

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, February 1, 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). Social Media Coordinators: Julie Hymer and Christine Brockman

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

**Secretary Notes:** President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:07 PM. All directors were present. Other members attending were: Darius Rike. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

**2/1/2021 Agenda** (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

- 1. Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting (Mort motion, Julie second). **(B) Palo Corona Access/Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD)--** Henri noted the January 20, 2021 telephone conference with Rafael Payan (MPRPD) and Nate Blakely (previously she provided a written summary to the Board; Dr. Payan is working on setting the first meeting of a Task Force. **(C) Donated Iconic Apparel—**Julie has organized and labeled 600 pieces in a wide variety of colors, patterns and sizes. Henri provided link to catalog, size chart and inventory. Board members should pick items of interest as a thank you. Providing a similar option to donors, future members and volunteers was suggested as well as having supplies on hand when we set up a booth at trailheads. We have two boxes of XXS and XS reserved for TAKMBD.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report—**Christine stated that our combined checking and Paypal balance is \$34,046 (same as last month as no income or expenses). Mike and Christine have access to on-line banking and Christine is procuring 3 licenses for Quickbooks. Christine reported that our insurance broker will no longer cover trail work (expires March 12) so we must find a new provider. Darius noted two checks were in the PO Box: \$710 from IMBA (quarterly dues) and a \$150 donation. The Board voted unanimously (Rodrigo motion, Mort second) to move the \$150 into the Trail Fund, as this reflects the thank you letter that came with the donation. *Henri to send out thank you letters.*
- 3. Trail Work Report—** MORCA trail days are now the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month** plus ad hoc days as appropriate. (A) Darius reported that 13 folks came out on January 16 to work on South T50. February 20 will be repairing the deep rut on lower Goat (T41). We reviewed Darius’ Excel spreadsheet with planned trail efforts out a year and more, with flexibility as needed. Focus is Fort Ord National Monument trails. Mike noted we submitted the **grant application for T65** improvements (goal is April-May work). Grant award is mid-March with required Conflict of Interest statement and other paperwork needed if selected to proceed. **(B) Growing Trail Work in Future--**The balance of complying with Covid social distancing/small groups and the need for more trained trail leaders to safely handle more volunteers and larger groups was discussed at length. One idea was to hire MBOSC to provide a custom field training at Fort Ord along with on-line Trail Academy. Jen noted large space available at CSUMB and a more formal training would gel nicely with CSUMB service learning in 2022. *Rodrigo to contact Drew at MBOSC.* **(C) Legal Jump Line--** We discussed contacting the County regarding how to enable construction of a legal jump line (with ideas about good locations) to meet the needs of that community and avoid the illegal construction/destruction that has occurred to date. *Mike and Darius to contact County.*

4. **Marina Pump Track**—Darius will attend a meeting next week with city staff and contractors, who will present the project concept based on feedback from the community. City is moving forward as there is a time limit to use the federal grant. *Darius to continue coordination with City.*
5. **Toro Park Task Force**-- A meeting hosted by Monterey County was cancelled last week due to flood emergency, but should be rescheduled soon. Rodrigo will formally request to take Mike's seat in the group.
6. **Social Media Report**—Julie is busy getting passwords, getting Instagram going, and developing a photo library to have images associated with a variety of messages or to document problems. We brainstormed about communication via Facebook and/or Instagram, and pertinent messages right now (e.g., e-bike etiquette, rainy day/puddles etiquette etc).
7. **President's Report**-- (A) Mike indicated we have **124 active IMBA members** which is 2 less than last month. Rodrigo is working with Mike to have MORCA "**yard signs**" in Spanish. Rodrigo is also reaching out to Latinx riders he sees on the trails. We agreed we need **MORCA stickers** with our URL printed on them as easy item to hand out. See previous minutes on survey suggestions and note out new directors may have some ideas. *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 the **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is now scheduled for October 7-10, 2021** pending the Covid situation. We previously agreed to support the SOC Foundation's recipient charity, "**Bikes for Vets**". One idea may be repeating the virtual Makes Your Miles Matter campaign like we did in 2020. We need to start planning for MORCA booth and dual slalom volunteering. A committee is needed which can include MORCA members in addition to the board.
8. **MORCA Social Rides**—These are on hold per Covid; any rides are ad hoc individual rides.
9. **Calendar Review** –
  - March 1, 2021 at 6 PM—Board meeting**
  - April 22, 2021—Earth Day**. Should we have a booth a Farmers Market? CSUMB? City events?
  - September??-- Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day**. We need to pick a date. We brainstormed on potential locations (Travel Camp, Palo Corona, Lightfighter LZ, Gloria Jean Tate Park in Marina). *Mike to locate Sue Benjaram's notebook* in storage. *Henri to unearth previous communications* with BLM and other institutional memory, including pro and cons of various locations. *Jen to lead committee* on best concepts given needs of kids/parents and our resources. Do we do the same as in past or something new and different? Idea: have trail work machine on display. Note Darius out Sept 1-15.
  - October 7-10—Sea Otter Classic**. Did I hear Rodrigo volunteering to lead planning committee?
  - October 16—Run for the Fallen** (to be confirmed)
  - October 23—Public Lands Day** (to be confirmed). MORCA typically does a Ride-and-Trim.

**We adjourned at 7:54 PM.**

**Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 2/5/2021**