

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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



Date: April 6th, 2022 7PM to 9PM

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
- Benjamin Drews - Sergeant at Arms
- Wade Greathouse - Race and Rides Director
- Scott Dammit - Trail Director
- Liz McCain Woodrow - Communications Director
- Amanda Williams - Events Director
- Chris Brown - Membership Director
- Kevin Highfield - Advocacy Director
- Matthew Pridgen - Director at Large
- Paul Schulz - Director at Large.
- Dave Ruiz - Director at Large
- Derek Heaton - Director at Large

Guest:

- None

Attendance:

15 Present / 15 Board Members / 15 Voting Members

Have Quorum

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from previous meeting (3/2/22)

Approved

Agenda

1. Director and Committee Reports
 1. Treasurer
 2. Race
 1. Sugarland Race
 3. Trails
 1. Flood District – TROE
 4. Communications
 5. Events
 6. Membership
 7. Advocacy
2. Old Business
 1. Vote on Filling Race Director Position
 2. At Large – Choosing committee
 3. Status of Committee formation
 4. Priority GHORBA

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3. New Business
 1. Safety Committee
 2. Timberland Event April 30th
 3. HARTS – Houston Area Recreational Trail Systems

Treasurer Update:

- \$391 from amazon Smiles last month
- \$4,800 west houston trail fest, under our 7k budget
- \$980 in memberships received during the event

Race Update:

- Waiting on BikeReg to pull in TMBRA data for categories.
- All logos are in and ready to be added on any publications.
- Needs: Volunteer Coordinator needed
12-14 locations for Course Marshalls (volunteers) needed. (This can be a bit better thought out tonight)
- We have 2 Hotels working with us for block rates (Hilton & Hyatt)
- 2 Food Trucks: BBQ & Wings/Taco truck
- Need to schedule a meeting with FBMA: They want GHORBA to lean on them for help and support. They will help with whatever is needed.

Trails Update:

- TROE - Scott, Russ, Dave, Ben and Dennis met with HCFCO officials to go over procedures on how we request work on trails under TROE. Only the three stewards from each trail (Scott, Russ and Dave) can submit work days.
- The TROE is a temporary agreement to allow us to enter the property and repair safety issues only. For the duration of the TROE, possibly up to 6 months we need to avoid building any new features.
- Prior to scheduling any work, Dave wants to deliver a copy of the TROE to the Constable's office to make sure they know we have permission to work on the trails. Scott and Dave will schedule a time next week to meet with the Constable's office.

Communications Update:

- More communications utilizing Facebook
- Focused on bite-sized communications to membership
- Increased messaging on TROE requirements needed

Events Update:

- Ben Drews saved money on insurance for event
- Event came well below budget
- Lessons learned report going around for future events



Membership Update:

- Expressed need for website and CRM update
- 301 **Individual**
- 122 **Family**

Advocacy Update:

- Update on meeting P3 and P4 Parks Directors on weekend of West Houston Trailfest (both for the first time)
- New parks managers in P3 for Cypress Creek trails identified
- Thanks to Russ, Scott and Ben for the HCFCF work
- Discussed the SHTC and SHNF with Ricardo Valdez the cycling rep on the SHTC board and looking forward to getting things moving again in the SHNF
- Will develop an outline for the future of Anthills

OLD Business

1. Vote on officially filling the Race Director position.
Motion to have Race Director position officially filled by Wade Greathouse.
Board votes to appoint Wade Greathouse as Race Director.
2. At Large Members - Choosing committee
Verified that all At Large members have volunteered for committees.
3. Status of Committee formations
Committees will be formed under respective directors
ACTION ITEM: Committee leaders organize and record committee membership and report back to the BoD.
4. Prioritizing New Ideas for GHORBA
This Item has been tabled for a later date, TBD.

NEW Business

1. Safety Committee
Motion to have a safety committee formed under the responsibilities of the Secretary.
Board votes for the Secretary to form and head the Safety Committee.
2. Timberlane Event April 30th
Motion to move forward with an event at Timberlane MTB trails on April 30th 2022.
Board votes to put on an event at Timberlane MTB trails on April 30th 2022 with a budget of \$3,000
3. HARTS - Houston Area Recreational Trail Systems

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Motion for GHORBA to form a nonprofit organization with other trail users, like hikers and runners groups to represent all the users of the trails.

Motion has been tabled with a request for more information.

4. Adding a new Board Seat for all IT related responsibilities.

Motion to add a voting board seat to the BoD for Fernando Fuentes as Director of IT.

Motion has been tabled with a request for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Timberlane Event: April 30th, 2022

Next Board Meeting: May 4th, 2022 - 7PM to 10PM - Location TBD by Executive Board

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