**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, January 8, 2018**
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**2018 Officers/Directors**: Gary Courtright (P), Brian Tomasini (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), Mike McGirr (MAL) and Matthew Lamont (MAL).
**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6 PM, Turn 12
**Special Planning Meeting:** Sat, January 13 from 9 AM to 1 PM, Meadowbrook Tennis Club, Seaside

**1/8/2018 Agenda Items:** (All directors present; Darius, Lisa, Mary, and Ken C. also attended).

1. **President's Opening –** The meeting opened at 6:10 PM. Focus is on IMBA issues and planning. Initial discussion of several items took place tonight, with more detailed review on January 13.
2. **MORCA Officers** – Directors elected in December 2017 select officers for 2018. The slate of officers remains the same (see above) with Matthew Lamont taking over Sue Benjaram's spot as Member-at-Large. (M: McGirr, 2nd: Madronio, unanimous). A busy year lies ahead!
3. **IMBA Dig-In Campaign.** This national campaign to fund trail work ended in December. $330 was raised locally and many thousands were raised by the bike industry nationwide. MORCA hopes to get some of this money for a mechanized trail trimmer.
4. **MORCA Chapter review—** We reviewed the options now available from IMBA and determined we should continue as a chapter for now, especially as we rely on the IMBA 501-c-3 status. IMBA will charge $15 per member rather than 40% of membership, so join at a high rate! We discussed adding a 7th director position with emphasis on marketing/outreach/communications.
   On January 13, we will review Mike's SWOT overview that identifies MORCA's **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.** There will be follow-up action to engage members and hone our priorities, where to focus our energy and money, refine Mission Statement, Vision Statement, values, short and long-term goals.
5. **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is April 19-22 --** Gary reported we will be in booth #243 next to Showers Pass and IMBA. Gary awaits feedback from IMBA re help they need from us. We feel the booth should highlight our good works and get donations to help us achieve goals, or perhaps a project like the Marina pump track. Ken Howat volunteered to lead dual slalom volunteer effort. Thx!!
6. **Marina Pump Track--** Darius reported that a pump track is an official part of the Gloria Jean Tate Park plan; city is going to bid for a design firm for the park overall. Time to start to think about fund raising for construction!
7. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse—** The Army continues its munitions search and cleanup. There will be temporary and long-term closures during the cleanup stage. For info, check their website at: http://fortordcleanup.com/programs/blm-area-b/ After the meeting we learned of January 12 FOR A meeting where Eastside Parkway goals and objectives will be discussed.
8. **Night-riding—** The Christmas ride on December 6 as fun; Light&Motion came to Creekside the following week. Gary was asked to speak with BLM re **Full Moon Rides** (Update: BLM seems open to this concept).
9. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails—** This has been up and down. Nick reported we lost the grant in early December due to County inaction, but County staff urged the grant agency to reconsider and they did (12 months)! Nick to request meeting with RMA to tie down tasks; materials list has been updated.
10. **Toro Park Issues—** No action or word from the County. Ken C/Nick/Mike to bring this up at the future meeting with RMA
11. **Trail Work Update—** Woohoo!! We broke 1,000 volunteer hours in 2017 (1020 hours total with 88 folks overall). January 20 will be at Creekside with focus on T36. Darius held a planning

meeting on Jan 9. Sign up and learn more at: http://morcamtb.org/trails/trail-work/. Nick itemized several smaller raffle items which might be nice for the trail volunteers!

12. **Treasurer's Report--** Nick reported we had $37,439 in combined assets on January 8, with $19,537 in checking and $17,903 for grant use. Income of $739 was mainly night ride fees (including pre-paid season pass). Key expenses were for trail days and night ride fees to BLM.
13. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)—** Ken C. is tracking their board meetings with emphasis on Management Plan for Palo Corona. See Facebook posts about future opportunity to comment on draft report when it comes out (February 2018). Our voice is important in order to obtain access (hikers only by permit is current situation).
14. **Meet-Up—** We continue to get new visitors via Meetup.com. Sue+Henri manage this.
15. **TAKMBD is Saturday October 6, 2018—**Sue submitted a permit application for Oct 6 date. Key question is how to raise funds if not a raffle bike at SeaOtter? Mike suggested another adult-oriented event on Sunday as means to raise money (ride and tie or relay or 4/8 hr race?)
16. **Donation Requests for MORCA—** We approved Brian's letter to OneUp bike rack company; Lisa suggested getting onto Monterey County Gives, especially with projects like TAKMBD and Marina pump track. Deadline is July 1. Ken C suggested researching grant opportunities out there.
17. **Calendar Review for 2018 –**
    January 13, 9 AM to 1 PM, director's planning review (members welcome)
    January 27—Girls Rock at Creekside (MORCA approved $250 for food, plus gal guides); Matt to check to see if his work can provide coffee. [M: Matt; 2nd Nick; unanimous re $250]
    April 19-22 -- Sea Otter Classic—lots of volunteers needed
    May 19 – Old Cabin Classic – MORCA often volunteers for kids rodeo at this MBOSC event
    Oct 6—TAKMBD
    ??—Twilight Rides at Laguna Seca—need to confirm dates; help with Custom Sheds in September

    Out-of-state adventures—July 19-21 MTB Oregon (Gary has a rental home in Oakridge); Aug 4 Creampuff/Fritter 50-100 mile MTB race in Oakridge (volunteer or ride it!)

18. **Other Business –** There was a flurry of suggested topics and other action:
    - **A.** Darius has updated website and email with new officers and directors
    - **B.** Darius to coordinate with Brian or Mike re MORCA bells.
    - **C.** From last month: Thank you to Stowe Construction for in-kind services (trail and TAKMBD equipment)
    - **D.** From last month: Thank you to Bear Bikes for TAKMBD services
    - **E.** From last month: Club should purchase propane and heater for night ride BBQ as well as radios for lead and sweeps
    - **F.** From last month, does MORCA agree with IMBA position on bikes in the wilderness and opposition to a house bill. What is MORCA position?

**We adjourned at 7:51 PM.**

**Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 1/11/2018**