

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



Date: March 10th, 2023 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
- Benjamin Drews - Secretary
- Kevin Highfield - Director of Advocacy and Outreach
- Derek Heaton - Director of IT (Not present)
- Scott Dammit - Trails Director
- Amanda Williams -Events Director
- Liz McCain Woodrow - Communications Director
- Wade Greathouse - Race Director
- Linda Jordan - Membership Director
- Vacant - Sergeant of Arms
- Paul Schultz – Director at Large (Timberlane)
- David Ruiz – Director at Large (Anthills)
- Kristi Vecellio- Director at Large (Cypresswood)
- Joseph Hood - Director at Large (Memorial Park)

*Guest:*

- None

**Attendance:**

14 Present / 14 Board Members / 14 Voting Members  
Have Quorum

**Agenda**

- Director and Committee Reports:
  - A. Treasurer Update
  - B. Race Update
  - C. Trails Update
  - D. Communications Update
  - E. Events Update
  - F. Membership Update
  - G. Advocacy Update
  - H. IT
- Old Business:
- New Business:

**Treasurer Update:**

- Current balance sheet

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- Chase account balance, Last month = \$83,066 / This month = \$85,270
- Paypal account balance, Last month = \$2,253, This month = \$2,329
  - Incoming \$837, memberships
  - Outgoing \$736, Trail reimbursement
- Status of activities
  - Trail Expenses - \$474 Gorilla Carts, \$831 Cypress Creek limestone & materials, \$422 Cypresswood limestone, \$736 Knarwals pizza from the last 6 months
  - Events - \$300 restroom deposit for SL race, \$586 race tape for SL race
  - Membership -
  - Merchandise -
  - Unbudgeted - \$449 SAMs grant annual registration renewal
- Grant Solicitation – SAMS account up to date, RGO recreational grants online up to date
  - SAMs renewal completed this month
- Open
  - Pending – Create a visual tool for members meeting that is shareable

## Race Update:

- FBMBA will be cutting new trail Apr-22, we change course direction on Apr-24
- CoSL Says all is still moving forward
- I received confirmation on EMT for the race - Apr-10
- Liz and met for 3 hours, banners, awards, tents, etc
- I have received all 125 helmets from TMA. 25 belong to Robert Michael, 100 are GHORBA's. No invoice at the moment.
- Robert Michael will also have volunteers to help distribute the helmets and other materials.
- Still working on another Food Truck. We have only one solidified at the moment.
- Co-branded bottles with race and ProBikes Texas - Total cost \$429, Race cost \$214.50
- I have had a couple others reach out for sponsorship, Costco-SL and Chairking-SL. Timing isn't there so we'll reach back out for the SLC3-2024
- Suzannah Smiles donation - post race. donation based off of 50% of all Kids race (10U & 12U) max to not exceed donation of \$750 to \$1000?

## Trails Update:

- Sent some equipment and spend some money on materials at Double Lake
- There is a request from the forest service to potentially change the way we reimburse for expense spent on that trail system
- Work party coming up this month to rebuild Moore Bridge at Cypress Creek
  - May have some bike shops that want to participate
- Saw some dozer activity at Anthills by the golf course, Dave has inquired with the precinct as to the reason for the activity. This turned out to be the Country Club repairing erosion, impacting a couple spots on the trails. The country club has been very cooperative with the Anthills/GHORBA volunteers and has made a lot of effort to minimize impact and disruption to the trail and trail users. This work should be completed in a few days.

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**Communications Update:**

- Working on a Ladies Ride

**Events Update:**

- Focus is on the 2nd Annual West Houston Trail Fest on March 25th, 2023 and the Sugar Land Race as both will be big events in 2023.

**Membership Update:**

- 491 total memberships to date
- We need to leverage festivals and local rides to grow our membership

**Advocacy Update:**

- PCT 3 is wanting to press forward with an agreement for Cypresswood and Cypress Creek
- PCT 4 has slowed on progress but Ben is currently working to set up a meeting with Leslie Briones to discuss the future of the trail at Anthills.
- Ben is also working on setting up a meeting with Bike Houston, Treasa Anthony, and City of Sugar Land to talk about the success of the trails in SL and how we share that with COH leadership.

**IT Update:**

- Website is still being updated.

**OLD Business**

NO OLD BUSINESS

**NEW Business**

1. Motion was put forth to purchase 4 new tents by Ben Drews and seconded by Scott Dammitt. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was put forth to purchase \$600 in helmets from a company that is matching our purchase by Ben Drews and seconded by Scott Dammitt. The motion passed unanimously.

**Talking Points :**

- **We put forth several priorities for GHORBA in 2023 that will be voted on at the next meeting and put out to the membership in April.**
- **New board members shared their thoughts on GHORBA to date and what they would like to see going forward.**
- **2023 is going to be a great year for GHORBA**

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