

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, October 2, 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: Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6 PM, Turn 12

10/2/2017 Agenda Items: (All directors present; Darius, Phil and George F also attended).

1. **President's Opening** – The meeting opened at 6:10 PM. Focus is on TAKMBD.
2. **Take-a-Kid-Mountain Biking Day (TAKMBD)**— We discussed final logistics and assignments for the **October 7** event, including potential cancellation due to planned controlled burn on October 5. Fortunately it all worked out with over 70 kids attending (125 had pre-registered). We had over 25 high school team volunteers from all three NICA teams—Palma, Salinas and Lightfighters. See Facebook for lots of great photos.
3. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse**—Large controlled burn on October 5 took out BLM area B and C. There will be temporary and long-term closures during the cleanup stage. For info, check their website at: <http://fortordcleanup.com/programs/blm-area-b/> There are opportunities to comment on two planned munitions removal tracts (Parker Flats and East Garrison). The next **FORA-ESCA** noon-time trail users meeting is Wed November 22. Henri plans to attend.
4. **Night-riding permit**— Gary is finalizing with Eric Morgan with request to begin on October 15. Same routes as last year with understanding that 8th and Gigling routes maybe affected by Army work. We decided against a kick-off event due to too many other activities.
5. **Public Lands Day October 28** – MORCA will lead ride and Trim from Lightfighter LZ picnic area from 9 AM to Noon—Joel Trice and others as needed to help BLM grilling and be there at recognition ceremony. Darius to bring MORCA canopy.
6. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails**—The County staff will met with MORCA (Nick M. is lead) on Sept 21 re next steps. Work not expected until next winter due to need for Habitat Conservation Plan to be finalized first. We need to redo vendor bid, get grant extended with required letter of commitment and schedule from County. Nick also attended Sept 28 Fort Ord Committee. Next FOC meeting is October 26.
7. **Toro Park Issues**— Phil attended County Parks Commission meetings along with other mountain bikers. There is public interest in the trail committee but County staff seem unwilling to run it. We discussed various ideas re Toro but agreed that we need to be clear on our internal goals, priorities and resources before taking on any major new task.
8. **Trail Work Update**—More than 700 hours have been logged this year. The next trail day will be Saturday October 28 at 9 AM as part of Public Lands Day. See separate fliers on this event. Darius to hold a trail committee meeting later in October to plan for next year. For info, sign up at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/>
9. **Treasurer's Report**-- We have roughly \$38,613 in combined assets. The grant savings account for trail signage project is \$17,902, with roughly \$20,711 in checking+Paypal. About \$597 remains in the trail fund, which will be replenished by a \$1,000 donation from California Custom Sheds received last month. We received \$600 from Subaru and \$250 from Carmel Kitchen and Baths for TAKMBD, plus \$423 cash donations at the September Twilight Ride. Key expenses last month were \$1,858 for TAKMBD with more to come for per person fees, food etc.
10. **Marina Pump Track Update**—A pump track is part of the plan for Gloria Jean Tate Park. No new information reported by Darius.
11. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— Management Plan for Palo Corona is underway; Darius and Ken C attended October workshops. See Facebook posts for information

on how you can comment. Our voice is important in order to obtain access (hikers only by permit is current situation). Ken C. is tracking their board meetings.

12. IMBA Dig In Campaign. Gary, Darius and Mike to quickly brainstorm on what equipment we might need for trail work. Hopefully we will get some of the money available from IMBA donors.

13. Calendar Review – see below

14. Meet-Up—We continue to get new visitors via Meetup.com.

15. Other Business – Topics included:

- A. **Fall member social gathering November 4, noon to 4 PM.** Meadowbrook Tennis Club in Seaside; BBQ with MORCA providing meat and beverages; attendees bring a side dish or snack.
- B. **ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS** – We postponed actions described in our Bylaws by one month to enable TAKMBD and other events to occur. Henri prepared draft ballot and language to go out to members. Nominations due November 6. Darius will be sending out info to members via the IMBA mail list.

Item 13: Calendar Review –

October 15—Cyclovia Salinas (Brian to take lead)

October 28 – Public Lands Day – MORCA ride and trim

November 4—MORCA quarterly social; 12-4 PM at Meadowbrook Tennis Club, Seaside

November 8-- Laguna Seca Twilight Ride (we host) with perhaps a Pumpkin Pie theme

We adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 10/11/2017