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Date: March 22nd, 2020  
Address: Conference Call  
Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Attendees:

*Board:*

**PRESENT**

- Ricky Kleinsmith – President
- Charlie Gioielli – Events Director
- Kevin Highfield – Director at Large Advocacy
- CJ Bernard – Vice President & Trails Director (4 years with GHORBA)
- Eric Henao – Secretary
- Jason Burton – Communications Director
- Gene Ronchetto – Treasurer

**Not PRESENT**

- Chris Brown – Membership Director

**Additional People**

Nancy  
Jim Mackie  
Scott Dammitt  
Booker  
Ricardo

**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. BRC Update
4. Director reports
  - a. President
    - i. Insurance overview and questions - email was sent out previously regarding insurance, bring questions if you have them;
    - ii. Trail maintenance records discussion
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Budget revision - please review prior to meeting
  - d. Advocacy
  - e. Trails
  - f. Events
  - g. Membership
  - h. Communications
  - i. Website updates
5. Trail Reps Reports
6. No real structure here - bring comments, questions, concerns, ideas for trail improvements, etc.
7. Adjournment



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**BRC**

Update – from Nancy

Event is cancelled

Maybe a makeup event

Need to give Tommy feedback about whether we run the course in reverse.

Request from Nancy

Tommy – to be reimbursed for some expenses.

Jim Mackie-

Regarding course direction. Question of safety. The permit might have not be issues because of the direction. Never really got a good feel about the finish area.

Meeting notes passed and accepted.

Ricky

Insurance Coverage

Does everyone understand?

Booker – JB, Review the teeter/incident. The problem was a lack of skill, not maintenance. There was a group ride that day before the incident.

Insurance might settle to reduce costs instead of going to court.

Everything is at a wait and see thing.

There is no RECORDS that the features are maintained.

CJ to work with TS to have a better solution to document our work.

Maybe modify a forest service bridge survey document to use for features, Jim Mackey.

Budget:

Gene



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## Highlights

Good shape in the first two months.

Not expecting any grants in 2020.

Drop in donations in the first two months.

Expense side planned for and expected

March – Recast the budget

Expense and income from the BRC adjusted out.

Significant driver for the org

Membership spike in Feb.

Were hoping to increase membership to 300 by year end

Donations to go down expected

75% reduction in income expectation.

## Expense

Website – done by Jason

Trails – knocked back the budget to zero for this and set it for Fall.

Reduced from 27k to 20k for trail maintenance

REI grant – possible \$8k for summer... TBD

Poker Run - \$250 food expense Seemed to be a good ROI.

70 new members in Feb.

Adding two fall runs, for JB and CCMTB.

The event does drive membership.

The promoting of it was good.

Harvey money is still out in question. Two years in the works.



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We have reduced our expenses by 50%.

Expect our cash position at the end of the year to be just a bit lower than normal.

- 1.) Keep encouraging membership
- 2.) Corporate donations from work hours.
- 3.) Discuss Poker Runs and other things for Members.

Run of 50 hats is in the budget and maybe socks

#### Advocacy – Kevin

Eisenhower – submitted proposal for building the new trail. Still waiting to hear back from them, but with the legal department things are getting hung up on some details. But Coronavirus has put a stop on just about everything.

Harris Country Flood control district –

Cypress Creek – following up on a report

PCT 3 – Buffalo Bayou

Greens Thicket, team up with Eisenhower

Hill at Sims Bayou – no natural surface trails. Master planners no idea on how to do trails.

#### Trails – CJ

Woodlands

Insurance wording in the agreement has been resent in the latest draft and we are still waiting to hear from them.

Route maybe changing

We may want to reconsider our group ride and trail maintenance guidelines – limiting the number of people participating for current use because of coronavirus.

Trail assessment TRAX app – inventory guidance and how to do inspection and maintenance.

#### Events – Charlie

No events. Ideas for fall, but nothing. Books Poker Ride is cancelled.



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Membership – Chris (not present)

258 members. We still need to grow membership. Need to get to 300 by the end of the year.

Communications – Jason

Plugging away at the newsletter is working, making it quarterly.

Send him any info.

Questionnaire for each trail to be sent out.

Hashtags being used and tracked:

#ghorba\_tx #UnplugTheKids #unplugyourfamily

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Marketing the community and families. Local image.

Website – repairs are complete. Volunteer hour logging working

New webhosting looking into.

Trail Reps –

Scott – CCMTB

Work parties done. Traction added to some bridges

Idea – hand trimmers donated. Have people check them out and do trimming.

Booker – Jack Brooks

Spent all grant money

Lots of extra material for future use

No work parties being planned right now.

Putting limestone down.

Replaced most of the existing bridges and added some boardwalks

Put up You Are Hear signs



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Jim Mackey – National Forest and Double Lake

Everything is closed.

Finished up doing lots of HOG damage

Started but then stopped on BRC trail.

Using the online reporting system – worked out all the bugs.

Ricardo –

Carl Barton

Trimming Blue Loop

No a lot of people.

Waiting on response from city about fire road built cutting through with cars  
now blocking the trail.

Losing parts of the trail to erosion. Two to three feet of water sitting on the trail.  
Reported to the city.

Seeing lots of hikers, but they don't want to help.

City is happy with us. No calls about the trails being overgrown.

Flint Ridge

January work party

Needs trimming

Lots of hikers and family out there right now

Next F2F with Trail Stewarts June 28<sup>th</sup>

CJ – Talk about a portable skills course. For the bike to woodlands people. Bike to the woodlands has been cancelled. But we should have some sort of portable skills course. Can we get a budget approval for it?

Adjourn at 1:40pm