



Date: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Address: Call in

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Attendees:

*Board:*

- Christy Jones, President
- Kevin Highfield, VP & Advocacy Director
- Joshua Cools, Treasurer – not present
- Eric Henao, Secretary
- Chris Brown, Events Director – not present
- Greg Bauer, Communications Director
- Emily Durbala, Membership Director
- CJ, Trails Director
- John Blum - Race and Rides Director – not present
- Jon Power – C57 update

### Using Skype for the meeting

**CJ**

- SORBA in Nashville. & Professional trail builder conference in West Virginia. Rollout of IMBA new trail guide, with them there at both. Appears to be a good and useful document.
- Dirt Rag article #204 has a mention about Houston, TX and Harvey.
  - **ACTION:** Eric will scan and send out the article to the directors.
- American Trails has some training online that might be good for the Trail Stewards.
- Trail stewards meeting? No interest... Maybe try to set up an individual basis. Maybe a quarterly meeting? Maybe at 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder Brewery?
- Maybe bring down Ryan Spates to come down and do some trail building training?
- Maybe do a group meeting of trail stewards down in Sugar Land. Kevin is saying that they are pretty fantastic right now. (Greg Gorshua)
- Email survey to the Stewards about what they want.
- Maybe bring in the trail stewards into the meetings on a more regular basis?
- **ACTION:** Work on possible addition/schedule of adding trail stewards

**Kevin**

No much to report this month.

**Greg**

- Spring newsletter (first week in May?)
  - Bike month
- Working on cleaning up the database
- Email lists? Bike shop contacts. Donor contacts. (Race sponsors BRC excel list will look for it in the GHORBA drive)
- Events for GHORBA.com – Will be checking it out.

**Josh Cools**



- Checking ~\$61k
- Grants:
  - CCMTB bridge - \$5k
  - Jack brooks - ~\$5k
- Vardell Nesimth & Sara K may work as a tag team to fill the position. Meeting with Josh for dinner and review and discuss. Final approval will pending Board vote and approval.

#### **John Blum**

- Big Ring Challenge: race rut repairs remain ongoing, difficult with the 18" of rain that fell between the BRC and last weekend. We have paid the 3% revenue fee per the Permit (a discount from 5%, contingent on a second race. If the Huntsville Race does not occur, we need to pay 2% more).
- Double Lake: There are numerous wet spots and reports of the trail being sloppy, getting worse by people riding the high side and resulting in braided trail. We may need to formally close some sections rather than the informal closure the Forest Service has allowed. Jim Mackey has repeated his request for some tru-grid pavers; I will purchase this week using up to \$1000 from my volunteer hour corporate match.
- Huntsville Classic: I've been speaking with TPWD and Huntsville State Park and sent in a draft permit for November 3-4, but it's too far out to proceed. I need to meet with the new park superintendent to discuss options contingent on C57. This will move ahead following the TMBRA meeting at Warda, May 19-20.
- Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference: I've been accepted to speak on May 4 with Ryan Spates about how to make Texas trails and gravel/bikepacking a tourist destination. I can only attend the conference that Friday due to a lack of vacation days.
- 2019: I will be race director through the Huntsville Classic, but am likely to resign following that race. I do not affiliate as a mountain biker, and I have never raced a TMBRA race, or any XC mountain bike race except for 1 DNF marathon race. It seems like it would be a better fit for someone who actually races the TMBRA series. It's time to think about how to put on two races and be sustainable.

#### **Chris Brown**

- May bike month
  - Woodlands, Sat may 12<sup>th</sup> – noon skills clinic at Terramount Park
    - Need to figure out how to do sign ins.

#### **Christy**

- May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - NorthShore Park in the woodlands
    - 9am -1 pm (Bike Day) with a Tent for GHORBA
      - Maybe an obstacle course
- May 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Ladies Mtb ride in the woodlands at Flintridge. 9:30am. Presented by GHORBA. Will have giveaways/doorprizes.
- Petal and Paddle fest (April 14, 2018)
  - Pump giveaways (Bike Barn)



- Performance Bike
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Harris Country Precient 4 Trash Pickup
  - 9-noon at 100 acre woods
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Naturefest at Bridgeland. 20k people. 10am – 5pm

**Jon Power**

C57 update

- Wanted to get the trail inspected, but then we've just had lots of rain.
- Problems with the Fiberglass bridge / TU – Maybe warranty some of the work?
- Some areas that keep getting soggy.
- Lots of credit to Jim Mackey for excellent work
- Signage – Nancy is retiring. Maybe can help as a volunteer?
- Will be requesting that the trail open with temporary signage after the trail passes all inspections.
- Talk by the Forest Service – Saying they may need a MOU between them and the State park
- Maybe possibly get a PR release to the Huntsville community about the trail.

**Emily**

- 26 new this qtr + renewals
- Sending out new membership cards and coupons in with the envelops

**Eric**

- Mail
  - Check from Shell
  - Couple more surveys
  - REI coupon cards
- Paddle and Peddle fest signs

Next Meeting May 7th

**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



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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