked if MORCA is interested in helping. Stay tuned on this as park is closed to enable County assessment of fire damage. (C) Julie asked whether we should have an Instagram presence as many folks are not on Facebook. The board encouraged her to develop this as social media coordinator. John Beardshear noted MORCA does have an account with 22 followers.

We adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 1/10/2021