



Date: September 17th, 2018

Address: Call in phone

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Attendees:

Board:

PRESENT

- Kevin Highfield – President (Interim)
- John Blum – VP & Advocacy Director
- Vardell Nesmith – Treasurer
- Eric Henao – Secretary
- Christy Jones – Membership Director [Leaving...October]
- CJ Bernard – Trails Director
- John Blum – Race and Rides Director

NOT PRESENT

- Sara Kacprowicz – Book Keeping [not present]
- Chris Brown – Events Director [not present]
- Greg Bauer – Communications Director [Leaving...October] [not present]

Secretary:

Reading of minutes from August

Motion to pass the minutes and passed unanimously.

Treasure report:

Remove Christy. Add Kevin. On bank account.

Change Sara's access to view only.

In general \$66,500

Grants \$17,700

Paypal \$2,200

Accounts are still getting cancelled.

Membership report:

250 confirmed, but don't think that is correct.

Got all the stuff back from Emily Dubala. Still missing the water coolers.

Paypal still bouncing and problematic. Vardell and Dylan still haven't met.

Trails:

Sugar Land is having some rogue trail activities. Working to solve. Working on approvals and making of features without permission.

Roy Burrows Park – Had a big event. Had a trail running event there. Work on resurrecting GHORBA involvement at that park.



Huntsville – work to be done before the big ride on Saturday 9/22

Advocacy Kevin:

Precinct 4 and Cypresswood – 2 hr meeting. Went through all strips of land of cypress creek and spring creek.

Need to work on getting us on good behavior in presence of the new flood control coming down.

Meeting with Sugar Land and Sugar Land Parks about rogue trails and features.

Meeting on cypress creek at Christian church with flood district, cage and core of engineers about cypress creek. 9/20

Forest service – working on relationship. Pressuring them to allow us to apply for a small grant.

Events:

Sunday 9/23 Huntsville ride

Work party on Saturday.

Racing:

Huntsville Race

USA Cycling

Permitting done

Porta cans, tents rented.

Cantu racing – sponsoring and doing banner and bandit signs.

Talk with Tobin about the course.

21 miles – two laps for CAT 1 & 2. One lap for CAT 3

Bike barn – not confident about volunteers

Rentals of shelters is becoming problematic. Trying to work them out.

Need TWD insurance.

President:

Vote on new reorganization.

- With events, at CCMTB might need to get insurance for events with larger than 100 people. Might be a way for GHORBA to take active role by being the provider of insurance.

Next Board meeting to reconvene with Trail Stewards, in October, a face to face.

Trail Stewards will originally be selected by the board, but will in the future be selected by the Trail group.

Vote: On reorganization:



GHORBA will be re-organized as a federation of regional trail groups with a goal of providing greater inclusion for our trail groups, members and the Greater Houston off-road cycling community, with a modified board of directors as follows:

- 1. An executive board, elected by members in accordance with current bye-laws;*
- 2. An advisory board comprising representatives from each regional trail group and additional general members as required.*

Details:

The executive board will comprise the minimum required elected members of

- 1. President*
- 2. Vice-President*
- 3. Treasurer*
- 4. Secretary*

The trail groups providing representatives will be as follows:

- 1. Sam Houston National Forest trails:*
 - a. Double Lake (DL)*
 - b. Huntsville State Park (HSP)*
- 2. Woodlands/Conroe*
 - a. Flintridge*
 - b. Carl Barton*
- 3. Kingwood / Houston NE*
 - a. Lake Houston*
 - b. Timber Lane*
 - c. Spring Creek*
- 4. Cypress Creek*
 - a. Cypresswood*
 - b. Cypress Creek*
 - c. Bridgeland*
- 5. Memorial Park*
- 6. Anthills*
- 7. Sugar Land*
 - a. Brazos River trails*
 - b. Cullinan Park*
 - c. Oyster Creek*
- 8. Jack Brooks*

Each group is encouraged to provide two representatives to attend meetings, but there will be one vote per group.

General members of the advisory board shall comprise the following:

- 1. Trails Director*
- 2. Membership Director*
- 3. Advocacy*



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- 4. *Events*
 - 5. *Race Director*
 - 6. *IT/Communications*

The trail groups / reps can be amended as they develop, and the other advisory board members can also be adjusted to suit.

Further major changes will be implemented once the new board is in place. This includes the IMBA affiliation. Decisions will be made by the full board - executive and advisory - but the executive board will always have the ultimate (legal) authority. We hope that future leaders will come from the expanded advisory board.

Vote passes with seven (7) ayes. No nays.

IMBA - Will be worked out with the new enhanced board in the next meeting.

Kevin will send out to General members and trails.

Elections: [nov 6th]

Only for the four board positions

All current four board members will continue in their positions. But there will be an opening voting to all members.

ACTION ITEMS

- Banking sorted
- Publicize the new board make up
- Get Josh's check book
- What are the open grants and due dates.