

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 5, 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), Jim “Mort” Morton (Treas); Julie Hymer, Christine Brockman and Rodrigo Sierra (Members-at-Large). Social Media Coordinators: Julie Hymer and Christine Brockman

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom (possible on-site meeting)

Secretary Notes: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:04 PM. All directors were present.
See highlighted text for tasks.

4/5/2021 Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

- 1. Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting (Mort motion, Julie second). **(B) Seaside/ESCA Meeting—** Mike and Henri met via Zoom with staff from City of Seaside who have taken over the FORA functions regarding trails. All munitions clean-up is complete in the Happy Trails area and land transfers have occurred. They were pleased to hear that several MORCA trail workers have the munitions recognition certification. **(C) Palo Corona Access/Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD)--** Henri, Mort and Darius attended the March 5 first Zoom meeting of a Task Force on a backcountry trail system convened by MPRPD. The MPRPD requested feedback on the proposed California Coastal Trail (CCT) that will go through Park property. On March 14, our MORCA team received a Special Use Permit from MPRPD to bike a section of the CCT and one offshoot trail; we submitted our findings and recommendation to the MPRPD. A second Task Force meeting may occur in May. **(D) Community Bike Collective Ride April 17—**This group, formerly known as “Trips for Kids,” requested Henri’s help to guide a ride for Greenfield youth. Julie and Liz will help. George Garibay and Ralphe Osuna of FOCP will also attend to mentor kids who speak only Spanish. **(E)—BLM Safe PASSAGES Program--** Henri noted the Facebook post from Eric Morgan reminding riders to watch the downhill speed and that BLM plans to resurrect the Safe PASSAGES program, which rewards courteous trail behavior with a chance to win an REI gift certificate.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report—**Christine has turned over the Treasurer reins to Mort, who is learning the Quickbooks system. Mike reviewed the March bank statement. The 3/31/2021 combined checking and Paypal balance is \$36,465. Income included a \$2,294 transfer from Paypal (several donations from December 2020 to early march 2021) plus \$114 cash received at our booth at Creekside on March 13. Expenses were \$1,341 for annual liability insurance, \$118 for printing and \$196 for trail work. Note that Directors and Officers insurance is due in May. Mike also noted three new donations (\$210 total) that are not reflected in the March bank statement.
Henri to send out thank you letters.
- 3. Trail Work Report—** MORCA trail days are the **3rd Saturday of the month** plus ad hoc days as appropriate. (A) Mort reported that the March 20 trail day focused on T49 sand removal. The next trail day is April 17 to do major work on the top of T65, which gets very sandy. MBOSC has been contracted to help operate equipment. The board unanimously approved Mike’s request to purchase 10 more trail worker T-shirts with a \$220 limit (Rodrigo motion, Henri second).
- 4. Marina Pump Track—** No new information from last time. *Darius to continue coordination with City of Marina staff.*

5. **Toro Park Task Force**— Rodrigo attended a brief meeting of the Toro Trails Task Force convened by County Parks. All trails in Toro except one will be open later in April. Rodrigo noted that cattle management is an issue that the County and Marks Ranch is wrestling with.
6. **Social Media Report**— Julie continues learning details of Facebook and Instagram. Julie noted we have two MORCA Facebook accounts and asked if both are needed. One is geared toward more formal announcements by the MORCA admin; the other is a more typical group Facebook page. Perhaps they could have different names so it is clear which should be used. **Mike, Julie and Henri will create some text on the benefits of membership** to IMBA and MORCA specifically.
7. **President's Report**-- (A) Mike indicated we have **126 active IMBA members** and about 500 Facebook followers. **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 suggested survey of members and others.
(B) New Waiver—Our insurance company approved new language re Covid risk that must be used for group rides, trail work etc.
(C) Restoration and Resilience Grant-- We declined the grant award after talking to the BLM and trail crew—too many onerous conditions.
(D) Outreach event March 13—We staffed our MORCA booth with Ranger Tammy and provided bells to riders for a small donation. We also had a nice selection of sun-sleeves as well.
(E) 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. SOC has not contacted Ken re dual slalom volunteering yet. We have confirmed Booth #G37 on the grass. We now need to develop signage etc. Rodrigo suggested membership focus.
8. **MORCA Social Rides**— If Monterey moves to the Orange Tier, we agreed we will hold the First Saturday ride on May 1. Wednesday weekly rides to follow assuming we have leads and sweep s for all groups who may show up. Importantly, there needs to be commitment to get waivers from all participants and have them in one notebook per insurance. One waiver per person for year 2021 with new language.
9. **Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day (TAKMBD)**—IMBA has set this for **Saturday October 2**. Given that Sea Otter is 5 days later with lots of kid’s events, we agreed a simple family ride would be fine on October 2, and/or perhaps hoisting Community Bike Collective or other youth group.
10. **MORCA Jersey**—Rodrigo and Mike to take a stab at it, keeping it simple and similar to the trail crew shirts/buff logo. Henri suggests color other than orange as an option. Another option is to have a contest among members??
11. **Calendar Review** –
 - May 3, 2021 at 6 PM—Board meeting**
 - October 2-- Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day.**
 - October 7-10—Sea Otter Classic.**
 - 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 8:00 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 4/8/2021