

## SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, July 30, 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, August 27, 2018 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant

**7/30/2018 Agenda Items:** All directors present except Matthew; Phil and Darius also attended.

- 1. Sea Otter Classic (SOC) --** All thank you letters have been mailed. Ken H. needs to submit receipt to be reimbursed for campsite.
- 2. Kids on MORCA Rides and Membership on Rides—**We reviewed a written policy prepared by Henri which reflected Board direction at our last meeting, that is, not to set a minimum age, but be more clear in the written ride descriptions about what is expected in terms of fitness and experience). All persons under 18 must have parent/guardian with them at all times (not in separate groups). Mike volunteered to lead a family friendly ride on the second Saturday of the month. Darius volunteered to help out if a slower kid shows up on a Wednesday ride so the “C” group is not always affected.  
We also reviewed written policy about MORCA membership requirement on our posted group rides due to insurance requirements (i.e., when MORCA hosts the ride, not casual rides among friends who happen to be MORCA members). We are looking at the model followed by club in Bend, Oregon—first time riding with the group is free as a guest and sign liability waiver. Second time requires being a paid member of MORCA/IMBA. If kids are brought along, there will need to be a family membership. There were still questions on whether our insurance covers guests, so we put this on hold until Nick is able to contact the insurance agent.
- 3. Coordination with Fort Ord Cycle Paths (FOCP)—** We are not sure whether insurance issues in Item 2 will affect ability of FOCP to piggyback on our BLM Night Ride Permit and have a separate “D” group at 6:30 PM. We will get all the facts straight and Henri will be the liaison to FOCP if there are needed changes to protocol. Note that several FOCP participants are IMBA/MORCA members too.
- 4. Treasurer’s Report—**Nick reported we have \$31,741 in combined assets. In the 7/9 to 7/30 period, we received \$1590 from SeaOtter and \$500 from MBOSC for the Old Cabin Classic. We also received a \$150 donation. The main expense was \$112 for Trail Day food. We must spend \$6,904 of grant money by December 31 for County trail signage. We are trying to get the County to agree to military icons to put on posts to designate loops created by Darius and others in MTB Project or Trailforks. Also create and print nice maps and info about the area.
- 5. Trail Day-** The July 21 trail day focused on Trail 71 and thistle removal. We have 570 hours to date. Next day is August 18 with more vegetation trimming. In the future, we hope there can be re-routes of some of the trails lost due to recent Army vegetation removal. Sign up and learn more at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>. Darius brought some great posters about the Special Bike raffle. Gary read a nice letter from BLM thanking us for our volunteer service.
- 6. County Parks News—Toro, Palo Corona, Other—** Mike McGirr and Darius Rike were selected by County staff to be on the Toro Park trail committee, which first meets on August 8.
- 7. Regional Parks News--** Also on August 8 are evening parks meetings related to Palo Corona. Darius will attend and report. Darius plans to visit the newly opened Rancho Canada entrance to Palo Corona front country to see what trails are open to bikes.
- 8. Outreach—**We are delivering Lisa’s great poster re Bike Raffle for volunteers to various bike shops. Lisa has been regularly posting in Facebook re MORCA trails days and rides.

9. **TAKMBD is Saturday October 6, 2018**—Sue/Nick are trying to finalize insurance requirements; we have asked that certain items be waived as they are focused on employee issues (we have none). Sue contacted the Stowes re bike structures and is trying to line everything up now as she will be out of town prior to TAKMBD. From last month, recall Gary will be at a wedding so we need a Master of Ceremonies and BBQ guy!! We need a bullhorn, which was previously authorized. Possible mechanics are Bear Bikes (Brian to ask) and Luciano+kids at Rancho Cielo (Henri to ask). Mike to check re ClifBar. We previously agreed that another adult-oriented event the same weekend is too much given new County requirements.
10. **General Membership/Events??**— Membership is down, likely due to IMBA-related issues (we are a chapter) We have 138 members now down from 190. We discussed ways of making money that are independent of IMBA membership, such as the “Fort Ord 49” or other endurance event similar to a grand fondo. There could also be other side fun events such as slow skills contest, power meter champion etc (snag ideas from booths at SeaOtter). Previous ideas were: (a) coffee+ride+fun games+lunch+brief overview of MORCA at 8<sup>th</sup>&Gigling; (b) poker ride (need to staff at least 5 stations, get BLM permit); or non-bike event like a MTB movie, guest speaker etc. Mike suggested contacting George Garibay to ask for mentoring advice re fundraising ideas.
11. **Other Business** – There are many topics past and present:
  - A. 501-c-3 status—we have received official notification of federal 501-c-3 status but we still have certain state forms regarding raffles to fill out (Form 199N). Thanks Mike for handling.
  - B. Schipper Design Grant—Mike secured a grant to help with a new logo and professional outreach; Mike, Gary and Brian have reviewed initial concepts; still a work in progress.
  - C. County trail loops— The County is open to the loop concept and also wants to put up large maps in two locations.
  - D. BLM still plans to issue Night Ride permit from 8<sup>th</sup> and Gigling despite loss of certain trails; we will work with them and be flexible pending changing conditions.
  - E. Square card reader—we discussed benefits and Gary volunteered to look into it more deeply. Authorized users would need to be trained properly.
  - F. Purchase of propane heater and fire extinguisher for night rides as it gets colder. A key issue is who keeps it, brings it to rides, etc?
  - G. Coffe at REI “Garage Sales”—this is a nice concept but these are almost always on trail days.
  - H. 2019 BOARD NOMINATIONS—Begin in September!!
12. **Calendar Review for Rest of 2018** –
  - September 5—MORCA BBQ at Twilight Ride hosted by Custom Sheds; Darius to bring Easy Up
  - October 6—TAKMBD (major effort)
  - October 7-- Cyclovia Salinas; Brian to staff (others welcome!!)
  - October 24 -- MORCA hosts twilight Rides at Laguna Seca—costume contest, pumpkin pie!!
  - Late October or early November???--- Night Ride kickoff
  - December – Holiday Party??

**Also on the radar—**

1. **Army cutting and burning**—see [www.fortordcleanup.com](http://www.fortordcleanup.com)
2. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse**— FORA continues to move forward on the environmental review of **Eastside Parkway**. We will participate in this process.
3. **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](http://www.palocorona.org).

**We adjourned at 7:35 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 8/7/2018**

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