

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 13, 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, October 4, 2021 at 6 PM at Angelina’s Pizza, Toro Estates area

Secretary Notes: President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:07 PM. Four directors were present (Mike, Henri, Christine and Julie). Mort and Rodrigo were absent. Members Darius Rike, Phil Craig and Brian Tomasini also attended. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

9/13/2021 Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

1. **Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting (Mike motion, Julie 2nd).
2. **Treasurer’s Report—** Mike reviewed bank status as of 8/31 with \$35,554 total. Recent deposits (rounded) were \$312 from previous PayPal donations, \$27 from Amazon Smile and \$2,130 from quarterly IMBA dues. Recent expenses were \$3,938 for MORCA custom jerseys from Voler. Mike noted a new PayPal donation of \$400 in early September. *Henri to send out thank you letters.*
3. **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 August 21 work day had 15 workers in the Travel Camp area. Special shout-out to the MoCo Locals for coming out as a group to help. **(B) This Month: September 18** work to be in Jerry Smith corridor area. Tread work is on hold until enough rain. No report on updated trail hours to date (last month was 453). Note October will be 4th Saturday to coincide with Public Lands Day **on October 23**. Signups are on the website at: <https://morcambt.org/local-trails/trail-work/>
4. **Social Media Report-** Julie continues posting on Facebook and Instagram. We discussed logistics of the **Safe PASSAGES** contract with BLM where we will post information about the program, brief quiz and monthly raffle for REI gift certificates. *Mike to check who is sharing cost of gift certificates-- just MORCA and FORT Friends or also REI chipping in?* Julie asked if MORCA should have **rules about posting on Facebook** like most groups (e.g., no swearing, overt aggression, respectful language etc). *Darius to follow up on this.* We also discussed the need for **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** on our website and highlight link (when completed) on Facebook with examples. *Henri, Mike and Julie began working on this.* **For Facebook, we should highlight** need for Sea Otter volunteers and Safe PASSAGES (after Sea Otter) pinned at the top of the feed.
5. **Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day October 2, 2021—**We discussed logistical details and realized that we do not have resources to put on a quality event. Given that Sea Otter is October 7-10 with many kid’s zone activities, we decided **NOT to do TAKMBD this year**. October 2 will be the normal adult First Saturday ride. thought 4 groups would be good, similar to the current Saturday ride format.
6. **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 showed the posters she plans on purchasing. October 5 get stuff out of garage; October 6 set-up; October 10 afternoon breakdown and return to storage. Need volunteers for booth. Darius will be available Thursday and Friday morning. Henri likely in afternoons. Focus will be on MORCA advocacy.

We will have the Iconic armwear to give to folks who sign up as members or donations. We need to ensure we have adequate number of bells and stickers. We should have jersey's but can't sell them, but we can provide as a gift for a larger donation. Christine has communicated with Nate Blakely re petition for Palo Corona backcountry.

- B. **Dual Slalom**—Ken Howat is coordinating with SOC re volunteer logistics. Need to sign up via SOC portal.
- C. **Other**—We have Campsite 166M; John B to provide trailer for Ken. There may be tent space.
- 7. **MORCA Jersey**-- Rodrigo ordered the jerseys in various sizes; men and women. Should be available by Sea Otter. There was no discussion of the t-shirt.
- 8. **President's Report-- (A) Membership**-- Mike indicated we have **118 active IMBA members** and about 800 Facebook followers. **(B) IMBA**— IMBA will now direct deposit membership dues rather than quarterly check. **(C) IMBA**—October Membership Drive is a national effort. If you haven't renewed, please do now! **(D) GOVERNANCE—CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS**—Mike reviewed our Bylaws with nominations in September; close nominations in October and vote in November; we also need to set General Meeting in November to certify election and adopt draft budget. We agreed to have next meeting at Angelina's on October 4 and reach out to various groups and individuals to attend. **October 15 will be deadline for nominations.** There will be 3 open spots on the board for sure. Julie would prefer not doing social media tasks in the future. Mike would prefer being the business manager (Treasurer). We discussed how to better reach out and encourage new participation on the board.
- 9. **MORCA Social Rides**-- The next **First Saturday Ride** is on October 2. We have had fully booked rides the past two months, and various members have stepped up to help. **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. Brian and Mike explored costs of a permanent porta-potty at 8th and Gigling and it is hundreds per month. We discussed asking the County to take over this cost as they have a dumpster at 8th&Gigling, or perhaps a service club could fund this.
- 10. **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 awaits budget confirmation.
 - B. **Toro Park/County**—Darius and Mike communicate with County staffer Bryan Flores. We await results of Prop 68 grant application by the County for East Garrison and Toro Park area. There may be trail work opportunities at Toro next year. 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. Henri reached out to the Wednesday Night Laundry Runners group regarding a coordinated request for access. We will focus on this in November.
 - 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, John and Mort to continue coordination with Eric Morgan.**
 - E. **Other/east garrison**-- Darius and Mike communicate with County staffer Bryan Flores about County Prop 68 grant for new recreational facilities at East Garrison, such as a pump track/bike skills area. The disc golf group also requested a new course.
- 11. **Calendar Review—Upcoming 2021 Dates**
 - **September 18 at 8 AM—Monthly Trail Day 8th &Gigling**
 - **October 2 at 9 AM—First Saturday Ride (no TAKMBD)**

- October 4 at 6 PM—Board meeting at Angelina’s Pizza**
- October 7-10—Sea Otter Classic.**
- October 16—Run for the Fallen (to be confirmed)**
- October 23 at 9 AM—Public Lands Day; MORCA Ride-and-Trim.**
- November 1 at 6 PM—Board Meeting**
- November 6 at 9 AM—First Saturday Ride**

We adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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

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