

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING –  
Tuesday, July 5, 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, August 2, 2022 at 6 PM, Springhill Suites, Marina

**Secretary Notes:** President Lisa Birch opened the meeting at 6:09 PM. All seven directors were present. Other members attending included: **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 June 7 were adopted unanimously [Mike motion, Rodrigo second].** (b) Other issues will be addressed below.
2. **Treasurer’s Report—** (a) Rodrigo reviewed status for June 1-30, 2022. The combined bank + PayPal balance is \$41,784 with \$324 still in PayPal from May-June donations. There were no new bank deposits. Expenses totaled \$516 for “brick” donation to the Cotoni-Coast Dairies national monument. *Henri to send out thank you letters to donors.* (b) Brian reported that 30 high-vis vests plus 30 cheaper vests have arrived for trail workers; Crew Leader patches are on order. (c) Mike reported on MORCA water bottles and use of Cal-Am water buffalo to dispense water. **The board unanimously voted to authorize Mike to order 200 bottles with black logo and higher quality top with estimated cost of \$1,000 (Henri motion, Eder second).** (d) Mike reported he completed the required Secretary of State filing for MORCA (due every two years).
3. **Grants--** Mike noted we were very close to hearing official notice of approval for the Federal Take Pride in America Grant application (\$100,000). Key components are bridge over Couch Canyon creekbed (T47) and realignment of T60 (The Beach”) to create an alternative to T50North. The feds set aside money to pay us back for each procurement. Roughly \$23,000 of in-kind volunteer time/labor is assumed in the grant. We discussed next steps such as a news release, how best to call for volunteers, engaging business community, etc.

**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. TAKMBD chair is open as previous lead had to step down due to family commitments. Marketing committee chair is open. Henri is Palo Corona committee chair. Thus, two committees do not have a chairperson. We discussed ways to solicit membership for a volunteer.
- 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 previously noted that CAMTB’s slack channel is very informative.
  - ii. **FORTAG—** The Del Rey Oaks Measure B lost so the FORTAG system remains intact.] It appears federal funding was found to work on a FORTAG segment in Marina.
  - iii. **Marina Pump Track—**Darius previously posted photos of bulldozers in action beginning to build the pump track. Estimated finish is October. This could be a great TAKMBD venue next year.

- 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 – likely to occur in 2023/24.
  - vi. **East Garrison potential skills area**—No ongoing County action.
  - vii. **Palo Corona Back-country**—MPPD Board meets the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Attendance recommended to ask for action on backcountry access. The Park District is beginning to lead guided hikes in a portion of the back-country. *Henri to write an informal letter asking about guided rides led by MORCA volunteers.*
- C. Membership Activities: includes Social Rides and Trail Work**
- i. **Social Rides**— We continue the First Saturday rides and informal Wednesday evening rides. We did July 9 instead of July 2. Attendance has been 8-10 folks total.
  - ii. **Trail Work**— There were 8 folks on June 18 which focused on T75 and 76. 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; Mike to take lead on County permit. Mini-committee to brainstorm scope of the day, assess status of stunts in storage, contact Ecology Action etc.
  - ii. **FONM 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Official Visit June 9--** Henri described the event hosted by BLM for BLM and CSUMB dignitaries. Henri got to chat with Supervisor Askew's aide about need for porta-potties. The supervisor is supportive but they need data on number of users at 8<sup>th</sup> & Gigling.
  - iii. **Latino Conservation Week July 16-24**—Henri reached out via email to MORCA members and other groups about possible rides and activities. Community Bicycle Collective will do two rides (Henri to help). FOCP and other groups may do rides. MORCA trail day included. FORT Friends to fund lunches. *Henri to continue coordination.*
  - iv. **Family Fun Festival July 23**—We agreed we do not have bandwidth to participate in this event given other priorities.
- E. Social Media/Marketing—engage members and the public to join, participate and/or donate.** Julie is posting on social media. We agreed to reach out to membership for help on outreach/marketing/social media.
- F. Government Relations—interactions with land managers**
- i. **Monterey County/Porta-Potties at 8<sup>th</sup> & Gigling**—A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County has been sent. Mike to meet with Brian Flores on July 12 to discuss. MORCA will lead campaign to fund Porta-potties at 8<sup>th</sup> & Gigling for 2 years (est. \$14,000) if County commits to build and maintain permanent pit toilets similar to Creekside. See May summary for funding sources and ideas. Henri noted about \$700 already contributed via FORT Friends.
  - 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. Perhaps give as raffle prizes or volunteer gift for "X" hours.
  - ii. **Other Options**—no report.
- 5. Presidents Report/Membership-** (a) We have 141 IMBA/MORCA members as of July 4 (2 more than last month); goal is 150 members.
- 6. New Business**—No new topics raised for discussion. Rodrigo will be unavailable July 14-23.
- 7. Calendar Summary** -- Busy months ahead!

- July 16-24—Latino Conservation Week (several pending activities)
- July 16 at 9 AM— Trail work day
- August 2 at 6 PM—MORCA board meeting
- August 6 at 9 AM-- First Saturday Ride
- Future—Sept 17-18—NORCO Dirt Series Camps in Monterey
- Future—October 1, TAKMBD
- Future—late October Public Lands Day (TBD)

**We adjourned at 7:51 PM**

**Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 7/15/2022**

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