

GHORBA Board Meeting December 6, 2010

In attendance:

Carla, Russell, Bill B, Kevin, Bill R., Raf, Amanda, Veljko

Agenda & Minutes

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

October meeting minutes were approved.

Approval of Election Results

The votes were approved as follows:

President : William Rustam

Vice President Russell Adams

Secretary Veljko Roskar

Treasurer Carla Rowland

Membership Director Amanda Jonker

At-Large :

1. Kevin Highfield
2. Rafael Fontela
3. Mychael Khim
4. Bill Begnaud
5. Steve Booker

Treasurer report

~\$21k checking bank acct.

~\$16k in TPW bank Grant Acct. Expecting \$15k from TPW, more later but will close out soon.

Anthills spend: \$7k current

Bill B. needs Anthills spend report for REI. **Action Carla/Russell**

Expecting \$20k from NWCC for Huntsville.

Raf raised question of having separate physical bank accounts to have clean separation. Tabled for Prez and Treaz to discuss.

Membership report

424 members as of now (includes household members). Lower enrollments than before due to lack of clinics or races.

X-mas party

~83 so far including BikeHouston, \$250 cash to band @party; Expecting \$450 from Bike Houston.

Contract to be signed and sent **Action Carla**

Awards: Gift certificates were discussed.

Action: Complete recognition list ALL ON BoD (separate doc).

Veljko to print out certificates to hand out at party, Bill R. to write up public recognition article for website (after party). A few will receive special recognition (tbd decided next mtg).

Raffle. We don't have a big item to raffle off.

Fire sale on old t-shirts, bells. **Action Veljko to get from storage.**

Cash to tip El Meson Server, help with setting up food.

Manning reg. table - rotate.

Trails

Anthills

3 bridges built on 6 work parties. Still need to remove old Wilcrest bridge and materials.

Wilcrest bridge took 206 man-hours out of 350 total; \$2200 spend.

2011 Goals:

Update all bridges.

Find a high water line for some bridges.

Memorial have 3 people to lead wps: Julia, Chris and Justin.

Big maintenance needed at MP. Priorities to be worked.

Cywood. John and Jerry ideas for site solutions, but Russell needs priorities. Potential layout of asphalt trunk line trail reviewed for the long term future of trail. P4 contacted to

supply materials for existing natural surface trails.
J. Roberts did a GPS walkthrough of existing trails.

JBP: Booker has had good turnouts

Flintridge 1 wp, no known results

Huntsville SP, not a lot of action.

Double Lake. status of signage, completion of trail (will it impact our budget)
Sugar Land: Greg Vaupel working Brindle trails. Dan no news on new trail.

Advocacy Report - Kevin

Double Lake

IMBA walked through and reported. S&S coming Dec 13. to address issues from IMBA report. Also, a re-route needed to satisfy Sierra Club.

Signage plan. J. Dowling to make forest service approved signs. Punch list needs to be closed out to have FS ban horses, guns, atvs.

Volunteer agreement - for FS to be distributed online. J. Mackey now Trails Steward.

Overall project is still in budget (TP&W Grant will be completely used up).

Huntsville SP will have \$180k to spend.

City of Huntsville and hikers will also have trail projects. Saturday Dec 4 meeting went well.

Hikers' LS Trail will remain hiking only in existing location. Grant contract coming soon. RfP's going out.

SHTC trails committee mtg. A combined map is being produced. Decided to authorize 4 grant requests: equestrians; motorized in west part of forest; \$250k bridge multi-use; Magnolia section of LST is a choke point. Options to get grant and share entire 6.4 mile trail.

SHTC Mtg. vote on what grants to pursue. RTP grant deadline is Feb 1. Any trail building project needs to be under SHTC auspices.

Clarification of BOD responsibilities / titles

Advocacy Director title approved (not a board position).

2011 Grants

1. Obtaining grants for GHORBA 2011. An email vote on spending grant money on professional trail building was not clear.
2. Kevin: RTP grant deadline Feb. 1. We could get a substantial grant for an existing or new trail. It's possible RTP grants won't be available in future years. Options: One option is to fund the Magnolia Trail (parallel construction). Also, a grant for Brazos River Trails that would be city of Sugar Land's; we would only support it, but not be the owners. Russell raised concerns of unfinished projects and effort dilution, plus commitment of

support.

Long discussion on using grant money. We don't know how much we need or want. Another option is to seek grant money for ALL existing trails.

Action Kevin to draft proposal.

2011 Budget TABLED for Jan mtg.

1. GHORBA funds for local trails
2. purchase of a electronic race monitoring system-Raf
3. social/GHORBA program funds
4. Investment Matrix tool by Mychael -. How do we rank the Location/Size/Color of the balls?

Scheduling

Raf has a draft spring race calendar (TMBRA + STS).

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TMBRA as of today Fall 2011 schedule:

Sept 2-4 Camp Eagle

Sept 10-11 Palo Duro

Sept 24-25 Tyler

Oct 1-2 Huntsville

Oct 15-16 Ruston

Oct 22-23 or (Oct 29-30)Abilene

Nov 5-6 Waco

Marketing

Increasing awareness of GHORBA. There have been a number of good ideas kicked around as to how to increase involvement of the members and giving new members some bang for their buck. This includes working with bike shops to get the word about us out. I think we should discuss the ideas and move forward with the ones that make sense (economically and othewise).

What do we need to do to keep people engaged. Newsletter probably needs to be discussed.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

October Meeting – 10.25.10

Meeting Start: 7:10 PM

Treasurer Report:

\$37496. In General Account, Invoice Cost for DL – 30K, re-inbursed from Grant

Budget forthcoming from Carla

Membership Report:

Renewals and membership numbers - 407 – this includes Household Memberships, which account for Spouse and Children members.

Talked about new GHORBA Stickers – Action Item – Veljko to order

Trails Report:

DL – Russell very concerned about the section of new trail that is already eroding. Jill van Winkle from Imba on Friday for approval from Forest Service.

PTD corridor is much wider

Jim Mackey to put up signs

Trail needs rain and wheels on the trail, not satisfied – Kevin will speak to Ryan and Susan – we have right of refusal Prelim approval, final is Jill. Should we have 2 crews?

Jill will approve final on behalf of Forest Service to Imba standards. Kevin will forward Russell's email.

Work Party Report:

MP and AH – in next couple of days

Shops – develop quick flyer – send to shops, print, post in shops to increase volunteer effort – shorter fix.

Bridge Building crew at AH in progress

Google Group – 15/20 people

Boy Scouts – ready to work if needed for small projects in the area. They have already be contacted.

No response from Ken Hildger at Huntsville

JB – is in good shape

CW – the trail has new signs, Master plan discussions on the new asphalt surface trails.

MP – 18 people

Flintridge – no positive responses from Gordon – trail needs help

Trail Clinic books at \$25.00 ea.

SL – HOA is fine with the trail. Dan is happy, parking lot near a power line easement – close to roadway a possibility.

Clinics:

Good Clinic turnout – 47 ppl.

IMPORTANT – remember to get a Permit from the park BEFORE the clinic day. Trail Stewarts need to know first - respect to the Trail Stewarts and to the Park.

Response from Jim Robinson – Greenway – sit down with map and John – refer to Master Plan

Meeting soon with Dennis Johnson – P3

Robert Collins – meet with Bill B. – invited to discuss future of Springcreek Greenway

Group Rides:

Decrease in turnout – 4 people at Huntsville!?

Presidents Report:

DL – update: Forest Service GPS trail and map it and sign it.

Nov 20th – Master plan S. Houston National Forest Jim M. wants to take over. SHTC – first draft of trail layout. Copy of Master Plan Trails.

Elections Report: email from ML – increase size of the board? No increase – members at large

2 available spots - 3 new candidates / 10% of membership needed for vote

Membership Meeting - 5 people attended

Action Plans outlined:

- Monthly Calendar
- BRC – April 1st. – work on Sponsorships Packages.
- Electronic Chip Timing system question?

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 PM

