

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING (and ANNUAL MEETING)
Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6 PM, Lopez Taqueria Restaurant, Salinas
For more info, visit the MORCA website: www.morcambt.org

Your 2021 Officers/Directors are: Mike McGirr (Prez), (VP currently open), 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, December 6, 2021 at 6 PM at Lopez Taqueria

Secretary Notes: This meeting is a combination of the monthly Director’s Meeting as well as the Annual Members meeting as prescribed in the MORCA Bylaws. President Mike McGirr opened the meeting at 6:03 PM. Five directors were present (Mike, Henri, Christine, Mort, Rodrigo). An additional 9 members and visitors also attended, including director nominees and representatives from the MoCo Locals riding group. Lots of questions were posed throughout the meeting and good ideas were offered. *See highlighted text for tasks.*

11/8/2021 Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

1. **Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** The board unanimously adopted the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting (Mort motion, Christine 2nd). **(B)** Henri described recent conversations with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff about potential activities and constraints for the April 20, 2022 10th Anniversary of the Ft Ord National Monument. Note possible coordination with Army run (April 16, 2022) and SeaOtter Classic (April 7-10, 2022). Various ideas to engage youth and partnerships were discussed. **(C)** Henrietta read a message of thanks to MORCA for supportive flowers and cards from director Julie Hymer who was recently hospitalized after a bike crash. She is on the mend and we hope to see her on the trails soon.
2. **Election Results—**Darius Rike reported that 9 ballots were received via email and 1 via hard copy. All 10 voted YES for the nominees. CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS Lisa Birch, Sheri Covey and Eder Guzman as well as RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS Rodrigo Sierra Corona, Julie Hymer, Mike McGirr, and Henrietta Stern. Their term starts on January 1, 2022. The directors will choose officers and roles in January 2022.
3. **Treasurer’s Report—** Mike reviewed bank status as of 10/29 with \$38,263 total. Recent deposits (rounded) totaled \$3,371, including \$1,556 from IMBA memberships and \$1,815 from sales of MORCA jerseys. Recent expenses totaled \$567 for food for trail workers (\$105), Sea Otter van rental (\$159), flowers for Julie in hospital (\$103) and petty cash for Sea Otter (\$200). Mike noted six PayPal donations received in early November. *Henri to send out thank you letters.*
4. **Trail Work --** MORCA trail days are usually the **3rd Saturday of the month** plus ad hoc days as appropriate. **(A) Last Month Report:** Darius reported that the October 23 Public Lands Day Ride and Trim had 14 riders plus walkers who focused on T36, 75 and 42. Total hours to date = (no update given; last month it was 539 hours). **(B) This Month: November 20** work is will be placing decomposed granite on T50 North and doing tread work with recent rains. We hope moisture continues in order to tackle T82 in December. Signups are on the website at: <https://morcambt.org/local-trails/trail-work/>
5. **Social Media Report--** Julie continues posting on Facebook and Instagram as she is able. 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 previous, **Darius to follow up on Facebook posting rules. Henri, Mike and Julie to work on Frequently Asked Questions for the website.**

6. **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) Report (October 7-10, 2021). Note next year SOC is April 7-10, 2022.**
 - A. **MORCA Booth**—Christine and Mike described booth logistics/attendance and were generally pleased. Expenses were \$672 total and donations were \$911. Thank You Iconic Sportswear for the donated sunsleeves. We can use posters again next year.
 - B. **Dual Slalom**— Thank You Ken Howat for coordinating all the volunteer logistics. We will receive a grant of \$1750 for our cumulative volunteer hours. Thanks Volunteers!!
7. **MORCA Jersey**—MORCA member cost is \$75. Friends of MORCA cost is \$85. There was no discussion of a possible tee-shirt.
8. **President’s Report-- (A) Membership**-- Mike indicated we have **128 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— Adopt Draft 2022 Budget at Annual Meeting.** Mike walked through a draft budget he prepared, based on income and expenses to date in 2021 and potential action in 2022. The new board will likely amend based on priorities set in early 2022. **(D) Porta-Potties at 8th&Gigling trailhead**-- Mike described his conversations with County staff and potential cost of \$10,000 per year for one ADA and one regular potty. County staff appears supportive of the need for some facilities. Mike described the concept of a one-year demonstration project and fund raising/grants needed, hopefully leading to the County taking over in the long-term and building more permanent structures similar to Creekside Terrace. Eder and other MoCo Locals have contacts in the ag industry who could potentially help.
9. **MORCA Social Rides**-- The next **First Saturday Ride** is on December 4. We have had great showings the past three months; thank you to MORCA members who have stepped up to help. **Wednesday evening afternoon rides** will remain informal. No night rides this year. We agreed to host a **Girls Rock Ride** on January 2, 2022 (tentative date) assuming they get needed permits.
10. **Advocacy**—MORCA is working on several fronts to advocate for mountain bike community. Mike noted that the new CAMTB organization could potentially help us work more effectively with various local and state agencies to obtain new and improved access
 - A. **Marina Pump Track**—The city approved going to bid for this \$1.6 million project at Glorja Jean Tate Park! Completion of an asphalt pump track is hoped by late Summer 2022. Thank you to Darius for five years of effort on this!
 - B. **Toro Park/County**—Darius and Rodrigo (and Mike) regularly communicate with County staffer Bryan Flores. Darius reported on the Parks Commission hearing on access via Harper Canyon entrance and potential opening of a pedestrian gate. Cattle grazing is another issue.
 - 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 into 2022.
 - D. **Trail 60 Re-Route**—Trail 60 (The Beach) is a potential alternative to the heavily used Trail 50 North if made more rideable. No recent action. **Darius, John and Mort coordinate with BLM.**
 - 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 via Prop 68 grant.
11. **Calendar Review—Upcoming 2021 Dates**
 - **November 20 at 8 AM—MORCA trail day**
 - **December 4 at 9 AM—First Saturday Ride**
 - **December 6 at 6 PM—Board Meeting**
 - **December 18 at 8 AM—MORCA trail day**
 - **January 2 at 9 AM—Girls Rock Ride sponsored by MORCA (tentative/confirm date)**

- January 3 at 6 PM—Board Meeting**
- January 8 at 9 AM—First Saturday Ride**
- TBD – (January) New MORCA Board planning session; finalize budget**

We adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 11/14/2021

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