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Date: November 1st, 2020  
Address: Richard D Taylor Park 11606 Cypresswood Dr, Houston, TX 77070  
Time: Noon –  
Attendees:

**PRESENT**

- Ricky Kleinsmith – President
- Kevin Highfield – Director at Large Advocacy
- CJ Bernard – Vice President & Trails Director
- Eric Henao – Secretary
- Gene Ronchetto – Treasurer
- Chris Brown – Membership Director
- Charlie Gioielli – Events Director
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- Jason Burton – Communications Director
- Scott Dammit
- Bruce Litton
- Jim Mackey
- Bill Collier
- John Martin – carl barton – stepping in to Treasury position
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**Not PRESENT**

- Charlie Gioielli – Events Director

**Additional People**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) Lawsuit(s) update and actions
- 4) HCFCD updates
- 5) Director reports
  - a. President
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Advocacy
  - d. Trails
  - e. Membership
  - f. Communications
- 6) 2021 BOD Election (election runner?)
- 7) Adjournment

President  
Lawsuit 2019 jack brooks  
Insurance company is aware



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Call in to nationwide

Talked to mckay – but they are out.

Claim is that the features were not maintained properly. Negligence on GHORBA's part.

Advice is to not to talk to Galveston JB.

Family is suing - damages for the son. Emotional distress.

Talking to people about it. No details no options. No claims. Lawyers are handling it.

2020 incident – no details. But the 2019 wil probably spur the 2020. Same feature.

Trail maintentance check lists

Frequency to be discussed.

Need to have a printed record.

Recommended by the lawyers.

Announcement by GHORBA? Not recommended.

Insurance

What we are really covered

Two main policies

Trail

Club

Trail – members and volunteers while doing GHORBA scantioned trail work. Protects land owner

Need members to sign waivers. Non members are covered to a lesser extent than members.

What connontates a scantioned event? An announcement? We need to show a record. GHROBA FB announcement.

Mtb Club Insurance – covers members at ghroba events. Not members might be considered covered.

Action: Find out what is the offer that GHORBA offers to HCFCF/Land managers? IMBA insurance coverage? What are others doing for coverage? Non profit vs contractor?

HCFCF

Covo with Matt Z. (#2 at flood district) – He thinks we haven't been working with the districts.

Dennis Johnston – work on cypresswood/midway, massive construction elemeniating all trails TC Jester area. Proposal pass through trail has been denied. Mad at us for features from upstream. Dennis J is mad a Moore Bridge which is problematic with Flood Control District. Meeting with distict next Friday, 11/06/20. Matt z aware of JB brooks fatality. We are considered Valued Trespassers.

Flood control owns the land. GHORBA are squatters on the land. GHORBA wants to work with Flood Control. Walk and talk with them.

These issues are forcing the conversation and possibly opening opportunities.

Economic development study for Houston and mtb biking and outdoor trails.



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Members not understanding what's going on for GHORBA. Lack of organization and direction.

2021 who is ghroba and what are we going to be doing.

#### PRESIDENT

Defining our organization

- Regular meetings
- Montly meetings
- Schedule and arraigne meetings – Secretary needs to set up and execute
- F2F quarterly meetings. Monthly ZOOM meetings.
- Advisory meetings – quarterly, includes trail managers

Revise mission statement

Yearly goals and plans for group and trails.

5 year GHORBA plan

Trail Director –

Expansion plan for trails

Enhancement plan for current trails.

Membership growth plan

Website overhaul

Membership system – need a new tool

Needs to be a place people go to.

Mailchimp, Facebook, website.

Trailforks – MTB project need to be replaced.

Trails, trail status. Ettiqute.

Need to add a store. Need merch.

Anthills, a GHORBA trail

CCMTB, a GHORBA trail

Etc

Trails branded a GHORBA trail.

Trail communication to be increased. Highlight each trail in the newsletter each month.

Tracking membership. Family vs single. Voting. Define what does a family membership count as?

GHORBA Trail building manual. – Base set of rules and guidelines. This will help the land managers understand what we are going to do. Help provide consistency from trail to trail.

Treasurey

Financially – October – 47 new memberships



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Spent 18k and have 17k left to spend.  
Spring Creek Nature trail. – 5k earmarked  
Total assets are about \$110k, \$16k in tools,  
Have to ability to track specific donations to a specific trail.  
Still waiting on the Planetary Cycles bill...

ACTION ITEM: Probably need a phone number for GHORBA. Clean up registrations

Use role based emails for our organization

Advocacy –  
Einshoower park / Precinct 1 – Rodney Ellis

League City – has a budget for trails!

Woodlands – waiting on a right of way agreement. Being held up.

National Forest – meet the new director out there.

TRAILS – CJ is stepping down. Scott is running for the position.

COMMUNICATIONS  
Bike is still on order.

Membership  
319? Still issues with lists and renewals.

Board Elections – 30 days after announcement.