



Date: Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Address: Ula's

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Attendees:

*Board:*

- Christy Jones, President
- Kevin Highfield, VP & Advocacy Director – not present
- Joshua Cools, Treasurer (call in)
- Eric Henao, Secretary
- Chris Brown, Events Director
- Greg Bauer, Communications Director
- Emily Durbala, Membership Director – not present
- CJ Bernard, Trails Director (call in)
- John Blum, Race and Rides Director

### **Race Recap**

Bike Land was please with the race. Happy that it wasn't cancelled. Negative feedback – not to have it during Feb!

### **John**

Race was a tremendous success. Lots of smiles, no need of EMT. Good numbers, but great, but decent. Lots of volunteers that came through despite the rain. Happy parents as well. All nice except the weather. Seven weeks notice to put on race was pretty good over all. Christy visited with lots of parents, lots drove in at the last minute. Kids really enjoyed the Sat course, before rain.

### **Trail repair**

Spoke with the forest service. Trail could be worse. Still standing water. 8" of water fell on the weekend. All post Harvey work undone. But we need to get short term and long term repairs going. Concerned about Spring Break and the campers coming to ride the trails, but can not now. Are then asking for refunds from the Forest Service, which doesn't give refunds.

Trail will be worked on here very soon. Just need to get people to come out. Jim handling everying very well. Working on getting the 5 mile kids course opened as quickly as possible. The process of the SHTC and the Forest service makes it complicated in order to getting work done this weekend. Maybe we can get some of the other trail stewards to go out there.

Maybe we can pay for trail service to be done? Maybe CJ has some resources that we can utilize for expense? CJ can actually do it as a volunteer and lead volunteers.

Christy can bring some goodies that she got from some stores for the parties. Will work to make something happen this weekend/Saturday.

Focus on opening/working on the 5 mile kids loop, first. To get something rideable the quickest.

- Lake Travis parents wanted refunds. But anything bought through BikeReg is no refunds. Maybe a total of 18 people in the group. But we will ship 20 tshirts to the team as a refund.



- Jim Mackie says we should have a race before april 1<sup>st</sup>. And we need guidelines for race director on go no go situations. Will bring this up at the next TIMBRA meeting. [Meets twice a year.] We need to put together a loose set of rules that the race director can follow to help them make a decision on the race.

## **CJ**

Trails Reports on budgets. Has gotten all the reports back from the trail guys. Will be getting with Josh to add and review to see if they are good for us to use and set as budget in the future.

Memorial Park - Looks like the “ramp” out in the area isn’t really a jump, but really more like debris or for something for else, not bikers. Not located on the trails that GHORBA maintains.  
Karlo may go out with some friends and take it down soon.

## Training for Trail Stewarts

What kind will we provide? As it is talked about in the grant. 70K grant will have 3 years to be spent. (Texas Parks and Wildlife) Christy will send a copy of the application of the grant to CJ.

## **Christy**

People for Bikes grant – didn’t get

REI – approval to go forward and apply for.

Maybe have a trail steward meeting in May. Send out a couple of days to possibly schedule.

Bike Houston – similar problem as us and needing a Bookkeeper.

Paddle and pedal fest. PaddlefestHouston.org

Sat April 14<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm Kinda like a Jazzfest. Apache indian nation tribe will be there and performing. Kayaking and pontoon boats. Kids doing a loop ride around the pond.

Bike Barn will be there. (jimmy)

Volunteers for GHORBA. Sign up on the website.

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Bike Houston, event. Yearly Bike Summit Monday. Free beer and dinner. Two entries. 5pm-8am. Speakers and talking about trails being built. Lots of money... Any one from the board who wants to go can and then will be reimbursed beyond two by the Board.

Naturefest (following weekend) Bridgeland Trails. April 24<sup>th</sup>?

Got an email from the Equesterians of the SHTC to help on a fund raiser on the first saturday in May.

## **Greg**

Newsletter looks great. Got a lot of bounced emails. Need admin access to go in a clean up.

Also work on cleaning up the mailing addresses list.

## **Chris**

10<sup>th</sup> skill clinic with Adam Potter. ??? on the number of people coming. Happening at Terry Hershey.

Get a set of instructions on how to add things to the webpage. Get Dylan and Scott to resend instructions on how to do that.



**Treasurer**

11K race registration deposited.

**GHORBA Trails:**

1. Double Lake Recreation Area
2. Cypresswood (Collins Park)
3. Memorial Park
4. The Anthills (Terry Hershey Park)
5. Flintridge
6. Stephen F Austin State Park
7. Timberlane
8. Justin Brindley Memorial Park (Sugar Land)
9. Carl Barton
10. Huntsville State Park
11. Jack Brooks Park
12. Roy C Burroughs Park
13. River Bend
14. Lake Houston Wilderness Park
15. Cypress Creek MTB