

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, June 4, 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, July 2, 2018 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant (possible change)

6/4/2018 Agenda Items: Four directors present (Gary and Nick on vacation); VP Brian conducted the meeting. Sue and Tony also attended.

- 1. President's Opening** – The meeting opened at 6:04 PM.
- 2. Sea Otter Classic (SOC) for 2019 -- THANK YOU'S for 2018**—Brian asked if all thank you letters have been sent to benefactors. Not yet, as Henri does not have addresses. Brian provided One Up; need Fox and Zoic contact from Gary and Nick. Bill K. was at the booth all four days. **CAMPING RESERVATION** was successfully obtained; thanks Ken H. **RAFFLE BIKE**—Specialized has yet to approve artwork; need larger presence on website. Need clarification if Specialized bike is only for volunteers or others can buy tickets (per recent MBOSC). Confusion if one or two bike raffles desired; need to clarify next month with full board. Next year we will try to have more advertising so get better on-line tickets purchases for SOC raffle items. **NEXT YEAR**—Last month we briefly discussed the need for more social media next year (Instagram, twitter, etc) as well as more socializing. Also ensure volunteering on Sunday is properly scheduled.
- 3. Amazon Smile is back on website—so purchase away!**
- 4. Kids on MORCA Rides**—We discussed ramifications of incident in mid-May with 11-year old, and need to protect club and directors from potential liability/litigation, plus adult focus of rides. Brian noted calls and emails from Karl Stowe re concern about limiting participation. We agreed that the full board should address this issue next month. Under discussion, the four directors present were leaning toward: 13-14 yrs old minimum age; anyone under 18 must be accompanied by parent at all times; and options for folks with younger kids. Henri separately communicated with Karl re rationale for potential new policy and invited him to July 2 meeting.
- 5. Group Ride Protocol**—The mid-May incident also elicited suggestions from Sue re best practices. These include: (a) mandatory lead and sweep for all groups, even if it means one person has to leave their desired group to help out another group; (b) share phone numbers (usefulness limited if poor cell service); (c) use MORCA radios; (d) everyone should have emergency contact info taped inside their helmet; (e) bring a light even on summer rides; (f) carry first aid kit and space blanket (especially if lead or sweep). Henri to put these on Facebook post.
- 6. Trail Day**-- Blair Witch T59 was beautifully groomed in late May; too bad Army did not communicate their intent to close/masticate T59 it in early June until after the trail day. Next trail day is June 16 at 9 AM at 8th and Giggling. John Beardshear leads. Sign up and learn more at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>. The group agreed that we should have a combo lock on the storage unit as access to tools is a problem with Darius and Ken out of town. Only certain board members would have combo and would communicate intent to use the unit.
- 7. Encourage Trail Volunteers**-- Brian noted need to entice volunteers with swag each trail day plus Specialized raffle bike tickets per hours worked. Highlight on multiple locations on website.
- 8. Volunteer Outreach**-- Ideas include: Herald/Weekly/Off 68; Craigs List; bike and hike shops; schools/students needing community service; nature groups; Hartnell running team/club; NICA teams. Lisa's recent Weekly post was noted, however it was suggested not to emphasize poison oak (deters volunteer).
- 9. Parks News—Toro, Palo Corona, Other**—No action reported

- 10. Treasurer's Report**—Treasurer on vacation; no report. Last month, Nick reported we had \$29,598 in combined assets. The Board unanimously voted to reimburse Brian for roughly \$80-\$100 for the cargo carrier to carry the DR trimmer (Mike motion, Mathew second). Brian to provide receipt to Nick.
- 11. TAKMBD is Saturday October 6, 2018**—Sue walked us through a detailed list of questions the County has on our permit application; Mike to assist with answers. Matthew noted County could get strict about food prep and we may need to buy packaged food or limit food. Brian had printed out nice color aerial maps to locate various activities. We discussed booth participants. Possible mechanics are Bear Bikes (Brian to ask) and Luciano+kids at Rancho Cielo (Henri to ask). Tony is committed to another event that day. Henri to check with Captain+Stoker re coffee sponsor. Mike to check re ClifBar. We did not get into details of raffle bikes or sponsors. We unanimously authorized purchase of a bullhorn in \$50-\$150 range (Henri motion; Brian second). Given the level of detail desired by County upfront, another adult-oriented event the same weekend is likely not feasible in 2018.
- 12. General Membership Social Event**— Mike reported not a lot of progress on this at present. Concepts include: (a) coffee+ride+fun games+lunch+brief overview of MORCA at 8th&Gigling; (b) poker ride (need to staff at least 5 stations, get BLM permit); or non-bike event like aMTB movie, guest speaker etc.
- 13. Old Cabin Classic/Kids Rodeo Skill Structures**-- We discussed what went wrong this year with extensive and time-consuming tasks primarily falling on Karl Stowe (and George Fontes, along with Brian and Bill) due to lack of volunteers. Brian itemized seven key steps associated with use of structures and the need for any entity borrowing the structures to be able to complete all steps with their labor, vehicles and equipment. We need to set up written guidelines re all steps. Henri asked if structures could be made smaller and more portable, and whether large structures needing heavy equipment to move them are more hassle than they are worth. The Board unanimously voted to purchase a \$150 gift card for Karl (nice dinner out or whatever) and thank you letter for his extraordinary effort under trying circumstances (Mike motion; Brian second). We also will put Thank You post on Facebook for Karl, George, Brian and Bill (Henri).
- 14. Calendar Review for Rest of 2018** –
- Mid-July—Latino Conservation Week (Henri to check on this); maybe trail day like last year
 - September 5—MORCA BBQ at Twilight Ride hosted by Custom Sheds
 - October 2- Cyclovia Salinas
 - Oct 6—TAKMBD (major effort) -- possible adult event October 7??
 - October 24 -- MORCA hosts twilight Rides at Laguna Seca— do I hear costume contest??
 - Late October or early November???--- Night Ride kickoff
 - December – Holiday Party??
- Out-of-state adventures**—July 19-21 MTB Oregon; Aug 4 Creampuff/Fritter 25-50-100 mile MTB race in Oakridge (volunteer or ride it!)
- 15. Other Business** – There are many topics past and present:
- A. 501-c-3 status—state now says it needs 180 days (we are at day 122)
 - B. Schipper Design Grant—Mike secured a grant to help with a new logo and professional outreach; will meet in June and this could be used for TAKMBD
 - C. County trail loops—via MTB project or Trailforks or on MORCA website, create various loops with army icon stickers so folks have a sense of best use of County trail system (one trail will change number several times).
 - D. BLM Area A/B additional closures will affect night ride routes; need to discuss with Eric Morgan to determine best alternative options. For info, check their website at: <http://fortordcleanup.com/programs/blm-area-b/>

- E. From previous meetings**—check re completion: Who wants to be President next year (not Gary!) Need to resolve by September. Thank you to Stowe Construction for in-kind services (trail and TAKMBD equipment); thank you to Bear Bikes for TAKMBD services; purchase of propane and heater for night BBQ; position on bikes in Wilderness; e-bikes. REI garage sale (coffee etc?) Poker ride, 4-8 hr ride; mini-enduro race all ideas to fundraise for Marina pump track.

Also on the radar—

- 1. FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse**— FORA continues to move forward on the environmental review of **Eastside Parkway**. We will participate in this process.
- 2. Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— No new information after the third workshop, where the preferred alternative was described (includes bike access). See Facebook posts for details or www.palocorona.org.

We adjourned at 8:04 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 6/6/2018

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