

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, October 1, 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, November 5, 2018 at 6 PM, at English Ales (annual meeting!)

10/1/2018 Agenda Items: All directors present except Nick; Darius, Phil, Sue and Molly also attended.

- 1. TAKMBD is Saturday October 6, 2018—** We honed in on final logistics and to do tasks; 87 kids registered to date – THANK YOU SUE for an excellent job organizing all this despite major hassle from the County’s new permit requirements. Next year it is someone else’s turn.
- 2. Nominations for Board Seats end today October 1.** Matt, Henri, Nick, Brian and Mike indicated willingness to continue to serve. Cassidy Elischer and Darrin Noel (sp?) have been nominated. We concurred that the first agenda item on November 5 (annual meeting) should be changing Bylaw 4.1 to enable 7 board members (not 6).
- 3. BLM Night Ride Permit Requirements—**Gary reviewed the much more rigorous permit requirements for the BLM Permit, and very limited trail options (minimal single track) for rides out of 8th&G. Also base fee is \$6/person/ride rather than \$5. Until Army opens some of the trails and things mellow out, we voted unanimously to move night ride to Creekside as soon as permit is finalized. [Mike motion, Matthew second]
- 4. BLM Night Ride Permit Status --** All paperwork is signed and BLM awaits insurance paperwork from MORCA. Update: Wednesday October 10 will be first night ride at Creekside.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report—**Nick provided info to Mike, who reported we have \$30,524 in combined assets. In the past month, we received a \$1,000 donation from California Custom Sheds (thank you!) and another \$382 donation (provided at Twilight Ride event). We also received \$795 in IMBA quarterly dues. Expenses totaled \$1685, primarily for food for the Twilight Ride and TAKMBD expenses (toilet/table/chairs). More expenses for TAKMBD will be coming later in October. There is roughly \$8,000 in the grant account that must be spent by December 31. Sadly, we learned the County has reversed course and will not allow us to add icons on signs and even printing of maps is questionable. Thus, we will be returning funds to the granting agency with an explanation. MTB Project or Trailforks is a means to describe loops as desired.
- 6. Trail Day-** Darius reported we have over 700 hours to date in 2018! The September 15 event focused on T49 and 50. The October event will be Saturday October 27 as part of Public Lands Day. We will drive in to the Lightfighter LZ picnic grounds and do a ride and trim from there. Darius and other leaders flagged a new alignment for T70 and also discussed “fenceline” trail. Timing for actual work depends on the Army. They also discussed potential realignments for T68, T67 and T59. Sign up to work at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>.
- 7. County Parks News—Toro, Palo Corona, Other—** Mike McGirr and Darius Rike reported on the Toro Park trail committee, which is making some progress but not getting much guidance from County staff. Subcommittees have been formed regarding specific topics. Darius to contact Drew of MBOSC re his ideas as he is a recognized professional. There was no news re Palo Corona but Darius mentioned that State Parks is releasing draft plans for its property near Point Lobos, which includes potential access to Palo Corona backcountry.
- 8. Wednesday October 24 MORCA Twilight Ride—**MORCA will host a Halloween themed evening with costumes encouraged (Prize for best costume), a coasting contest etc. Think pumpkin pies (Henri to buy) and scary Halloween treats! We need volunteers to cook burgers etc for this event. Henri to prepare news release for Raceway PR.

9. **Eastside Parkway EIR (aka “Northeast-Southwest Arterial Connector” project)**-- MORCA folks attended the two FORA public meetings in early September and submitted a 5-page formal comment letter on the Notice of Preparation of an EIR. **See info at:** connector@fora.org . Issues include loss of trails, safe access to trails, redundant roadways, habitat fragmentation, noise, garbage dumping, lights, impact to animals, higher fire danger, etc. No one liked the proposed alignment and recommended better alternatives, including the “No Project”.
10. **State Parks Letter-** Henri wrote MORCA letter regarding the New Inland State Park Area south of Carmel and expressed displeasure re lack of mountain biking in the plan, and lack of coordination with Regional Parks re access for bikes to Palo Corona back-country; Darius also wrote a letter.
11. **501-c-3 status**— Mike has finalized the various state forms we need to submit because we have held raffles in the past and plan to do so in the future. Thanks Mike!!
12. **Cyclovia Salinas**—Brian will staff our booth on Sunday October 7—should be fun!! Thx Brian!
13. **Schipper Design Grant**— Mike secured a grant to help with a new logo and branding. Mike, Gary and Brain reviewed ideas and presented our new logo!! This will be used for all letterhead, t-shirts, printing etc. Stay tuned to see it soon!
14. **County trail loops**— We hoped to stitch the County trail segments together to create loops of various distances. But the County decided not to let us mark trail signs to designate the loop.
15. **Square POS card reader**— Nick purchased the card reader and got software going. Henri synched it up with her phone and tested it at TAKMBD (thanks Mike and Phil as testers). Now we can accept money via cash, credit card or Apple-pay and provide receipts via text or email.
16. **Calendar Review for Rest of 2018 – see below**
17. **Other Business not on agenda**
 - DH Mower Stolen!!** Bummer!! We will consider whether to rent or purchase next spring due to secure storage issues.
 - Meetup**—Sue asked that someone else manage this MORCA meetup. We discussed whether the cost and time to update weekly items was justified re: new members and agreed to let it lapse at end of October.

CALENDAR

- October 6—TAKMBD (note—a great success with roughly 100 registered kids plus parents, friends, high school and adult volunteers)
- October 7-- Cyclovia Salinas; October 24 -- MORCA hosts twilight Rides at Laguna Seca—costume contest, pumpkin pie!!
- October 24—MORCA twilight ride
- October 27—Trail Day for Public Lands Day at BLM
- Late October or early November??!-- Night Ride kickoff
- November 5—annual meeting at English Ales (required election related stuff, then socializing)
- December – Holiday Party ?

Also on the radar—

1. **Army cutting and burning**—see www.fortordcleanup.com
2. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— www.palocorona.org.

We adjourned at 7:48 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 10/6/2018

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