

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING – Monday, December 4, 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, January 8, 2018 at 6 PM, Turn 12 (second Monday due to 1/1 holiday)

12/4/2017 Agenda Items: (All directors present except Nick; Darius, Phil, Ken C, also attended).

1. **President's Opening** – The meeting opened at 6:05 PM. Focus is on IMBA issues, budget.
2. **Elections** – nine ballots were submitted to Darius. The slate of directors was elected. They will select officers in January 2018. **The 2018 directors are:** Gary Courtright, Brian Tomasini, Nick Madronio, Henrietta Stern, Mike McGirr and Matthew Lamont. Congratulations and thank you for stepping up to guide the club. **Thank you Sue Benjaram** for your dedication to MORCA, especially as Sue has volunteered to co-lead TAKMBD in 2018.
3. **IMBA Dig-In Campaign.** Mike reviewed this national campaign to fund trail work, which goes through the end of December. Our desire for a mechanized trail trimmer is part of this effort. So help contribute to trail projects here and throughout the land.
4. **MORCA Chapter review—SWOT/Survey--** Last month, Mike prepared a draft SWOT overview that identifies MORCA's **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.** He reviewed initial feedback from current and past directors, club leaders or active participants. Ideas welcome through the end of December. A subcommittee of Mike, Ken C, Henri (and others welcome) will review answers, and Mike will issue a full report in January. 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). **Saturday January 13 from 9 Am to 1 PM is suggested for director discussion**
5. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse—** The Army continues its 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/> Henri to check date for the next FORA-ESCA noon-time trail users meeting.
6. **Night-riding—** The night-ride program is underway. The date for Christmas ride is December 6. Gary invited Light&Motion to participate [Update— L&M may come on December 13 at Creekside].
7. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails—** This has been up and down. County staff finally wrote a commitment letter to the grant agency and had a schedule, but too late—grant agency asked for their money back due to too many delays. [Update—County staff urged grant agency to reconsider and they did! So it appears we will be moving forward after all.] Nick also attends Fort Ord Committee meetings (cancelled in December).
8. **Toro Park Issues—** Participants confirmed there has not been any action or word from the County. Ken C met with Supervisor Adams chief of staff as an individual; no commitments but concern about user conflicts were expressed.
9. **Trail Work Update—** 820 volunteer hours have been logged this year. The next trail day will be Saturday December 16 hopefully with High School participation. Sign up and learn more at: <http://morcamb.org/trails/trail-work/> We noted Trail 15 is open but a mess—needs raking. Darius to suggest a re-alignment rather than straight down.

10. **Treasurer's Report--** Nick was absent but sent in proposed 2018 budget. We made a few suggestions to reduce expenses to have a balanced budget. Mike made a motion to accept budget (with tweaks) and Henri seconded. Passed unanimously. The final version will be completed in January. In November, we had roughly \$37,938 in combined assets.
11. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)—** Several MORCANs attended Workshop #2 in mid-November for a Management Plan for Palo Corona. See Facebook posts about opportunity to still comment via survey or personal letter. 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. Sue+Henri manage this.
13. **TAKMBD for 2018—**Sue confirmed that she, Diane Madronio and Kelly Lasanti will be the lead committee for 2018. County has already contacted Sue re permit for 2018. We agreed that doing a raffle at SeaOtter was not very effective if we had to buy the bike.
14. **Special meeting to determine goals, objectives (see also item #4)** January 13, 9 AM to 1 PM; Henri to check to see if Meadowbrook is available
15. **Calendar Review –**
 - December 6 – Christmas Night Ride Night, 6 PM at 8th and G
 - December 13 – Creekside night ride, 6 PM, hopefully with Light&Motion
 - January 1—New Year's Ride, 9:30 AM at 8th and Gigling
 - January 8 at 6 PM, Turn 12 – directors meeting
 - January 13, 9 AM to 1 PM, director's review of SWOT and priorities/goals etc—location TBD
16. **Other Business –** There was a flurry of suggested topics and other action:
 - A. Last month—follow-up on ordering more MORCA bells. Darius to coordinate with Brian.
 - B. Thank you to Stowe Construction for in-kind services (trail and TAKMBD equipment)
 - C. Thank you to Bear Bikes for TAKMBD services
 - D. Concern about illegal night riding; is there BLM enforcement?
 - E. Need for marketing person to help us increase membership and donations
 - F. Club should purchase propane and heater for night ride BBQ (another suggestion came in for radios for night ride lead and sweeps)
 - G. A few days after the meeting, there was a flurry of questions about IMBA position on bikes in the wilderness and opposition to a house bill. What is MORCA position?

We adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 12/10/2017