

# **GHORBA BOD Meeting 11/28/2011**

## **In Attendance**

Bill R, Bill B, Justin, Russell, David, Chris, Eric, Marcus

## **Formalities**

Previous minutes, in essence, accepted (Bill B to forward previous notes to Marcus)

New board members formally welcomed and introduced

Bill Rustam - Pres

Justin Dunn - VP - Trails

Russell Adams - Treasurer

Marcus Jennings - Secretary

Chris Brown - At Large

Bill Begnaud - At Large

Eric Dickson - At Large

David Cervera - At Large

## **Anthills (Save the Forest)**

A full and lengthy review of current status, sharing of recent history and discussion of the background of retention pond plans to bring BOD all up to speed.

Key Actions, Comments and Questions

- Should GHORBA apply and maintain a neighbourhood membership to support improved awareness and notification of issues?
- Wilcrest to Beltway 8 (potentially first area for rebuild) does not contain any GHORBA sanctioned trails.
- How do we best spend our time and money in support of SN18 who are leading the opposition?
- How do we fully inform GHORBA members and non-members and issues facing the Anthills?
- We need signs ( on the Anthills and potentially over trails).
- Petition (successful initial run and collection) what next?
- Facebook app/tool (Justin to forward and inform)
- In general we are still learning about Charting Buffalo's plans and the extend of potential damage to trails and forest area.

Potential GHORBA opposition statement (*something gleaned from the general conversation*)

1. *We support the city's objectives to reduce the risk of neighbour flooding in the Buffalo Bayou area*
2. *We oppose current plans to destroy mature forests and popular recreational trail networks to meet these objectives*
3. *We would encourage the development of alternative plans that would ensure the full support of all interested parties*

## **Christmas Party**

Presentations to Mike Strawn and Jim Mackey thanking them for all their efforts and to include \$100 Amex gift cards.

Certifications of Appreciation to be presented to other significant supporting individuals for 2011. Eric to drive selection of nominees and creation of certificates. Suggestion for certificates to be framed.

## **Budget**

### Highlights

Two main accounts; Grant Account and Operating Account

Quicken and Checking numbers to be balanced (Russell to action)

Primary Incomes

Membership

Corp Grants

Donations

GHORBA maintains a \$10000 minimum safety balance

We carry insurance for race/skills clinic, BOD liability and trail building

Question: Do we require insurance for group rides?

Trail building expenditure to be broken down by trail network

Suggestion to increase advocacy budget to \$3000 for 2012

## **Other Business**

Motion by Chris for GHORBA google group access and communications to be limited to current board members only. Seconded.

Action for Justin to share RPT grants details.

20th December suggested for next BOD meeting

Agenda suggestions for next BOD meeting

GHORBA asset audit

Anthills bridge repairs and replacements

New membership software/database