

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, January 7, 2019; opened at 6:06 PM**

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**Your NEW 2019 Officers/Directors are:** Mike McGirr (Prez), Brian Tomasini (VP), Henrietta Stern (Secty), Nick Madronio (Treas), Matthew Lamont, Cassady Elischer (new director) and Darrin Noel (new director) (Members-at-Large)

**Next Regular Board Meeting:** Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6 PM, at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

**1/7/2019 Agenda Items:** All directors present except Matthew and Cassady; plus Darius, Phil, and Ken; guest Cody.

- 1. Determine Officers for 2019—** The Directors determine the President and other officers. In a series of motions, the Board unanimously voted for the following: President Michael McGirr, Vice-President Brian Tomasini, Secretary Henrietta Stern, and Treasurer Nick Madronio. Thank You for stepping up to serve the club. And Thank You to outgoing president Gary Courtright for your excellent leadership these past 2 years.
- 2. 2019 Budget--** We approved the budget previously, but may tweak it based on a special planning meeting to be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- 3. Planning and Objectives Meeting--** Mike will check with the board about dates for a weekend morning planning session; Henri to check re Meadowbrook meeting room availability.
- 4. Treasurer's Report—**Nick reported we have \$22,645 in combined assets, with \$471 in the Trail Fund. In the past month, we received a generous \$500 donation from Rick Werner, which will go to replenish the Trail Fund. Major expenditures were \$7,835 for County area kiosks (see item 7) and \$563 to feed the many student-athletes who participated in the December 2018 trail day!
- 5. Trail Day Report-** Darius was pleased to report we volunteered a **record-setting 1,041 hours** in 2018, which is 20 more hours than in 2017! Yay! We had a big student-athlete group from Salinas area high school mountain bike teams on December 15 and a small ad hoc group on December 27. Sign up to work at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>. The next trail day is scheduled for January 19; this is tentative due to the government shutdown. Santa Cruz Bicycles reps plan to attend and pay for food/beverages! Another option is work at Toro or the Fort Ord County area, but time is short re logistics and permission. Darius' long-term vision is a multi-club weekend trail day/campout/ride fest in April 2020 similar to "Mountain Bike Tahoe". He will write up a concept outline.
- 6. Toro Park/County Update—** Mike and Darius reported on the Toro Park trail committee, which continues to meet regularly. The committee liked Darius' idea to invite trail professionals from MBOSC to give a presentation in February. Also the County successfully coordinated with the Hwy 68 Hillbilly group for their recent work on the Pipeline trail (e.g., volunteer forms), which could be a good model. There was no news re Palo Corona (regional parks), where we would like to see mountain bike access to the Palo Corona backcountry.
- 7. County Trail Signage/Grant--** The County finally agreed to allow MORCA to buy 2 kiosks to hold large maps of the signed network and related information (and not waste grant money). County staff needs to finalize and print poster-sized maps. Nick purchased 2 kiosks for \$7,835 which will be shipped to the County for installation at Jerry Smith Corridor and near East Garrison. Nick also wrote up a final grant report accepted by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation documenting our accomplishments (170 signs installed on 18 miles of trail) and challenges (county bureaucracy and many delays), and how the money was spent. **Thank You Nick for 3 years of hard work**, many meetings, and incredible perseverance!! There is a great legacy out on Happy Trails!
- 8. Government Shutdown/Volunteer Cleanup --** Kudos to MORCA member Jim Ryan for spearheading trailhead trash cleanup at Creekside and Badger Hills trailheads, and any MORCA

members who have helped to date. We can all help by not using trash bins and actually taking home more trash than we came with. Mike has a jillion trash bags to distribute.

9. **August 13, 2019 Twilight Ride Hosting**-- The board previously set this date to host. Brian to check with Gary C. and track staff as their website shows this date is still open. This is during the Motorsports Reunion which could relate to a vintage bike or dress theme.
10. **2019 Sea Otter Classic April 11-14** — There will be no IMBA booth so we are on our own! We discussed need to reach out to Bill K re booth “manager” and develop some nice story boards about our accomplishments and plans. Brian to check with One Up USA to see if they will donate another rack for raffle. Potential coordination with Specialized as they provided the raffle bike for trail volunteers. Ken H reviewed new dual slalom schedule which should result in more consistent hours each day. He estimates need for 27 volunteers; shifts will be half-day. Recall we have a campsite to encourage comraderie. Related to Item 13, there could be potential to sell logo socks, hats and other gear at our booth. Or give away if sizable donation??
11. **MBOSC Old Cabin Classic is May 4.** Mark Davidson is new MPWMD liaison for MBOSC; we need to discuss concerns with him and identify our specific requirements for borrowing structures (e.g., insurance, loading, transportation, assembly, marshalling, and reverse that process). We will need to show how the structures are put together and oversee the first time for sure. Perhaps a manual needs to be prepared with photos or video?
12. **Eastside Parkway EIR (aka “Northeast-Southwest Arterial Connector” project)**-- No news at present. See info at: [connector@fora.org](mailto:connector@fora.org) .
13. **Other Business/Adventure Outlet**—Cody introduced himself and line of MTB-related custom apparel that we can order with our logo (no minimum order!). 50% of profit goes to MORCA. These can be advertised on Facebook or website with link to an order page. The buyer specifies color, size, design etc. If we wish, items can go toward specific funds such as TAKMBD, pump track, trail work. Cody will provide more info re items and pricing. In a related matter, Mike handed out nice 4” stickers with new MORCA logo. More of those available! Darius suggested that we get socks with MORCA logo to sell or perhaps give in return for service hours or donation. Color ideas include variations on green, brown, black and orange. Simplified logo needed for socks or hats (embroidery).  
**Marina Pump Track**—After the meeting, Darius emailed that City of Marina is proceeding and it is time to think about fund-raising in a serious way. Mike and Darius will discuss in more detail.
14. **Calendar Review 2019 – see below**  
Jan 13—Girls Rock at Creekside, co-hosted by MORCA. The board unanimously voted to donate \$100 towards the event for food etc. GR has obtained a BLM permit for their event. MORCA ladies have volunteered to help guide.  
Feb 2—Army bus tour  
April 11-14—Sea Otter Classic  
May 4—Army walking tour/bus tour  
May 4—MBOSC Old Cabin Classic

**Also on the radar—**

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

**We adjourned at 7:34 PM. Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 1/8/2019**

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