

# Meeting July 15, 2010

**In attendance:** Amanda, Bill B, Bill R, Booker(!), Raf, Russell, Veljko

## Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting - Veljko. APPROVED
2. ~~Treasurer Report~~ — ~~Carla~~ — We can empty out paypal account but keep it open for online payments etc.
3. Membership report. Amanda
  1. Many new members have joined this spring and summer due to STS and the Skills Clinic. Paid Member count stands at 704.
  2. New system works great but we are not gathering any demographic info. Suggestion to create a surveymonkey link to be sent to paying/renewing members. ACTION Veljko (after his return Aug. 13)
  3. Moved renewal fee increase from Aug 1. to Sept. 1. ACTION Veljko DONE on website; still need announcement at next member meeting.
  4. Membership renewal fee raise "renew now campaign" Part of announcement for Aug 9 meeting at REI; Action AMANDA to take RENEWALS at OLD rate
4. ~~President's Report~~ — Kevin
5. Anthills Update Bill B .  
Concerns by Bill B. that the Willcrest bridge needs to be well made/designed. P4 did not have any design considerations however we should present a design to both the precinct and REI (grant documentation requires it). Board feels that bridge needs to abide by IMBA standards meaning a handrail is needed (46" tall). MP bridge at bottom of callout was ~\$1500 in materials for cost comparison. Action Bill R to get TX statutes on liabilities.
6. Trails Report - Briefing for Toff Kevin (on paper)
7. VP Report Russell  
Concerns were expressed that the trail report paints a rosier picture than reality. Ie we have missing trail stewards and some trails have a lacking / non-existent volunteer base. Also Cypresswood Improper is not an official trail, and Timberlane is a completely inactive trail.  
Some board members suggested a moratorium on trail expansions since we are having a hard time handling what we have. No vote taken.  
The board recognized the need to advertise trails and GHORBA to potential local user groups.  
It was also suggested that work parties should provide food and drinks to the volunteers.
8. New Trail Expansion potential - Flintridge, Memorial Park, Jack Brooks, other? BB, RA, SB, ?  
Flintridge expansion has huge potential Spring Creek Greenway , a 15-mile long greenbelt. This is a future opportunity.  
Memorial Park 0.9 mile expansion still on table but held up by Park board member

requesting an archeological study.

Jack Brooks has as much added potential trail as "home stretch" however VR did not catch all details of Booker's explanation.

Freeride Park location - Houston City Parks Dept. has 17 crew to maintain 50 parks and their suggestions to have a park at one extreme or downtrodden area of town were not accepted. Russell still working it.

9. August Meeting will be hopefully at REI store Galleria. **Bill B. to check.**
10. 2010 budget - We need to start looking at 2011 but also include budget spending projections for the projects