



Date: February 6, 2017

Address: Ula's Mexican Restaurant, 5555 Washington Ave, Houston, TX 77007
7pm – 9pm

Attendees:

Board:

- Bill Collier, President
- Scott Dammitt, Communications Director
- Eric Henao, Secretary
- Christy Jones, Membership Director
- Kevin Highfield, VP & Advocacy Director
- Mike Moyers, Trails Director
- David Cervera, Race Director
- Chris Brown, Events Director
- ~~Josh Cools, Treasurer~~ OUT

Membership

December - 10 new/renewals - 5 Family, 5 Individual (I think this was the first 50/50 month ever!) All male. Down from 19 in 2015

January - 28 new/renewals - All individual and only one female. Up from only 10 in 2016

New Board Members

Introduction of David Cervera and Mike Moyers.

Financial Info

General Funds – \$54K

\$2051 lefts in the Huntsville Grant left

Need \$6100 to pay for remaining amount of bill from inspection.

Jack Brooks Trails

\$8489 left in the fund. Trail was torn to pieces by the recent Horse Shoe Trail event put on by TROT. There was some initial issues that GHORBA had and we expressed that we didn't want the race to be run, GC allowed it. After the race, Darrel (the trail steward) Bill and the GC walked the trails and the GC realized their mistake. They will be leaning on GHORBA on what the repair will need to be done.

- Maybe have a follow up with the National Running office to team up on agreements?
- REI want to do an all woman event at JB or CC, maybe in April?

Memorial Park Trails.

Bill meeting with the head director of Memorial Park. Going to get GHORBA signed up with an agreement to be an official contractor and trail agreement. This will allow GHORBA to do more in the park. The Conservancy is now in charge of the day to day management of the park and are close friends with GHORBA.

Sugar Land Trails

Feb. 11th Saturday Skills Clinic 10am -12pm



Bill met with the director of the parks, Joe Chesser. William is his right hand man. Trey Jung is now the Trail Steward (GHORBA). Looks like they are creating a lot of trails out there. Looks like the Director likes the trails but is a little concerned with the enthusiastic trail building. Some of the trail building is getting noticed. The land owners are well attuned with the land stewards. Also the Cullinan conversancy is very concerned with the land and how it's being used. Going through new Territory HOA. We don't want to get adversarial. Joe is willing to look at the signed JB agreement as a possible starting point for a new agreement for Sugar Land and GHORBA.

Cypress Creek Trails

Got \$5000 from REI

\$3723 left in grant

Built massive berm on the Y-tech section. The new conversancy board was not happy. Believed that it was obstructing the floodway, was not permeable, was too dangerous with no signage, and there was no official approval given to the building of the feature. They also believe that we acted in gross negligence. They want it removed.

Bill to meet with a Hydro-gist/Engineer to review the berm, to see how flood control will view it.

Bill to meet with Mike and the BLC on the 2/24/17. Also will help to establish best practices for building out new stuff moving forward.

Cypreswoods

What's happening at Cypress Creek will eventually come to CW. John Roberts has been building a lot of features. GHORBA may need to reconsider where we can approve legal trails, because land owners don't want "fun" features?

Huntsville

Need more money to finish the trail. \$6155 IMBA inspection invoice for the trail. \$2051 left in the grant. \$4100.03 remaining and GHORBA will pay for it. GHORBA hasn't had to pay for anything for the entire trail that was built with this grant. Board voted on payment 8 yay, 1 nay.

There is also needed \$4700 for pavers/lumber to help finish/correct some of the issues that the IMBA inspection found. Kevin will find other sources for funding this. Kevin is also suggesting that we publicize that GHORBA paid for this.

Sam Houston National Forest (SHNF)

SHTC – President Ed has closed all the trails currently. The trail collation has control over the trails. We have to work with the trail collation. Hope to have a big work party on the 18th with the Trail collation. Jim Mackey working on the lonestar trail. Northwest Cycling has stepped in to help out on trail work. Finish up the IMBA report.

Location of the BRC Race

Because of the closure of Huntsville and no idea of re-opening, considering other locations.

Lake Houston – possibly flood prone and sandy

Timberlane – in Spring

Russel Hannas property (Private)



Double Lake is having big problems with the concessions issue. Most likely not going to work as an alternative. Maybe we can go to TIMBRA to swap with one of their races in the Fall. To postpone BRC race until the Fall. Maybe turn the BRC in to a marathon series?

Website

Please get your 300 character bios to Scott. There will be membership reporting. There will be paypal payment. Will be switching soon.