

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING –
Tuesday, June 7, 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, July 5, 2022 at 6 PM, Springhill Suites, Marina

Secretary Notes: President Lisa Birch opened the meeting at 6:07 PM. Five directors were present; Mike and Eder absent. Other members attending included: Brian Tomasini, Phil Craig, and Kevin Tatsugawa. **Formal Board action is in yellow highlight.**

6/7/2022 Business Meeting Agenda (some renumbering by HS for clarity):

1. **Secretary Report—(a) Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting—** **Minutes for April 5 and May 3 were adopted unanimously [Rodrigo motion, Julie second].** (b) Henri described recent emails of interest that will be addressed in other agenda items.
2. **Treasurer's Report—** (a) Rodrigo reviewed status for May 1-31, 2022. The combined bank + PayPal balance is \$41,708 with \$224 still in PayPal from May donations. Bank deposits totaled \$2,529 from SeaOtter volunteering (\$2,500) and Amazon Smile (\$29). Expenses totaled \$937 for conference hotel, SeaOtter misc, trail day expenses and PO Box renewal. *Henri to send out thank you letters to donors.* (b) Directors and Officers insurance was part of the March insurance payment. (c) Brian indicated the previously approved high-vis vests for trail workers were arriving this week and he plans to get Crew Leader patches to sew on. (d) No action on long-sleeve tech tees with MORCA logo (\$45). (e) Rodrigo reported he purchased the \$500 donor brick with MORCA's name for the Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument (approved last month).
3. **Grants--** Mike had previously e-mailed that we did not make the cut for the Federal Take Pride in America Grant application (\$100,000). However, additional funds were made available and we have been told we will be funded. Awaiting official word by July 1. See last month summary for matching funding ideas.

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: We have five committees for specific programs or tasks.** Darius chairs the Trail Work committee. Rodrigo chairs the Sea Otter Classic committee. Bridget Tucker (BobCat Bikes) was the TAKMBD chair but must step down due to family commitments. She is still willing to help as she is able. Sheri was Marketing committee chair but must step down due to limited time. Henri is Palo Corona committee chair. Thus, two committees do not have a chairperson.
- B. **Advocacy: includes CAMTB, FORTAG, Marina Pump Track, Toro Park, T60 Reroute and East Garrison area.**
 - i. **CAMTB** (California Mountain Bike Association) -- Lisa noted no recent MORCA participation in CAMTB meetings and actions. She noted that CAMTB's slack channel is very informative and has a group on how to best reach members. We discussed whether we should have our own booth at SeaOtter or combine with CAMTB. It was suggested we have separate booths but be near each other.

- ii. **FORTAG**— The Del Rey Oaks election in progress on June 7. [New Note: With 65% turnout, Measure B lost by 15 votes so the FORTAG system remains intact.] It appears federal funding was found to work on a FORTAG segment in Marina.
 - iii. **Marina Pump Track**— No update at our meeting but Darius later posted photos of bulldozers in action beginning to build the pump track!!! Yay!!!
 - iv. **Toro Park**— No updates provided at the meeting.
 - 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 known recent County action.
 - vii. **Palo Corona Back-country**—MPPRD Board meets the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Attendance recommended to ask for action on backcountry access. We noted environmental effects of cattle grazing and construction of a cross country running course near the Park headquarters. [New Note: The Park is beginning to lead guided hikes in a portion of the back-country. This could be a model for guided bike rides in partnership with MORCA/Parks.]
- C. Membership Activities: includes Social Rides and Trail Work**
- i. **Social Rides**— We continue the First Saturday rides and informal Wednesday evening rides. We will do July 9 instead of July 2 as the next Saturday ride. Attendance has been 8-10 folks total.
 - ii. **Trail Work**— There were 8 folks on May 21, which focused on T82, 83 and 81. June 18 will be out of Creekside working on Trails 75, 76, 78. Cassidy's Trailwork Tuesdays continue. Lots of grasses and string trimming needed.
- D. Community Outreach—events we participate in or lead.**
- i. **TAKMBD (Take-a-Kid Mountain Biking Day) is October 1**— Bridgette had to resign as lead; status of County permit is unclear. Mike to discuss options with Ecology Action re bikes and programming. Darius to assess stunt structures in storage. Decisions remain on a variety of topics.
 - ii. **FONM 10th Anniversary Official Visit June 9--** Henri described upcoming private event hosted by BLM for BLM dignitaries, and award given to CSUMB for their restoration efforts. Henri and Julie to attend as invited MORCA reps. [New Note: This was an opportunity to chat with County staff about porta-potties etc.]
 - iii. **Latino Conservation Week July 16-24**—Henri has reached out via email to MORCA members and other groups about possible rides and activities. Several have responded with interest. FORT Friends will fund lunches and related event costs. *Henri to continue coordination.*
- E. Social Media/Marketing—engage members and the public to join, participate and/or donate.** Julie is posting on social media. We discussed what better avenues for engagement are out there and achievable with our volunteer resources.
- F. Government Relations—interactions with land managers**
- i. **Monterey County/Porta-Potties at 8th & Gigling**—A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County has been sent. Mike to meet with Brian Flores mid-June. MORCA will lead campaign to fund Porta-potties at 8th & Gigling for 2 years (est. \$14,000) if County commits to build and maintain permanent pit toilets similar to Creekside. See last month summary for funding sources and ideas.
 - ii. **BLM Safe PASSAGES**—MORCA co-funds monthly \$50 REI gift certificate drawing award. We post winners on our Facebook page and encourage participation.
- G. 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 139 IMBA/MORCA members as of June 1 (2 less than last month); goal is 150 members. Suggested Mike contact members who have not renewed as sometimes it is an oversight rather than a decision not to support.

6. New Business—No new topics raised for future discussion. It was noted that Rodrigo will be unavailable July 14-23. Several members will be in Oregon June 24-July 5.

7. Calendar Summary -- Busy months ahead!

--June 18 at 9 AM—Trail work day out of Creekside

--July 5 at 6 PM—MORCA board meeting

--July 9 at 9 AM-- First Saturday Ride (actually second Saturday)

--July 16-24—Latino Conservation Week (several pending activities)

--July 16— Trail work day

--Future—Sept 17-18—Dirt Series Camp in Monterey

-- Future—October 1, TAKMBD

-- Future—late October Public Lands Day (TBD)

We adjourned at 7:15 PM

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 6/15/2022

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