

G.H.O.R.B.A.

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes



Date: March 2nd, 2022 6PM to 10PM

Address: The Spaghetti Western, 1951 W T C Jester Blvd, Houston, TX 77008

Attendees:

Board:

- Dennis D. Duarte- President
- Russell Mester - Vice President
- Sunny Oliver - Treasurer
- Adam Garza - Secretary
- Chris Brown - Membership Director
- Amanda Williams - Events Director
- Liz McCain Woodrow - Communications Director
- Scott Dammit - Trail Director
- David Cervera - Race and Rides Director
- Paul Schulz - Director at Large.
- Dave Ruiz - Director at Large

Guests:

- Wade Greathouse - TMBRA.
- Benjamin Drews

Attendance:

13 Present / 11 Board Members / 9 Voting Members

Have Quorum

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from previous meeting (2/19/22)

Approved

Treasurer Update:

- Handover of account credentials began this week
- Handover of reimbursement procedures began this week
- Confirmation of tax filing; taxes are current through 2020, extension will be sent for 2021 filling
- Understanding of revenue stream, major grant awarded, majority of income comes from grants
- Understanding of GHORBA operating expenses, historically has averaged around \$35,000 per year
- Understanding of the board operating expenses as a percentage of operating expenses, presumed less than 1%

ACTION ITEM #1: Treasurer - Contact accounting and collect data to calculate board operating expenses as a percentage of overall operating expenses.

Membership:

- 339 Individual
- 143 Family

Reviewed Action Items from meeting (2/19/22)

ACTION ITEM #1: All - Come up with top items GHORBA should be focusing on within it's first year. Discuss and prioritize at the next meeting.

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Item moved to following meeting due to timing in this meeting

Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the last meeting
2. Treasurer/ Finances
3. Motion to Bring Ben as Sargent of Arms
4. Logo Change or expand logos
5. Operation Yellowbird adoption of one section of trail for all trails
6. Race at Sugarland
7. Anthills Event
8. Advocacy update
9. Prioritizing Ideas
10. Temporary right of entry for flood control

Motion to add a voting board seat to the BoD for Benjamin Drews as Sergeant at Arms.

Board votes to add board seat for Benjamin Drews.

Motion to allow At Large Board Members a vote as long as they participate in any committee.

Board votes to allow at large members a vote in meetings moving forward.

Motion to add to GHORBAs logo by adding a variation of presented options ready for print.

Board votes to move the new logo to print.

Motion to allow Operation Yellow Bird to adopt one section of trail at each trail system with signage and flags, at the discretion of the trail stewards, in the effort to protect those sections of trails.

Board votes to allow Operation Yellow Bird to adopt one section of trail at each trail system, at the trail stewards discretion.

Race and Rides Director update on the race in Sugarland

- May 14th - 15th
- Sugarland supplying Police, EMS, and Fire for free

ACTION ITEM #2: All - Reach out to shops for race sponsorship, a list will be shared amongst directors.

ACTION ITEM #3: All - If possible, come volunteer and assist the Race and Rides Director in setting up for the event.

Bringing an event to Anthills.

- Need to come up with a budget
- DA Parking lot
- Parking Garage next door secured for event
- Porta Potties needed
- Come up with a QR coded donation portal - a way to donate without being a member

Motion to have the Events Director form a committee to promote and organize the Anthills Event. Amended to have the committee come back with a budget request in a week via email, the event will be funded if below \$7k.

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Board voted for the Events Director to form a committee for the Anthills event.

ACTION ITEM #4: Events Director - Form a committee and report back to the board with a budget via email.

Reviewed Advocacy update from Advocacy Directors email which was sent prior to the meeting.

Precinct 4: Meeting with Dennis Johnston last week. Exchanged messages with Ben Stinsman - the scheduler for Comm. Cagle - and he's put the 3/26 event in their calendar - he would like to receive a flyer as soon as we have it.

Precinct 3: No further comms with P3 after we got permission from Steve Dorman on the 3/26 event. On P3/P4 - we're getting into the end game before the complete switch of operations at the end of this month and we'll have to see where we are after that.

Montgomery County: John Martin is going to lead advocacy up there. We spoke yesterday and the City of Conroe wants our input on their bike master plan and support for a TPWD grant (Dennis will sign a letter). Our former President, Christy Miller Jones, has been speaking with The Woodlands Township Parks as they are talking about building more MTB trails and apparently they've been touching base with the City of Sugar Land for feedback, which is a good sign. John will follow up and dive in there. John will also follow up with BLC on their plans for Spring Creek Nature Trail and personnel changes.

SHNF: Need to catch up with Ricardo Valdez and see how he's doing with the SHTC.

HCFC: We will now vote to approve this agreement, my vote is yes, we approve and execute the agreement ASAP, but along with this my proposal is that GHORBA institute strict risk management guidelines - all volunteers sign a waiver, JHA completed and "tool box talk" before each work party, strict guidance on PPE and use of power tools, especially chain saws. We also need to ensure all work party leaders understand the notification and reporting requirements for every work party.

Moved Agenda Item #9 "Prioritizing Ideas" to the next meeting on April 6th, 2022

Temporary right of entry for flood control

Motion that we will sign the TROE for those trails where the GHORBA recognized trail stewards will agree and sign as well.

Board voted to sign the TROE for those trails where the GHORBA recognized trail stewards will agree and sign as well.

Upcoming Events:

Anthills Event: March 26th, 2022

Next Board Meeting: April 6th, 2022 - Location TBD by Executive Board

Race at Sugarland: May 14th - 15th, 2022