

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 3, 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, June 7, 2021 at 6 PM via Zoom (possible on-site meeting)

Secretary Notes: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:13 PM after tech issues were sorted out. All directors were present. Darius Rike, John Beardshear and Ken Howat also attended. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

5/3/2021 Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

1. **Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting (Mike motion, Mort second). **(B) FORTAG focus group meeting—** Henri is invited to attend this 5/4/2021 Zoom meeting with staff and consultants from TAMC re opportunities and concerns about the first planned leg of the FORTAG multi-use trail in the Del Rey Oaks area. [NOTE: Henri sent email summary of the meetings to the board on 5/4.]
2. **Treasurer’s Report—**New Treasurer Mort is having access difficulty and will work with Mike. Mike reviewed the April bank statement. The 4/30/2021 combined checking and Paypal balance is \$36,188. Income included a \$204 transfer from Paypal (several donations) and a \$5 refund from Intuit. Expenses totaled \$486 for trail food (\$127), trail worker T-shirts (\$284), and Quickbooks (\$75). Note that Directors and Officers insurance is due in May. Mike also noted several donations via Paypal and payment from BLM for T65 expenses that were deposited in early May. The BLM payment will be used to pay contractor and equipment expenses. *Henri to send out thank you letters.*
3. **Advocacy—**MORCA is working on several fronts to advocate for mountain bike community.
 - A. **Marina Pump Track—**Darius reported the city is slowly moving forward and the pump track is in the city’s budget.
 - B. **Toro Park—**Darius and Rodrigo reported that the County has opened all trails but communication and signage re bike access is confusing. The old map (2007) is the only map provided to the public and is not accurate. The new map developed by the Trail Committee is not yet ready for release. Darius noted that the Highway 68 Hillbillies are the primary partner group working at Toro, but do not sit on the committee.
 - C. **Palo Corona Backcountry—** This area is not yet open to the public. Henri reported on Tom and her volunteer efforts for Big Sur Land Trust running event on 4/18 and 4/24 and positive connections made with other volunteers who are hikers/runners. MORCA representatives on the MPRPD Task Force were given permission for second Trail Assessment ride in late May. This will focus on possible loops to connect to the future California Coastal Trail that will run through the backcountry. There are also hike and horse groups doing similar assessments. The second meeting of the Task Force will convene once the Park District receives reports from these field assessments.
 - D. **Other/State Parks—**Henri noted State Parks public meeting on May 21 on their trails plan in the Carmel area. Darius’ letter expressing concern about lack of access via San Jose Creek is included in the document. San Jose Creek is a much safer route to the Palo Corona backcountry than via Inspiration Point.

4. **Trail Work** — MORCA trail days are the **3rd Saturday of the month** plus ad hoc days as appropriate. **(A) Last Month Report:** Darius reported that the April 17 day on upper T65 was a success. Thanks to Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Stewardship (formerly MBOSC) group for their expertise. **(B) This Month:** The next trail day is May 15 to work on brake bumps and damage on upper T50 below Kyle's Bench. **(C) Future work** will focus on trimming and potential expansion into the County area (entails coordination with County staff, munitions and biological training). We discussed when to open trail day to all folks assuming state will lift Covid tiers on June 15. We will decide at June 7 board meeting. **(D) Other-** IDEA #1—Darius suggested seeing if BLM would support **new trail** to take pressure off T50; perhaps reroute of T60 (The Beach). IDEA #2—Mort suggested we purchase the **small compactor** used on T65 with a water tank as a second wish list item. **John/Mort to do further research.** Henri noted we have the funds from recent donations. IDEA #3—We discussed potential of Sea Otter Classic **donating to MORCA trail fund** given the impact to the trails (event +practice rides). Another possibility is Specialized as they test bikes here.
5. **Social Media Report**— Julie continues posting on Facebook and Instagram. From last meeting: **Mike, Julie and Henri will create some text on the benefits of membership** to IMBA and MORCA specifically.
6. **President's Report-- (A) Membership--** Mike indicated we have **126 active IMBA members** and about 800 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**—we have new waivers for folks to sign. Henri suggested a tweak so the waiver is for one person rather than a list, but both variations are workable. **(C) Admin-- Mike to follow up on changing PayPal admin and IRS filing.**
7. **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is October 7-10, 2021** pending the Covid situation. Mike to contact SOC to get a better feel for number of participants, constraints on visitor numbers, etc.
 - A. **Charity--** 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.
 - B. **Booth**— We have booth G37 on the grass. Rodrigo suggested emphasizing all the good work volunteer and advocacy work we do (Ft Ord trails, Toro, Palo, Marina pump track, rides, etc). Henri noted we have good photos and exhibit tools from previous years. **Jen, Rodrigo and Mike to meet re ideas.**
 - C. **Dual Salom**— Ken has been in contact with SOC. Event will happen though no registration online yet. Volunteers will be needed.
 - D. **Other logistics**—We have campsite 166M; John B to provide trailer.
8. **MORCA Social Rides**—We held an official First Saturday Ride on May 1 with sign-ups and waivers. A total of 16 folks attended (8 beginners, 6 intermediate and 2 advanced). Next ride is June 5. We agreed that official Wednesday evening ride (signups, waivers) will occur once a month beginning in June assuming Covid restrictions are lifting (tentative date June 16). Informal Wednesday rides among friends will continue.
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 hosting Community Bike Collective or other youth group. We may use similar sign-ups as for First Saturday Ride.
10. **MORCA Jersey**—Rodrigo provided several ideas using Voler website images. We liked his California stripe color scheme (steel blue to orange) and looser short-sleeved riding shirts that go well with sleeves, vests etc.

11. Calendar review--

- May 15 at 8 AM—Trail Day (limited due to Covid)
- June 5 at 9 AM—First Saturday Ride
- June 7 at 6 PM-- Board meeting
- June 16 at 6 PM (tentative)—official Wednesday evening ride
- June 19 at 8 AM—trail day
- July 17-25—Latino Conservation Week
- 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 8:18 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 5/11/2021

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