

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6 PM, Turn 12 Restaurant
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Your 2021 Officers/Directors are: Mike McGirr (Prez), (currently open) (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, September 13, 2021 at 6 PM at Turn 12 Restaurant (not 9/6)

Secretary Notes: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:14. Four directors were present (Mike, Henri, Christine and Rodrigo). Mort and Julie were absent. Member Darius Rike also attended. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

8/2/2021 Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

1. **Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** The board adopted the minutes of the July 5, 2021 meeting by acclamation.
2. **Treasurer’s Report—** Mort is out of town and there was no report on July bank statement. Mike deposited four donations via Paypal totaling \$320 on July 30. *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—**The city anticipates completion of an asphalt pump track in Summer 2022. Darius plans to attend a City Council meeting that addresses funding.
 - B. **Toro Park/County—**Darius reported that County staffer Bryan Flores said that the County plans to submit a Prop 68 grant request to build a skills track just inside the entrance kiosk. Also, the County has posted “No e-bikes” at Toro Park. Darius and Phil plan to attend County Parks & Recreation meetings when they resume.
 - C. **Palo Corona Backcountry—** This area is not yet open to the public. MORCA has submitted a Trails Assessment Report and Addendum, with recommendations on a phased opening. We discussed reaching out to the Wednesday Night Laundry Runners group regarding a coordinated request for access. *Henri to contact WNLR president. —DONE.*
 - D. **Trail 60 Re-Route—**Trail 60 (The Beach) is a potential alternative to the heavily used Trail 50 North if made more rideable. Darius reported that he and 2 others hiked and proposed a second potential re-route as the BLM manager had concerns about the first suggested route. *Darius, John and Mort to continue coordination with Eric Morgan.*
 - E. **Other—East Garrison—**MORCA members participated in a County-sponsored listening session on desired recreational facilities at East Garrison, such as a pump track/bike skills area. The disc golf group also requested a new course. Mike suggested we reach out to them to ensure coordination of facility designs.
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 July 17 work day had 14 workers. Tread work is on hold until November but vegetation trimming will continue. Total volunteer hours to date is 453. **(B) This Month:** The next trail day is **August 21** to work on County property, with UXO and biology training required. We will do vegetation trimming on Trail C49 near East Garrison. Signups are on the website at: <https://morcambt.org/local-trails/trail-work/> Rodrigo noted that the Santa Cruz Mountain Trails Stewards group is now running a professional trails academy. He suggested we consider paying for the \$400 tuition for promising volunteers in trade for a commitment of trail leadership for MORCA.

5. **Social Media Report**— Julie continues posting on Facebook and Instagram. We discussed potential of having MORCA swag or Iconic sportwear at the Saturday rides. From April meeting: *Mike, Julie and Henri will create some text on the benefits of membership* to IMBA and MORCA.
6. **Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day October 2, 2021**—We discussed logistical details and thought 4 groups would be good, similar to the current Saturday ride format. We need to describe what each group entails (strider, tenderfoot, coyote and bobcat) and how much parental involvement is required. We need to confirm whether high school team members will help. Mike provided some sample language and is looking for feedback. *Henri and Mike to contact Little Bellas, Craig at Bobcat Bikes, high school coaches, or Glenn Woodson for potential youth helpers/leaders.*
7. **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is October 7-10, 2021.** Event registration is open. Notably, Sea Otter has been purchased by an international sports event company.
 - A. **MORCA Booth**-- We have booth G37 on the grass. Christine outlined her ideas for display materials and we brainstormed implementation. She will have posters made and we need to get a high-resolution file of the 2020 BLM trail map. Focus will be on MORCA advocacy. We brainstormed swag to give to folks who sign up as members or donations. We need to ensure we have adequate number of bells and stickers. We can't sell jerseys but we can provide as a gift for a larger donation. *Henri to provide info to Christine on Nate Blakely petition.*
 - B. **Dual Slalom**—Ken Howat is coordinating with SOC re volunteer logistics.
 - C. **Other**—We have Campsite 166M; John B to provide trailer for Ken. There may be tent space.
8. **MORCA Jersey**—Rodrigo showed “final” design which we agreed is good. *We need to send sizes to Rodrigo* so he can get an initial order going. There was no discussion of the t-shirt.
9. **Presidents report-- (A) Membership**-- Mike indicated we have **124 active IMBA members** and about 800 Facebook followers. Mike noted that BLM has removed our MORCA yard signs requesting donations. Rodrigo is also reaching out to Latinx riders he sees on the trails. **(B) IMBA call on 8/3/2021**—Mike will be speaking with IMBA staff on how they can best support MORCA. **(C) Great American Outdoors Act with BLM**—Mike, John and Darius met with BLM staff about their GAOA grant request for trail upgrades to address heavy use since Covid began.
10. **MORCA Social Rides**—The next **First Saturday Ride** is on August 7 with 17 folks signed up to date. We discussed the need to request help from more members to volunteer as lead/sweeps. **Wednesday evening rides** will remain informal. We decided not to request a formal night riding permit at this time; instead, casual rides will move to Wednesday afternoons once days get short. The National Monument is closed 30 minutes after sunset. We agreed to host a **Girls Rock Ride** assuming they get needed permits. We decided to explore costs of a permanent porta-potty at 8th and Gigling. Mike to contact Brian re research.
11. **Calendar review**--
 - **August 7—9 AM First Saturday Ride**
 - August 21—Trail volunteer day**
 - September 6—Board meeting at 6 PM (note: this is Labor Day)**
 - 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 8:15 PM.

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