

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, September 5, 2017

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2017 Officers/Directors: Gary Courtright (P), Brian Tomasini (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), Mike McGirr (MAL) and Sue Benjaram (MAL).

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6 PM, Turn 12

9/5/2017 Agenda Items: (All directors except Mike present; Darius and Phil also attended).

1. **President's Opening** – The meeting opened at 6:10 PM. Focus is on TAKMBD.
2. **Take-a-Kid-Mountain Biking Day (TAKMBD)**— The Saturday **October 7** date is on. County permit has been obtained; insurance requirements have been fulfilled. Gary contacted Specialized, who will provide bikes at cost plus two helmets for raffle—We voted unanimously to (a) purchase two \$200 bikes (\$400 total); purchase supplies for Kids Zone (\$50); and rent porta-potties (\$587) and tables/chairs (\$321) from lowest-cost vendors who submitted proposals. Website signups for kid's registration and volunteers is up. Gary to contact NICA teams to confirm volunteering and also George Garibay re food. Darius facilitated donation from Cypress Subaru and Gary/Carmel Kitchens and Baths will also co-sponsor. SeaOtter providing water bottles and Gilroy outlet providing coupons. Fliers and social media underway. Over 75 kids registered to date. "To Do" logistics include gate key/unlocking; "do not enter" signage at 8th and G (Darius); and coordination with Karl/George re skill structures.
3. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse**—Travel Camp area portions have been denuded for fire protection reasons; we are concerned re re-seeding of wildflowers and trail restoration (can we help do this?). There is a meeting on Wed. Sept 27 re Parker Flats plan. The next **FORA-ESCA** noon-time trail users meeting is Wed November 22. Henri plans to attend these meetings. The Army continues its "BLM Area B" cleanup with certain trails blocked off. For temporary closure info, check their website at: <http://fortordcleanup.com/programs/blm-area-b/>
4. **Night-riding permit**— Gary to pursue; concern about limited trail choices from 8th and Gigling due to Army work.
5. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails**—The County staff will meet with MORCA (Nick M. is lead) on Sept 21 at 11 AM re project status and need to move forward. Sept 7 Fort Ord Committee meeting focused on East Garrison.
6. **Toro Park Issues**— County Parks Commission met on September 7; Phil attended and will write up a summary. Volunteering a key topic. Keith Defiebre has improved several trails used in his races. The trail committee as a group has yet to be reconvened.
7. **Trail Work Update**—More than **690** hours have been logged this year. September 3 cancelled; next day is Saturday September 16 at 9:00 AM at 8th and Gigling. No major winter project is planned as many trails need lots of maintenance work. An October trail committee meeting was suggested. For info, sign up at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>
8. **Treasurer's Report**-- We have roughly \$38,294 in combined assets. The grant savings account for trail signage project is \$17,902, with roughly \$20,392 in checking+Paypal. About \$652 remains in the trail fund. We received \$2,176 for IMBA dues (1st and 2nd quarter); pending expenses include at least \$1500 for TAKMBD committed expenses plus event day fees, food etc.
9. **Marina Pump Track Update**—A pump track is part of the plan for Gloria Jean Tate Park. No new information reported by Darius.
10. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— Management Plan for Palo Corona is underway, and workshops are planned this fall. Ken C. is tracking meetings.

11. **Insurance Waivers--** By acclimation the Board agreed that we should require proof that MORCA is an “additionally insured” entity for anyone borrowing our skills structures; see County text required for us as a model.
12. **Calendar Review – see below**
13. **Meet-Up—**We continue to get new visitors via Meetup.com.
14. **Board member authority to speak on behalf of MORCA—**We discussed the need to set guidelines in the Standard Operating Procedures on when a board member can or cannot speak on behalf of MORCA without consent of the full Board. (SOP does not have guidance at present). The guidelines need to be clear and not subjective. Topics could include actions such as: commitment of money or resources; inviting a person/entity to speak or be a partner at an official MORCA event like TAKMBD; support or opposition to ballot measures; formal comments on EIRs, Management Plans etc on MORCA letterhead. (Note: a qualified IRS non-profit may not support a person for political office).
15. **Other Business –** Topics included:
 - A. **Sunday Rides Removed—**Due to poor attendance, the Sunday morning rides should be removed from the MORCA calendar, website and Meet-up site. People can easily create rides via Facebook invitations. The Fort Ord Cycle Paths often ride on Saturday and Sunday. Bobcat bikes hosts Sunday afternoon rides (faster).
 - B. **Fall member social gathering November 4, noon to 4 PM.** Meadowbrook Tennis Club; BBQ and ??
 - C. **No night-ride kickoff event in October —**The board agreed too much is going on the last week of October. Light purveyor likely will be at Nov 8 Twilight ride to demo.
 - D. **Endurance Race—**nothing specific planned, but there is continued interest and ideas

Item 12: Calendar Review –

September 20— Laguna Seca Twilight Ride with California Custom Sheds (we do BBQ)
October 7—TAKMBD
October 15—Cyclovia Salinas
October 28 – Public Lands Day –MORCA ride and trim
November 4—MORCA quarterly social; 12-4 PM at Meadowbrook Tennis Club, Seaside
November 8-- Laguna Seca Twilight Ride (we host) with perhaps a Pumpkin Pie theme

We adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 9/14/2017