

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING –
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6 PM, Springhill Suites, Marina**
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YOUR 2022 DIRECTORS are: Lisa Birch (Pres), Mike McGirr (V.P.), Henrietta Stern (Secretary), Rodrigo Sierra Corona (Treasurer), Julie Hymer, Sheri Covey and Eder Guzman (Members-at- Large).

Next Monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6 PM, Springhill Suites, Marina

Secretary Notes: President Lisa Birch opened the meeting at 6:09 PM. All 7 directors were present. Other members included: Darius Rike, Ken Howat, Brian Tomasini, Phil Craig, Kevin Tatsugawa and Bridgette Tucker. Formal Board action is in yellow highlight.

4/5/2022 Business Meeting Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

1. **Secretary Report—(A) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** Minutes for April 5 were not available and will be addressed next month. (B) Henri described donations and tee-shirt sales to date that will support Porta-potties at 8th&Gigling. (C) Henri described recent emails of interest.
2. **Treasurer’s Report—** (a) Rodrigo reviewed status as of 4/30/2022 with a combined bank + PayPal balance of \$40,959. Bank deposits totaled \$1,525 from IMBA quarterly membership and various donations. Expenses totaled \$273 for Sea Otter booth and software to receive credit card payments. PayPal donations to be deposited later in May totaled \$224 from 6 donors. *Henri to send out thank you letters.* (b) Directors and Officers insurance is due on 5/16. (c) **The board unanimously voted to authorize up to \$400 to purchase high-vis vests for trail workers (Mike motion, Henri second).** (d) Mike noted a long-sleeve tech tees with MORCA logo would be about \$45. No action. We also discussed looking into MORCA logo on hats or socks.
3. **Grants--** Mike updated us on the Federal Take Pride in America Grant application (\$100,000). MORCA reps and bridge contractor participated in a Zoom call re technical details with BLM in partnership with BLM. Next phase is financial review. Getting materials to the site will be challenging and potentially expensive. Kevin suggested a major donation from Sea Otter. A plaque for major donors was suggested similar to Cotoni-Coast Dairies in Santa Cruz.

Item 4. 2022 MAJOR OBJECTIVES: Seven objectives set by the Board include: Committees, Advocacy, Membership Activities, Community Outreach, Social Media, Government Relations and Fundraising.

- A. **Committees: Organize for specific programs or tasks.** Darius chairs the Trail Work committee. Rodrigo chaired the Sea Otter committee. Bridget Tucker (BobCat Bikes) is the TAKMBD chair. Sheri is Marketing committee chair and is looking for members. From Item 4-B-vii, we realized we also need a Palo Corona Committee (Henri chair).
- B. **Advocacy: includes CAMTB, FORTAG, Marina Pump Track, Toro Park, T60 Reroute and East Garrison area.**
 - i. **CAMTB** (California Mountain Bike Association) -- Lisa reviewed MORCA participation in CAMTB meetings and actions. Mike attended the California Trails and Greenways Conference sessions on trail building and membership diversity. Lisa noted that CAMTB’s slack channel is very informative on many subjects.
 - ii. **FORTAG—** Julie attended the April 13 Zoom meeting on the pros and cons of Measure B and will post the video. MORCA voted in March to oppose Measure B and support FORTAG.
 - iii. **Marina Pump Track—**Darius noted no significant new information.

- iv. **Toro Park**— Darius was contacted by County staff re re-engagement in Toro trail work. He will follow up re details. Phil noted the “no e-bike” signage at the Toro kiosk had been removed but there is no new formal written policy.
 - v. **Trail 60 Reroute/Alternative to T50**— this is part of the Federal Take Pride in America Act grant submitted on March 7.
 - vi. **East Garrison potential skills area**—No new information since last month.
 - vii. **Palo Corona Back-country**— Henri agreed to chair a committee with Lisa and potentially Cassady. Darius and Rodrigo as resources. (Mort also?) Committee to develop an action plan, with timeline and deliverables. MPRPD Board meets the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom.
- C. Membership Activities: includes Social Rides and Trail Work**
- i. **Social Rides**— We continue the First Saturday rides and informal Wednesday evening rides. Next First Saturday ride is May 7, then June 4.
 - ii. **Trail Work**—Darius reported on April 16 trail day on T36/38/39 with 281 hours to date. May trail day is 5/21 with focus on trimming at top of T82. Cassady’s Trailwork Tuesdays continue. Lots of grasses and string trimming needed.
- D. Community Outreach—events we participate in or lead.**
- i. **Sea Otter Classic April 7-10**— Great job everyone! We received \$1,750 for Dual Slalom marshals and \$750 for Spirit Squads. Ken reported things were better at Dual slalom this year but still has some bugs to work out (especially the Sunday schedule). A volunteer appreciation event is suggested. A MORCA discount on event entry was also suggested due to our year-round trail work.
 - ii. **Ft Ord Natl Monument 10th Anniversary was April 20**—Henri described several smaller events hosted by MORCA and FORT Friends. There were two on-line “stores” for tee-shirts. Folks also donated directly to Porta-potty fund via FORT Friends.
 - iii. **TAKMBD (Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day) is October 1**— Bridgette is working on County permit application, but needs specific direction on food and other plans in order to complete it. Decisions also needed about stunts, emergency plan etc.
 - iv. **Social Media/Marketing—engage members and public to join, participate and/or donate.** Julie is posting on social media.
- E. Government Relations—interactions with land managers**
- i. **Monterey County/Porta-Potties at 8th & Gigling**— Mike is developing a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County with County to construct pit toilets at 8th & Gigling, Jerry Smith and Travel Camp within 2 years. In the meantime, MORCA will lead campaign to fund Porta-potties at 8th & Gigling. Kevin T and Sharon Osgood willing to help in this effort. Many good ideas were suggested (REI, County, TAMC, Rotary, NICA, corporate etc). Signage to recognize donors.
 - ii. **BLM Safe PASSAGES**—MORCA co-funds monthly \$50 REI gift certificate raffle award for those who take the etiquette quiz. We post winners on our Facebook page.
- F. Fundraising—various opportunities**
- i. **MORCA Jerseys**—suggest having examples at all rides and events.
 - ii. **Other Options**—no report.
- 5. Presidents Report/Membership-** (a) We have 141 IMBA/MORCA members as of May 1 (2 more than last month); getting closer to our 150 member goal. (b) Lisa to respond to inquiry about mountain biking in Del Monte Forest. (c) **The board voted unanimously to donate \$500 for a large brick with MORCA’s name spelled out at the Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument trail kiosk (Henri motion, Sheri second).**
- 6. New Business** —No new topics raised for future discussion.

7. Calendar Summary *Busy months ahead!*

- May 7 at 9 AM— First Saturday Ride
- May 21 at 9 AM—Trail work day
- June 4 at 9 AM-- First Saturday Ride
- June 7 at 6 PM—MORCA board meeting
- Future—Sept 17-18—Dirt Series Camp in Monterey
- Future—October 1, TAKMBD

We adjourned at 8:09 PM

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 5/8/2022

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