

# **GHORBA Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes September 16, 2010**

**In attendance:** Rafal Fontela, Amanda Fontela, William Rustam, Kevin Highfield, Veljko Roskar, Russell Adams

## **1. Membership report**

637 members. A new letter went out last Sunday regarding email update signups and rides however many on board did not get that mailing. AF will check into it.

## **2. Trails report – Russell**

**JBP:** SB communicating well with RA

**MP:** trimming work party went ok without trail steward; Julia Jenkins helped out; Parks OK with it.

**Cypresswood:** D. Johnston approved with modifications trail signage. RA needs map of who owns what. Mike from P4 is expecting to make map soon; needs someone to walk through entire trails. Jon Roberts working.

Jon Roberts to be told to go ahead and buy machine he wants.

**Huntsville:** KH says Ken Hilger waiting for heat to end before work parties start. RA to touch base

**Double Lake:** downed trees on new section of trail. RA says R. Patrick doesn't have time/access. Forest service needs to be contacted (Jason Morton @USFS is the contact). Also federal rule: need to take Forest Service course/certification before mechanized tools can be used.

Volunteer options this weekend and next for trailbuilding. Pavers were dropped off and need to be moved to the new section.

Brandt Mannchen (Sierra Club) wants "adjustments." KH discussing with Ryan.

**Anthills:** P. Teitel – led parties successful. Rudy not very active. Wilcrest bridge ok'ed by Walt Peckham. RA asked P. Teitel to change wood rail and wires for handrail to wood rail and boards.

Bridge erosion control. RA thinks it should be addressed now with W. Peckham to protect the vertical posts. Chris Burke (Civil Engineer) and KH agree lets finish bridge and see how erosion go. RA wants minor erosion protection (secrete around pilings).

Costs: free lumber came from CoH with 501c3.

RA wants to buy/give PR a set of tools.

**Sugarland:** Needs full tool set, as well as some mechanized grass remover (mover and weedwhacker).

**Flintridge:** 2 miles to be built we need to see with Ryan and Susan

**SFA, tbd.**

**Carl Barton** needs trail steward. RA following up.

**All tools inventory** – and trails replenishment. RA will come up with proposal and inventory management.

RA working on trail spreadsheet to track all hours. Idea like DORBA to give awards for many hours worked. VR look at online hour tracking systems.

## **3. Prez report – Kevin**

DL 2 Progressive Trails Designs & 1 S&S trails group (3 machines total) started work. Need to keep on top of them. Sierra Club (Manchen) wants a few sections modified. Nick Gonzalez and Kevin Highfield checking out trail progress.

HSP grant will get contracted next month.

Sam Houston trail coalition mtg. 10/2 @ Double Lake. USFS to present Trails 101.

Sept. 25 SHTC having event at Cagle Rec. Area. KH to contact Chris Vandivere to have presence there.

KH met with Sierra and Hiking Club to share a section of LSHT; progress is slow. SHTC continue working towards combined Trails Master Plan.

#### **4. Elections update – Raf**

Elections. RF talked with Mike Lutomski about slate. 1<sup>st</sup> iteration needs incumbents that are running again to provide small bio. Jeff Nielsen was asked to help out. Melanie Lacy also to get people involved. We are expecting an email from Mike regarding call for candidates. Candidates will be introduced at October mtg. 1 At-Large position is vacant.

#### **5. Volunteer groups - Raf/Kevin**

Governance – Mike Lutomski

Racing – RF

Skills Clinic – Jeff Shoemake

Group Rides – Mike Strawn

Social Committee – Mike Lutomski/RA?

Advocacy Committee – KH

Youth Outreach – WR

Marketing / Publicity -- ? tabled.

AF: Stickers – transparent background / die cut business envelope size. VR to follow up and get made.

RF: Tie sales of mountain bikes to skills clinics.

#### **6. Board meetings - confirm ongoing schedule.**

Board meeting are changing to Monday nights 7 PM, 2 weeks before general meeting means the last Monday of each month. Voted and approved.

#### **7. Fall/Winter schedule. Kevin/Russell.**

Trail Clinic. Ryan & Susan Halloween weekend ~\$1300. 10/30-31/2010. Voted and approved; RA needs to confirm dates. 20 books to order and buy approved to sell (at cost) at trail clinic.

October 11. Monday will be meeting for general elections announcement.

AF: action to reserve XMAS party date.

RA: Wants to build community that has fun. RA wants to bring pros in. Will work on Specialized grant.

Mike Strawn's group rides now on calendar

#### **8. Bayou Greenway Initiative briefing. Bill Rustam**

WR attended and briefed the board about it. About connecting all trails along Bayous. Big deal GHORBA needs to be involved in some way.

#### **9. AoB.**

Standard agenda items to be added is scheduling.

RF: wants to talk about spending money on race equipment.

VR: flags for events (next time).