

Minutes for Oct General Meeting

1. Financial Report

- Club approved 192.80 for 3 year website fee
- Club approved paying for club insurance for 2009-\$300.00

2. ESCA closure update

-Expected closure of effected areas (happy trails) is the end of October. Closed trails will be marked. No fencing is planned. ESCA invites comments to their plan. MORCA and individuals should submit comments focusing on re-opening trails as soon as possible, and focusing on trail access for mountain biking. What is the status of the kiosk?

3. Night Riding at Ford Ord

-Currently there are no restrictions on night riding the non-BLM trails (happy trails). The BLM restricts trail access up to 30 minutes past sunset. This is to protect threatened species and for safety reasons. MORCA is working on a plan to allow limited legal night riding. Gary and Peter are conferring with the rangers to get a plan in place prior to the rainy season, hopefully by November 1. Contact Peter or Gary if you have suggestions, want to see the BLM proposal, or want to get involved.

4. Time Trial

- Our first Fall time trial will hopefully be in November. Peter is submitting a permit proposal to the BLM

5. Trail Marking Fort Ord BLM trails

-The BLM was receptive to our offer to mark trails according to their difficulty. Jason and Peter are working with the BLM rangers to set this up.

6. Sea Otter News

-The sea Otter classic is offering Bike advocacy clubs, like MORCA, the opportunity to have a booth for free. The only requirement is to have at least 6 members enter a race. Sounds like a cool idea. The Sea Otter people have asked us if we want to operate a kid's rodeo like last year. Peter will get a little more information and ask for a vote at the next meeting. On another note, the Sea Otter Classic has their 2009 schedule of events posted on their web-site.

7. Future rides and ideas

-MTBR has a Henry Coe ride planned for October 26. See www.mtbr.com.

MTBR.com. Check out their Northern California Forum.
-Possible request for IMBA trail crew in 2009