

## SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6 PM, Angelina's Pizza 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 and Annual Member Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6 PM at Lopez Taqueria (next door to Angelina's Pizza)**

**Secretary Notes:** President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:05 PM. Six directors were present (Mike, Henri, Christine, Mort, Rodrigo and Julie). At least 15 members and visitors also attended, including representatives from the MoCo Locals riding group. We each introduced ourselves. Welcome all!! It was very gratifying to see the response to our invitation to get to know MORCA better and potentially consider running for the board. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

**10/4/2021 Agenda** (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

- 1. Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting (Mort motion, Christine 2<sup>nd</sup>). (B) Henri noted that April 20, 2022 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ft Ord National Monument and there will be events in coordination with the Army (April 16, 2022) and SeaOtter Classic (April 7-10, 2022).
- 2. Treasurer's Report—** Mike reviewed bank status as of 9/30 with \$35,459 total. Recent deposits (rounded) were \$440 from previous PayPal donations. Recent expenses were \$57 for food for trail workers and \$448 for Sea Otter exhibit posters. Mike noted a new PayPal donation of \$50 in early October. *Henri to send out thank you letters.*
- 3. Trail Work --** MORCA trail days are the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month** plus ad hoc days as appropriate. **(A) Last Month Report:** Darius reported that the September 18 work day had eight (?) workers in the Travel Camp area. Total hours to date in 2021 = 539 hours. **(B) This Month: October 23** work is for Public Lands Day—ride and trim from Lightfighter LZ picnic area in the FT Ord interior (drive in). Tread work is on hold until enough rain. 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 will be working with BLM, FORT Friends and REI to encourage participation in the **Safe PASSAGES** program, where taking a brief quiz enables you to be entered into a monthly raffle for \$50 REI gift certificates. From last month, *Darius to follow up on Facebook posting rules. Henri, Mike and Julie to work on Frequently Asked Questions for the website.*
- 5. Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is here! October 7-10, 2021.** Lots of last-minute tasks. **Volunteer spots are still open for the dual slalom.**
  - A. MORCA Booth--** We have booth G37 on the grass. Christine completed posters for the booth. October 5 get stuff out of garage; October 6 morning set-up; October 10 afternoon breakdown and return to storage. Focus will be on MORCA advocacy and desire for more members to strengthen advocacy leverage. We will have the Iconic sunsleeves to give to folks who sign up as members or donations. We need to ensure we have adequate number of bells and stickers. We have jersey's but can't sell them; we can provide them as a gift for a larger donation.

- B. **Dual Slalom**—Ken Howat is coordinating with SOC re volunteer logistics. Need to sign up via SOC portal. See MORCA website (Calendar/SOC Volunteer) for directions.
- C. **Other**—We have Campsite 166M; John B to provide trailer for Ken. There may be tent space.
- 6. **MORCA Jersey**—The jerseys have arrived! Henri modeled one for the group. MORCA member cost is \$75. Friends of MORCA cost is \$85. There was no discussion of the t-shirt.
- 7. **President’s Report-- (A) Membership**-- Mike indicated we have **123 active IMBA members** and about 800 Facebook followers. **(B) IMBA**— IMBA is conducting a membership drive in October. If you haven’t renewed, please do now! **(C) Governance—set Monday November 8, 2021 at 6 PM as date of annual members meeting.** Place to be advertised via Facebook, email and other posts. **(D) GOVERNANCE—CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS**—Mike noted that four directors will serve again (Mike, Henrietta, Rodrigo and Julie) and there are three spots open. He took questions from several attendees who asked about director time commitments, expected tasks, MORCA position on e-bikes, potential for new or one-way trails, access to the impact area of the National Monument, etc. **THREE PEOPLE STEPPED UP TO RUN: THANK YOU to Ed Guzman (a MoCo Local member), Lisa Birch and Sheri Covey!!** We look forward to your fresh energy, ideas and perspectives. Last month, **October 15 was set as the deadline for nominations** if others would like to run. Official ballots will go out to IMBA/MORCA members and will be due back by the **November 8, 2021 General meeting**, where ballots will be counted and certified.
- 8. **MORCA Social Rides**-- The next **First Saturday Ride** is on November 6. We have had great showings the past two months, and various members have stepped up to help. **Wednesday evening rides** will remain informal. We agreed to host a **Girls Rock Ride** assuming they get needed permits.
- 9. **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. Darius also noted that the County will submit Prop 68 grant for a pump track in Salinas, and is seeking youth input.
  - B. **Toro Park/County**—Darius and Rodrigo (and Mike) regularly communicate with County staffer Bryan Flores. The County decided not to include East Garrison and Toro Park areas in their November 2021 Prop 68 grant application because they want t do a more complete master plan for these two areas. 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. We have not heard from Park District staff and will re-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 coordinate with Eric Morgan.**
  - E. **East Garrison**-- Several mountain bikers participated in County “listening sessions.” The County wishes to do a comprehensive master plan. Mountain bikers, disc golfers and Scouting reps encouraged the Supervisors to develop facilities
  - F. **8<sup>th</sup> & Gigling Porta-Potties**-- Brian Tomasini estimated costs for a permanent porta-potty at 8<sup>th</sup> and Gigling is roughly \$3,500 per year. **Mike spoke with County reps** about the County installing porta-potties with potential matching help from MORCA, service clubs and others.
- 10. **Calendar Review—Upcoming 2021 Dates**
  - **October 7-10—Sea Otter Classic (with set up tasks Oct 5 and 6).**
  - **October 15—deadline for Director nominations; ballots go out**
  - October 23 at 9 AM—Public Lands Day; MORCA Ride-and-Trim.**
  - **November 6 at 9 AM—First Saturday Ride**

**--November 8 at 6 PM—Board Meeting/Annual Member Meeting; count ballots; review draft budget**

- 11. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER QUESTIONS**—a member asked whether MORCA will remain focused on mountain bike advocacy or be similar to MBSOC, which became the Santa Cruz Trails Stewardship group with a broader mission. As an IMBA chapter, we are focused on mountain biking advocacy, while maintaining good relations with other users, passing safely, being courteous, etc. Henrietta described Fort Ord Recreation Trails (FORT) Friends group with a multi-use stewardship mission. The FORT Friends board includes cyclists, runners, equestrians, naturalists etc. MORCA is a “Trail Supporter” member of FORT Friends and often partners on special events.

**We adjourned at 7:29 PM.**

**Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 10/6/2021**

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