



Date: March 4th, 2019
Address: Skype Call in
Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Attendees:

Board:

PRESENT

- Kevin Highfield – President
- CJ Bernard – Vice President & Trails Director
- Eric Henao – Secretary
- Charlie Gioielli – Communications Director
- John Blum – Forest Trail Rep

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NOT PRESENT

- Gene Ronchetto – Treasurer (to be voted)
- Chris Brown – Events Director
- Sara Kacprowicz – At Large (Bookkeeping)
- Christopher Ahn – Membership Director (to be voted)

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OPEN POSITIONS

- Race and Rides Director

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AGENDA

1. Approve minutes of last meeting.
2. Treasurer position. Approve Gene Ronchetto as new Treasurer.
3. Overview of finances.
4. Membership position. Approve Kristopher Ahn as Membership Secretary.
5. Trails report.
6. BRC update.
7. Advocacy update.
8. Grants.
9. Bye-laws update.
10. AOB.

Vote passed to approve last meeting notes.

The following votes were taken by the four attending members:

Four votes passed for removing Vardell Nesmith from the GHORBA Chase account.

Four votes passed to elect Gene Ronchetto to Treasurer of GHORBA.

Four votes passed to add Gene Ronchetto to the GHORBA Chase account.

Four votes passed to add Kevin Highfield to the GHORBA Chase account.

Finances



General GHORBA Account Balance as of 2/28/19: \$72,137.20 (including one electronic deposit on 2/28 from Chevron for \$1,000... Gary Meyer again?)
REI Grant Balance as of 2/28/19: \$8,425.85 (one \$1,324.82 debit, check 1544 to Steve Booker is outstanding)

Trails Report

Lots of support

Activity:

Issues in Sugar Land

Try to meet with Sugar Land and talk walk through the issues.

Kevin and CJ to go down and talk to them. The mayor is wanting to talk to the rogue trail workers.

Oyster Creek illegal digging

Cullin park rouge trail building

Connection section issues

Potential to adopt another new trail area, in Missouri City.

Need to develop a general volunteer hours tracking. Will be based off the Forest Service rules who are reviewing.

BRC update

Been in touch with a scoring company. Chip timing. A bit higher cost.

Trying to get in touch with Bike Land and Country Neck for officials.

Need to be agents for the race permits. Kevin put down for the contact in the permits.

Race course not set. Will talk with Jim Mackey and John about the course.

Advocacy Update

Pricent 4 and 3 update. For the flooding Buffalo Bayou work. Anthills will be bulldozed as a result. Harris County Flood district will affect all the "creek" trails.

GRANTS

Apply to next new round of REI grants.

RTP contract is with Vardell. Being reviewed by Txdot? Maybe it's not with Vardell??

Byelaws

Good work by Christopher Ahn. Still need to find a way to include the wider group of trail leaders. Also Lisa Gibson might be good to show the Byelaws for another pair of eyes to look over.

Any Other Business

Goldsberry lawsuit

First time GHORBA has gotten a formal legal suit. Will be taken care by the insurance carrier.

Crested Butte – Promotion (Family memberships are good for two entries only) individual gets one entry.



Four votes passed for allowing the promotion to allow family memberships to get two entries and individuals to get a single entry.

Charlie – Membership Director – Getting the new newsletter together.