

MORCA Board Mtg Minutes from June 5, 2017

Mtg held at Turn 12 Bar & Grill in Monterey

Next Trail Work Day this Sat. June 17th at 9 am; see more info below...

Board members in attendance: Pres. Gary Courtright, VP Brian Tomasini, treasurer Nick Madronio, members-at-large Sue Benjaram and Mike McGirr; non-board members: Tony Zepeda

Sea Otter 2018 Camping spot secured

Thanks to Nick Madronio, who secured Can Am circle site 83XL (the same site as 2017 for 4 nights at \$120/night for \$480 total

IMBA Update from Gary Courtright:

In May a contingent of IMBA chapter leaders met in Sacramento; however, we were not represented in part due to short notice of about 24-hrs.

The new charter for chapters will be available by July 1st according to the head of IMBA, Dave Waynes. The charter will change the sharing of IMBA dues to 60/40 (national share/chapter share) and provide insurance (which is not currently offered by the national organization, leaving each chapter to fend for itself.

The mobile app can be used for signing up to IMBA by anyone. IMBA is also developing a new website and CRM (customer relationship management).

FORA/ESCA UPDATE

(Fort Ord Reuse Authority/Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement)

Beware of trail closures; everyone is referred to links provided by Brian Tomasini as follows below. We will ask Darius to provide a link on our website to the pate regarding US Army Ft Ord Cleanup which impacts trail use.

The BLM has been working on a new website initiative that has left many of the former web links inoperable. The Fort Ord National Monument now has a new website:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/fort-ord-national-monument>

[U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

Fort Ord Trail closures in "Area B" sections "B" & "C" began Thursday June 1, 2017

U.S. Army Fort Ord Cleanup - Home: <http://fortordcleanupdev.com/>

Clean Up Program Page:

<http://fortordcleanup.com/programs/blm-area-b/> includes the following links:

Draft Site Specific Work Plan – 510 Pages

http://docs.fortordcleanup.com/ar_pdfs/AR-OE-0900/OE-0900.pdf

Draft BLM Area B –Prescribed Burn Plan - 148 Pages [Maps: PDF pages 91-95 \(Doc pages 83-87\)](#)

http://docs.fortordcleanup.com/ar_pdfs/AR-OE-0901//OE-0901.pdf

Army presentation from May 23, 2017 - 15 Pages

<http://fortordcleanup.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Northern-Portion-of-the-Fort-Ord-National-Monument-Kickoff-Meeting-Presentation.pdf>

Signage Project

Nick has reached a seeming impasse with the county; we have grant money for signage and are still awaiting the go ahead from the county to proceed. We have already had an extension of the period to use the grant money. Nick will ask the grant foundation for assistance in moving the project forward on the county level.

Toro Park Work Advisory Group

To our knowledge, no meeting of this group has occurred since prior to the Soberanes Fire last summer. [note: Sue has e-mailed Carl Holm, director of the Resource Management Agency, since the board mtg to ask when the next mtg will be).

Note the Spartan Race was held at Toro Park recently with the park closed for a period after the event for clean-up (it is open as of this writing).

TRAILWORK

Saturday June 17th, 2017 starting at 9 AM.

What: We will work on trimming (re-establishing the trail corridor) for Trails 49 and 50.

Trail building will wrap up around 1 PM.

Where: [8th Avenue and Gigling Road, Marina, CA](#)

We'll car-pool to the trail work area from here.

Please sign up at <http://www.morcamtb.org/trailwork/>

TRAIL LOVE

TBA: ribbon-cutting event for the Ewok trail; this will be arranged between BLM staff and Darius Rike, our trail work leader extraordinaire.

We have given 498 hrs of Trail Love so far in 2017; huge thanks to those of you who have volunteered to maintain and build trails.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Proceeds from the May 18th Twilight Ride at Laguna Seca were \$298. We received \$840 for staffing the Dual Slalom at the Sea Otter Classic. Our raffle at the Sea Otter Classic garnered \$2,522 and another \$848.55 via

PayPal. We spend \$913 for 12 months of insurance for Directors and Officers. As mentioned above, we spent \$480 in reserving our RV site for the 2018 Sea Otter Classic. We have a balance of \$36,037.33 which includes the grant money for signage. Sue will turn in receipt for Meet Up expense next time.

Marina Pump Track

No new word on this. This is not on the agenda for the City Council meeting of June 6th.

Insurance

Nick secured our insurance for Directors and Officers. The 68-page document is recommended for insomniacs and has been distributed to the board by e-mail already.

Take A Kid Mtn Biking Day: Sat. Oct. 7th, 2018

Sue spoke with a member of Ecology Action during May at a Bike Month event in Santa Cruz and this contact is very interested in attending TKMBD. Ecology Action holds bike rodeos at schools in Salinas to teach bike safety and skills, hauling 100 bikes to each school to do so; they can potentially bring bikes for use at TKMBD for those without bikes.

Sue will make the reservation for the same location as 2017: the cycling day camp at Ft Ord near East Garrison and will contact Skip Latham regarding possible donations, including goodie bags. Tony Zepeda

volunteered to make posters for distribution to bike shops (to be made of poster board, similar to posters made by MBoSC). Sue stated Star Market has been willing in the past to distribute flyers in grocery sacks; Sue will plan on 4"X6" cards/flyers for this purpose.

Someone (Brian?) will seek an adult bike to start our raffle for 2017 to raise funds for TKMBD. Gary talked with Specialized at Sea Otter Classic about donating a bike.

Sue will have to take inventory on items for swag bags for TKMBD 2017.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District MPRPD

No news regarding this nor Rancho Canada.

Calendar of Events

August 5 in Oakridge, Oregon: Cascade Creampuff 100 and Fritter 50: go see our treasurer, Nick Madronio on this epic wilderness mtn bike event (this is not a MORCA event) see www.cascadecreampuff.com

Sept. 20 Twilight Ride at Laguna Seca hosted by Calif. Custom Sheds Cycling Team, a great supporter of MORCA

Sat. Oct. 7th: Take A Kid Mtn Biking Day

Sun. Oct. 8th Cyclovia Salinas (date based on past occurrences) We have a booth (manned in past by Brian Tomasini; others are welcome!) and distribute info and helmets.

Nov. 8---Twilight Ride at Laguna Seca hosted by MORCA and light vendor TBA

Meet-Up website

We have about 140 people via our Meet-Up site and have had some of these people attend rides, including the beginner rides and Sunday am rides

Golden Helmet Award

TAMC gave us the Golden Helmet Award, including a certificate and \$100 gift certificate for the bike shop of our choice, Bobcat Bicycles.

Twilight Ride of May 18

We had 43 riders!

NEW MORCA JERSEYS!

Mike McGirr will head a group of 2 or 3 people to design a new jersey for the club. Another idea is a mechanic's shirt with our logo embroidered on the chest (the mechanic's shirt is a short-sleeved collared shirt with chest pocket).

The meeting was adjourned at about 7:12 pm.