

November 4, 2009

Greater Houston Offroad Biking Association
Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Raf, Amanda, Russell, Chris, Bill Carla, Booker, Kevin

Minutes of last board meeting were read and accepted.

Trail report:

Memorial Park – Russell - arbor behind maintenance area – 1st of year. Clearing top of triangle.

Jack Brooks – Booker – December – tractor to work on Hell's and Dragon Back

Chris – would like to have online documents where trail stewards can report and publish with a link to website. Should have this completed within the next two months.

Cypresswood – reroute needs help.

SFA – spoke with Yetti re being trail steward.

Huntsville – Jim does not show interest to continue as steward. Possible hand off to Troy Rashke.

Carl Barton – trails are in good shape.

VP – nothing to report.

President – Double Lake update. Huntsville grant plans – NWCC meeting and NWCC have pledged \$20k as matching funds (TBC).

Treasurer report – Carla – Bank balance of as of Oct. 30 - \$6,726.75 with expenses for 10 year celebration totaling \$2,073.34 (\$806.00 for T-shirts). Discussion on continuing effort to get our books in order. Carla will contact Mike for assistance.

Debit card has been ordered for purchasing requiring deposits, etc. in advance.

Will begin process of transferring paypal monies into bank account leaving \$1k in paypal.

Need to think about an accountant for upcoming tax season.

Directors need to submit all expense reports – date undecided – but before year end.

Membership – Amanda – 356 current members – 483 lapsed – total of 839

Amanda gave a report on status of establishing the GiftWorks software.

Vote was taken and passed to purchase Giftworks donation package – eventually cancelling the paypal account when up and running.

Christmas party – December 13 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm – deposit of \$500 has been made - \$600 to be paid – BikeHouston will split the cost

Vote was approved to keep the membership fees the same for now.

Smaller trailer discussion – Chris will price out and prepare a proposal. Also shelving needed in the storage unit.

Insurance: Conflict between IMBA and McKay programs, each touting benefits of their program. Decided that we needed to pay the necessary, including the additional premium for TTF's. Russell would dig deeper before deciding.

Race Director for BRC – Rafael nominated – same sponsorship as last year. Keeping the name Ghorba Big Ring Challenge.

Kevin to draft letters to bike shops

STS Schedule

2/6	Memorial Park (tentative)
2/20	Fleetwood
3/6	Cypresswood
3/20	Jack Brooks
4/3	Sugarland
SFA	4/7

BRC 5/1

Carla will research possibility of retaining a pro bono attorney for necessary items that may arise.

Skills Clinic Jeff Shoemake – 4 times/year

Vote approved to continue our monthly meetings.

Russell to take over keeping the online calendar updated NOT.

Unofficial trails policy – vote approved that Ghorba will have no association with unofficial trails but will seek to legalize them. As far as Anthills concerned, Kevin would poll users through the forums to gain views of proceeding with making Anthills official.

Next member meeting – 7pm Cypresswood – Monday November 9.