

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, November 6, 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, December 4, 2017 at 6 PM, Turn 12

11/6/2017 Agenda Items: (All directors present except Sue; Darius, Phil, Ken C, Matthew and Tony also attended).

1. **President's Opening** – The meeting opened at 6:00 PM. Focus is on IMBA issues, budget.
2. **IMBA Chapter Program Update.** Gary reviewed big changes to IMBA, which has significantly cut staff. There is a move to create a new IMBA-affiliated entity called "California Mountain Bikers" which would become its own 501-c-3 organization, likely with three sub-regions (e.g., SoCal, central, NorCal). IMBA would provide services for a fee. This is just in the beginning stages and details are sparse on who will do what.
3. **MORCA Chapter review—SWOT/Survey--** Mike prepared a draft SWOT overview that identifies MORCA's **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats**. He has asked for feedback from the current directors, and will send to past directors, club leaders or active participants. A subcommittee of Mike, Ken C, Henri (and others welcome) will review answers. Then we will reach out to membership via Survey Monkey to ask what value MORCA provides, why are folks members, what is the most important thing MORCA should do, etc. This will lead to board retreat on honing our priorities, where to focus our energy and money, refine Mission Statement, Vision Statement, values, short and long-term goals. This will help us with grant applications and fund-raising for big-ticket projects (e.g., pump track).
4. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse—** The landscape has changed after the controlled burns in October; now the Army begins munitions search and cleanup. 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/> The next **FORA-ESCA** noon-time trail users meeting is Wed November 22. Henri plans to attend unless it is cancelled.
5. **Night-riding permit—** The night-ride program is underway. We agreed that inviting Light&Motion on Wed, December 6 at 8th and Gigling made sense in conjunction with a Christmas Ride; backup date is December 13. Good opportunity for Christmas shopping!
6. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails—** County staff met with MORCA (Nick M. is lead) on October 24 and have written a commitment letter to the grant agency. Goal is doing the trail signage project by Spring 2018. Nick will request 1-year grant extension. Trail crew leaders must go to biology and UXO training. Nick also attends Fort Ord Committee meetings.
7. **Toro Park Issues—** Phil indicated there has not been any action or word from the County.
8. **Trail Work Update—** 772 volunteer hours have been logged this year. The next trail day will be Saturday November 11 at 9 AM at Creekside. Sign up at: <http://morcambt.org/trails/trail-work/> Darius is also working with high school coaches on a December volunteer project. He is meeting this week with BLM's Eric Morgan re trail project ideas for next year.
9. **Treasurer's Report--** We have roughly \$37,938 in combined assets. The grant savings account for trail signage project is \$17,903, with roughly \$20,035 in checking+Paypal. About \$1,498 is in the trail fund, which was replenished by a \$1,000 donation from California Custom Sheds. We received \$1,250 in donations for TAKMBD and \$305 of other donations. Key expenses last month were \$1,343 for TAKMBD, \$99 for trail day food and \$100 in night ride fees. Nick also submitted a **DRAFT BUDGET for 2018** (about \$15,000); the Board will review and comment within two weeks; the final budget and then goes for adoption in December.

10. **Elections**—Matthew Lamont has been nominated to be a director; a ballot with his name and the current directors (except for Sue) will go out shortly with deadline the December 2 meeting. Henri to get info to Darius to send to membership. Darius to be the “teller.”
11. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**— Several MORCANs have attended Workshop #1 public hearings for a Management Plan for Palo Corona. The next set of meetings is November 15 in Seaside and November 16 in Carmel Valley. Darius sent the link to their survey about uses of this amazing property (due November 10). Our voice is important in order to obtain access (hikers only by permit is current situation). Ken C. is tracking their board meetings.
12. **Meet-Up**— We continue to get new visitors via Meetup.com.
13. **IMBA Dig In Campaign.** Mike reviewed this national effort by IMBA to bring in corporate grant funding for trail work and new projects such as bike parks. We submitted a \$1,100 request for trail equipment. We are also asked to locally fundraise and use the Dig-In materials provided by IMBA (they get 20% of funds raised).
14. **TAKMBD Final review**-- Nick submitted a detailed income and expense sheet for TAKMBD. We voted unanimously to send thank you checks of \$300 each to Palma, Salinas and Lightfighter high school MTB teams for their help (Nick motion, Brian second). Darius suggested that in 2018 high school kids organize the trail rides and break into smaller groups tailored for different age groups (striders to older). We will need to work with coaches on this. Darius to write up his suggestions. We discussed the bike raffle issue (buying one or not?) and food logistics. Important—we need to confirm who is leading the TAKMBD effort early next year. Sue??
15. **Calendar Review** –
December 4—Directors +annual meeting (budget, elections) – 6 PM Turn 12 Restaurant
December 6 – nightride Christmas Ride, 6 PM at 8th and G (Hopefully with Light&Motion
December 13 – backup date for nightride, also at 8th and Gigling if Dec 6 rained out
16. **Other Business** – There was a request on how to order more MORCA bells. Darius to coordinate with Brian.

We adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 11/9/2017