

SUMMARY OF MORCA BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary, on 3/10/2017

Attendees: Five Directors were present (McGirr absent); members/guests included Ken Howat, Darius Rike, Joel Trice, Tony Cepeda and Ken Chrisman.

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: The Board meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of the month. **The next meeting is Monday, April 3, at 6 PM** at Turn 12 Restaurant, Monterey.

3/6/2017 Agenda Items were as follows:

1. **President's Opening Remarks**
2. **IMBA Chapter 2.0 Discussion**
3. **FORA/ESCA Update/Fort Ord Reuse**
4. **County Update/Happy Trails signage/FORHA Trails**
5. **Toro Park Issues**
6. **Trail Work Update**
7. **Treasurer's Report**
8. **Pump Track Update**
9. **Insurance Update**
10. **Take-a-Kid-Mountain Biking Day (TAKMBD)**
11. **Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD)**
12. **Calendar Review – major events in 2017**
13. **Meet-Up**
14. **Incorporation**
15. **Other Business – Many topics**

Item 1: Opening Remarks– The meeting opened at 6:05 PM. President Gary Courtright presided and asked for concise reports due to the number of agenda items.

Item 2: Review of IMBA 2.0 Proposal. Gary has been interacting with IMBA and other chapters via conference calls. He anticipates another round to discuss “IMBA 2.5”. We received an e-mail that IMBA is dropping a required enrollment in a national insurance policy, which was a key sticking point for us and others. Gary noted that some floated the concept of the California chapters banding together to create an entity. Stay tuned for a report next month.

Item 3: FORA-ESCA/Army/Fort Ord Reuse Update— The FORA-ESCA noontime meeting has not been held to date, and a schedule has yet to be received. Henri sent e-mail asking for an update. The County's special Fort Ord Committee meeting of 3/6 was cancelled; the next regular meeting is Monday 3/27 at 11 AM.
The County/Seaside Oak Woodland corridor assessment within the development parcels is something to watch. Their website has not set a date for a public meeting in March 2017. The website is: <http://oakwoodlands.org/>.
There has been no action by US Army on its Work Plan for BLM Area B. See FORA website (www.fora.org) and www.fora-esca-rp.com. The Army site is www.fortordcleanup.com.
The CSUMB Master Plan comments were due 3/6 (none submitted).

Item 4: County Update/Happy Trails Signage/FORHA. Nick Madronio provided a new County area trail map prepared by the County GIS staff with 54 trails mapped and numbered; east-west are even and north-south are odd. Also four access roads are included. They envision the need for 144 signs. Next task is to inventory materials needed and cost. Nick to attend a March 7 meeting.

Item 5: County Update/Toro Park. No trail committee meetings have been scheduled since June 2016. Phil Craig contacted County staff and Gary provided Phil's e-mail exchange (not much action). Ken Chrisman provided an e-mail he wrote asking that we formally ask the County to let us organize a volunteer brigade to address damaged Toro Park trails. Ken reported that he attended a meeting and Supervisor Mary Adams was interested in volunteer partnerships. Ken noted the Parks Commission will soon be a regular "Brown Act" committee. It is noted there is an open seat on the Parks Commission. The board voted 6-0 (Brian motion, Sue second) to write this letter. Henri to prepare letter.

Item 6: Trail Work Update – Gary reviewed the current state of BLM and Toro trails (many are trashed or closed due to flooding). We asked whether we should set aside Ewok work and focus on trails needing repair (or add more trail days). Gary reported that Darius believes one more trail day is needed for Ewok re-route, so let's finish it. A flurry of activity has been focused on T47 (Couch Canyon) for the NorCal High School races, with the Courtright family leading the effort. There are several very wet areas. More folks are needed to help the roughly 10-15 stalwarts who come every time. Ideas: (1) provide a raffle ticket for fancy bike for every trail day participant. (2) Do a big quarterly event with food sponsors etc, including outreach to other adult and youth/school groups. Gary noted the increased erosion has the Army a little nervous about possible exposed munitions (though my recollection is all trails and 3-feet on either side were tested to 3 feet.)

Item 7: Treasurer's Report– Nick reviewed our status as of March 6, 2017 we have roughly \$34,491 in combined assets. The grant savings account for trail signage project is \$17,902, with \$16,547 in checking. Major expenses last month night ride fees to BLM (\$95), sponsorship of BLM picnic bench (\$549) and FORT Friends (\$100) and a higher-end raffle bike for Sea Otter (\$1800). Major income was Night Ride deposits (\$30) and 4th Quarter IMBA dues (\$930). Nick to ask Darius to replace a link on the website.

Item 8: Marina Pump Track proposed for Locke Paddon – The Marina Recreation Director determined that a site at Gloria Jean Tate Park was best for a bump track and the city is moving forward on this. Tony Cepeda attended the commission meeting. Stay tuned for future Council meetings when your support is needed. The estimated cost for construction is \$15,000-30,000.

Item 9: Insurance—expires March 12. Nick confirmed that we will increase the number of people covered, especially for TAKMBD. Waivers should be done annually.

Item 10: TAKMBD Update October 7, 2016— Brian secured a nice bike to raffle at Sea Otter to fund TAKMBD. We agreed on \$10 for 2 tickets or \$20 for 5 tickets. Sue is working with Lavonne Chin re new application for the Travel Camp. Sue also submitted a blurb to SOC about our raffle to be in their program. Gary noted that Fox has donated a fork and a dropper seat post!

Item 11: Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District – Ken Chrisman attends all MPRPD public meetings that may affect bike access, and recently put his name to be considered as a member

of their citizen's advisory committee. Major storm damage has derailed certain planned land transfers etc. Ken reminds us to be wary of "passive recreation" which is often code for "anti-bike." Progress on **Palo Corona** Management Plan likely stymied due to major fire and then storms. Henri task was to write a draft formal letter to MPRPD. There has been no reported action on Park District plans to take over management of **Happy Trails**, Jacks Peak and Toro Park from County. MPRPD seems supportive of bikes in the future **Fort Ord Regional Park** concept. The Herald reported that this transfer is significantly delayed.

Item 12: Calendar Review – Major events in 2017 include:

April 20-23—Sea Otter Classic. Ken Howat is volunteer lead; new SOC volunteer coordinator is Teresa Harrison. Meeting is March 19. Volunteer signup will be electronic this year through SOC site, but Ken will work with Darius to see if we need internal info for Dual Slalom volunteers and also our own booth volunteers. We will marshal dual slalom again (Slalom now runs Fri-Sat-Sun but Enduro is Thursday). We have confirmed booth #241 next to IMBA for 2017. We have campsite near the entry kiosk. A raffle at SOC is a major funding mechanism for TAKMBD. Darius to create link on website to purchase raffle tickets ASAP.

April 19-21 – Calif. Trails and Greenway Conference, Monterey (see page 4)

May 13—Old Cabin Classic (MBOSC at Wilder)—Karl will deliver structures for kids; an e-mail will be coming soon

May 18—Wed eve Twilight Ride—MORCA host

May 27-June 4—Darius trip to Durango

July 15-23—Latino Conservation Week (trail work day on 7/15) at Fort Ord

October 7-- TAKMBD

Late October – Public Lands Day and Night Ride Kickoff (TBD)

November 8-- Laguna Seca Twilight Ride

See Nick for other out-of-state races!

Item 13: MeetUp.com Hosting -- Sue has been posting MORCA rides and events on the MeetUp.com.

We have 125 "members" and have met some nice folks, many from out-of-area. Henri noted it is important to have MORCA leaders on days where Meetup folks have RSVP'd attendance (especially Creekside Sundays). This elicited a discussion of wording on the website and meetup announcements re check on Facebook re Sunday happening or not. Ride leaders need to post their attendance.

Item 14A: Other Business— Letter Supporting Wilderness Access Bill – Henri to prepare

Item 14B: Other Business-- Letter Supporting public lands remaining in public hands –Henri to prepare

Item 14C: Other Business—Representative on TAMC committee suggested—Sue to find out when/where/obligations.

Item 14D: Other Business—Last night ride via permit is March 8; revert to normal after Daylight Savings. We have moved Wed night rides to 8th & Gigling as we can stay to BBQ afterwards (not possible at Creekside without permit).

We adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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