

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – JULY 3, 2017
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2017 Officers/Directors: Gary Courtright (P), Brian Tomasini (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), Mike McGirr (MAL) and Sue Benjaram (MAL).

Next Board Meetings: (note changes from normal dates)

Monday, July 31, 2017 at 6 PM at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6 PM, Carmel Kitchen and Baths

7/3/2017 Agenda Items: (Sue absent).

1. **President's Opening Remarks** – The meeting opened at 6:05 PM. Focus is on TAKMBD for the next few months.
2. **IMBA Update**—Gary is keeping track of IMBA updates; not much to report at present.
3. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse**-- FORA asks that folks stay out of Parker Flats area (Oak Oval) until all paperwork is done. There may be a mid-August noon-time trail users meeting. Army continues its "BLM Area B" cleanup with certain trails blocked off (e.g., Little Moab). Army bus tour is Saturday, July 15.
4. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails**—The County put the brakes on this project in February; Mike and Nick to speak to Supervisor Adams and Parker. Our grant is in jeopardy and we may need to reapply. Fort Ord Committee meetings have also been cancelled recently.
5. **Toro Park Issues**— County staff meetings with individual trail committee members were cancelled. The trail committee as a group has yet to be reconvened. This is another topic to discuss with Supervisors.
6. **Trail Work Update**—More than 400 hours have been logged this year. About 10 folks showed for June trail day focused on trimming T49 and T50 (plus sand removal). A bigger than normal trail day is planned for Saturday, July 15 (meet at Creekside Terrace) as part as Latino Conservation Week. Gary to contact BLM re: news release for the Ewok Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in June.
7. **Treasurer's Report**-- We have roughly \$36,145 in combined assets. The grant savings account for trail signage project is \$17,902, with roughly \$18,242 in checking+Paypal. About \$774 remains in the trail fund. Directors/Officers insurance became effective as of June 1, 2017.
8. **Marina Pump Track Update**— No report. Gloria Jean Tate Park Plan includes a pump track.
9. **Take-a-Kid-Mountain Biking Day (TAKMBD)**— Sue (via email) reported that other entities have booked the Travel Camp before she submitted her permit application. Securing a date/location is top priority. We may need to move to July 14. Henri to check with Sierra Club contact re sharing the space on October 7. Gary working with IMBA etc to find a bike sponsor for the raffle.
10. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— Henri was advised that the Management Plan for Palo Corona is beginning a review process. Ken C is tracking meetings.
11. **Calendar Review – see below**
12. **Meet-Up**—We continue to get new visitors via Meetup.com.
13. **Other Business** – Topics included:
 - A. Need to **support all National Monuments** in face of federal review and potential reduction or eliminations; see Facebook posts from IMBA and FORT Friends
 - B. **Liability concerns re: post-ride BBQ.** We discussed this issue and will remove the BBQ as part of MORCA event descriptions (website, calendar and Meetup posts) as that is an optional social function by individuals

Item 13: Calendar Review –

July 15-23—Latino Conservation Week (MORCA trail work day on 7/15)

Aug 5 – Fritter 50 (Oregon); some MORCANS are racing or volunteering
October 7—TAKMBD (to be confirmed)
Late October – Public Lands Day and Night Ride Kickoff (TBD)
November 8-- Laguna Seca Twilight Ride we host

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