

G.H.O.R.B.A.
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes



Date: May 25th, 2022 7PM to 9PM
Address: The Spaghetti Western, 1951 W T C Jester Blvd, Houston, TX 77008
Attendees:

Board:

- Dennis D. Duarte- 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
- Matthew Pridgen - Director at Large
- Derek Heaton - Director at Large

Guest:

- None

Attendance:

10 Present / 10 Board Members / 10 Voting Members
Have Quorum

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from previous meeting (4/2/22)

Approved via Email

Agenda

1. Director and Committee Reports:
 1. Treasurer Update
 2. Race Update
 3. Trails Update
 4. Communications Update
 5. Events Update
 6. Membership Update
 7. Advocacy Update
2. Old Business:
 1. ACTION ITEM: Committee leaders organize and record committee membership and report back to the BoD
 2. 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.
 3. Motion to add a voting board seat to the BoD for Fernando Fuentes as Director of IT.
3. New Business:
 1. Spot insurance
 2. Promotional Videos
 3. Gnar walls and Proline
 4. Merchandising / Fundraising

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Treasurer Update:

- Balance Sheet for Sugarland race 99% complete, will publish completed results at next meeting.
- Multiple reimbursements from trail stewards received this month for trail expenses and work parties, 3-5 day response time to reimburse trail stewards.
- Communication from SAMS, government grant program, to update account info to receive pending grant.
- Documenting expenses per trail system, plans to report out expenses per trail for member visibility.
- Will be looking for a member based committee to support effort to track volunteer hrs and fund per trails system, designed to educate the public on how much volunteer effort is put into the local trails.

Race Update:

- Gross \$37,000 from race earnings
- \$10,000 in profit from the race.
- \$10,950 in merchandise was donated for prizes.
- 594 racers were registered to race.
- ACTION ITEM #1 - Set up "lessons learned" meetings to review the race. - Sunny Oliver
- ACTION ITEM #2 - Refund racer who did not race with a full refund minus the cost of a membership. - Sunny Oliver

Trails Update:

- Expenses in National Forest, - \$3k - \$4k, Parks provides materials and we pay for labor.
- Bridge at C57 repairs are nearing completion.
- Work Party for Flintridge scheduled.
- Permission granted to build a jump line in Huntsville.

Communications Update:

- Working on developing a monthly news update.
- PDF provided showing a graph of Facebook interactions increasing.
 - December - 170
 - January - 1,382
 - February - 697
 - March - 6,199
 - April - 9,459
 - May - 13,509

Events Update:

- Timberlane Event overall cost - approx. \$3,000.
- A couple of injuries occurred at the event - will focus on waivers being signed at the next event.



Membership Update:

- 315 Individual
- 133 Family

Advocacy Update:

- Harris County Flood Control District
 - Awaiting news of when we will have the “Stakeholder Meetings” for The Anthills and CC/CW. We have suggested names of other participants. Preparing a presentation on The Anthills future for use at the stakeholder meeting with a view to showing our vision for an official trail that provides a trail that has features, signage and the potential to be a destination quality trail, while still allowing access for XC riders and other users.
- Precinct 3
 - Sent a briefing to P3 on mtb trails in the new district.
- Sam Houston National Forest
 - Jim Mackey has been having meetings with the Forest Service and with the SHTC. He’s looking at ways we can improve reimbursements for trail work while still working with the SHTC. He’s also reporting on the pending work to repair the big bridge on the C-57 North Loop Trail (being done by our old Trails Director CJ – Sage Trails). Jim would like GHORBA to contribute funds for other important work on the North Loop – there are washed out pavers and other issues. He is estimating about \$3k.

OLD Business

1. Committees being formed under respective directors
ACTION ITEM: Committee leaders organize and record committee membership and report back to the BoD.
 1. Grant Committee - Dennis Duarte - 3 Members
 2. Trails Committee - Scott Dammit - All trails stewards plus Derek Heaton
 3. Safety Committee - Adam Garza - 5 Members
 4. Communications Committee - Liz Woodrow - 4 Members
2. HARTS - Houston Area Recreational Trail Systems
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.

Movement to cancel the original motion passed.
3. 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.

Motion to have a board seat added passed.

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Motion to have Secretary create a responsibilities "write up" for Director of IT and GHORBA will put it out for applications.

NEW Business

1. Spot Insurance:
Two options for the insurance roll out. One would be \$20 or \$24 a member based on deductible cost and would be less coverage to each member. We ultimately chose the \$35 option for members, providing more coverage and no deductible.

Chris and Ben will be closing out FAQs with SPOT and working through the logistics of setting up SPOT as part of the membership for the next meeting.

Motion to have a Spot Insurance Committee formed under Ben Drews Passed.

2. Gnarwhals Jerseys
Motion to provide \$500 for jerseys for Gnarwhals Passed.
3. Promotional Videos
Tabled till next meeting.
4. Merchandising / Fundraising
Tabled till next meeting.
5. Memorial Oct Event
Tabled till next meeting.

Next Meeting : June 22nd, 2022