

**SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – JULY 31, 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 Meeting:** (note changes from normal first Monday of the month)  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6 PM, Carmel Kitchen and Baths

**7/31/2017 Agenda Items: (All directors except Sue present; Darius, Tony and Phil also attended).**

1. **President's Opening** – The meeting opened at 6:10 PM. Focus is on TAKMBD and other October events.
2. **Bike Smart/FOCMC Presentations** - Diana Maravilla (Program Coordinator) and Eric Guerrieri (Volunteer Coordinator) from [www.bikesmart.org](http://www.bikesmart.org) gave a presentation on their in-school program (3<sup>rd</sup> to 12 grades), which needs volunteers to expand into Monterey County. They have a fleet of 30 bikes and a set program for kids to learn basic street bike safety. We advised them about TAKMBD and hope they attend and partner with us. Contact Eric at: [eguerrieri@ecoact.org](mailto:eguerrieri@ecoact.org) if you are interested in volunteering in local schools. Lauryn Ricigliano of Families of Color Monterey County, which focuses on bikes for young children, gave a report on how MORCA's previous \$500 donation has been used (e.g., purchasing bikes for families to use during clinics). Learn more at: [www.focmc.org](http://www.focmc.org) or on Facebook.
3. **IMBA Update** – The Board voted unanimously (Mike motion/Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>) to formally adopt the IMBA Chapter Agreement. This includes IMBA getting our money if we dissolve as a chapter and they get to review any change to our Bylaws.
4. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse**-- There is a meeting on Wed. August 9 at 6 PM re changing status in a portion of the Parker Flats development area (commercial only now can be housing). The next **FORA-ESCA** noon-time trail users meeting is Wed August 23. Henri plans to attend these meetings. Here is a link re Parker Flats meeting:  
[http://docs.fortordcleanup.com/ar\\_pdfs/Factsheets/Final PF ESD FactSheet.pdf](http://docs.fortordcleanup.com/ar_pdfs/Factsheets/Final PF ESD FactSheet.pdf)  
The Army continues its "BLM Area B" cleanup with certain trails blocked off. For temporary closure info, check their website at: <http://fortordcleanup.com/programs/blm-area-b/>
5. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails**—The County put the brakes on this project in February; Mike has contacted Supervisor Adams; Nick contacted Supervisor Parker. Our grant is in jeopardy and we will write a formal letter soon. Fort Ord Committee meetings have also been cancelled recently.
6. **Toro Park Issues**— County Parks Commission to meet on August 3; Phil and Mike planned to attend. 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.
7. **Trail Work Update**—More than **650** hours have been logged this year. About 25 folks showed for Saturday, July 15 Latino Conservation Week. BLM sent out a nice post re MORCA's work on Ewok. August trail days are Sunday August 6 at noon and Saturday August 19 at 9 AM at 8<sup>th</sup> and Gigling. For info, sign up at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>
8. **Treasurer's Report**-- We have roughly \$36,248 in combined assets. The grant savings account for trail signage project is \$17,902, with roughly \$18,346 in checking+Paypal. About \$731 remains in the trail fund.
9. **Marina Pump Track Update**— Darius attended the Sports Advisory Board meeting, and a pump track is part of the plan for Gloria Jean Tate Park. The City is hiring a Parks Planner who will do the necessary regulatory paperwork, which may take several months.

10. **Take-a-Kid-Mountain Biking Day (TAKMBD)**— The Saturday **October 7** date has been confirmed and thanks to the Sierra Club for sharing the venue. Gary will contact IMBA and Specialized to find a bike sponsor for the raffle (we hope for a boy and girl kids bikes). Henri to contact her Specialized friends too. Sue and Darius need to coordinate re: website, volunteer signups etc. Advertising at schools and other locales needs to go out soon.
11. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— Management Plan for Palo Corona is underway, and workshops are planned this fall. Ken C. is tracking meetings.
12. **Calendar Review – see below**
13. **Meet-Up**—We continue to get new visitors via Meetup.com.
14. **Other Business** – Topics included:
  - A. **New website** is up—Thanks Ian Furgeson for your help. The Board agreed by consensus to change the host from GoDaddy to Redshift (free for non-profits). Darius to be contact; he will train Board members on how to add news.
  - B. **Fall member social gathering**— likely in September; stay tuned.
  - C. **2017-2018 Night Ride permit**—Gary to contact BLM to get this going

**Item 12: Calendar Review –**

September (??—TBD) – quarterly social meeting  
September 20— Laguna Seca Twilight Ride with Custom Sheds (we do BBQ)  
October 7—TAKMBD  
October 15—Cyclovia Salinas  
October 28 – Public Lands Day (for sure) and potentially Night Ride Kickoff (??)  
November 8-- Laguna Seca Twilight Ride (we host)

**We adjourned at 7:45 PM.**