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Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2025
Location: Online Meeting

Board Member Attendance:

Board Member	X if present	If absent, was a report submitted?	Board Member	X if present	If absent, was a report submitted?
Ben Drews -President	x		Liz Woodrow- Race Director	x	
Linda Jordaan - Vice President	x		Dan Hellner- Communications Director	x	
Kristi Vecellio- Secretary	x		Gibran (Ace) Tejada - Treasurer	x	
Kevin Highfield- Advocacy Director		yes	David Cervera- Trails Director		yes
Tristan Meadows- Director at Large	x		Lisa Biem- Director at Large		no
Maiella Cunningham- Events Director	x		David Ruiz- Director at Large		no
Brad Cowan- Director at Large	x		Emmanuel Rolland-Piegue- IT Director		no
			Total Board Members Present: 9		
Additional Attendees:					
Prior Month Meeting Minutes Approved? January February approved, March had less than 8 members are there, April was retreat, and we will review at June Meeting					

Reports and Meeting Notes

Updates from President and Executive Committee Reports

a. **News**

b. **Celebrations**
   i. **Race**

c. **Governance update**

Old Business

1. Status of New Bylaws- DONE Accepted, NEED put on Website

2. New Membership Structure- working on name change for insurance and free membership prior to determining how to structure corporate sponsorship and Trailblazer individual patron, Dirt Family patron

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d. Finance report

1. Working on Race Numbers, want to develop spreadsheet for credit/debit
2. Update on total in accounts provided
3. Discussed looses end from race

e. Advocacy Update

i. Confirmed no liability for Summer MTB Camp so we are looking for volunteers- Ben is going and will share more details and link soon
   1. July 7-10, 930-12, Memorial and Dairy Ashford
   2. Kristi will connect with GHORBA coaches about attending

f. Trails Update

New Business
Note from David C:
I need to set up a zoom with trail stewards, also with Kevin and Ace in attendance and Ben if he'd like. We need to get a date for that set. Monday or Wednesday evenings like 7pm work best for me. Kevin redid the budget for the trails using the TPW grant equally spread amongst them. Thanks Kevin!

We have contact information for all Trails/Stewards
2025 Trail Stewards & Info and GHORBA Trail Steward Budget and Reimbursement Policy (2025)

Tracking Volunteer hours and TPWD Grant Updates

1. some details covered here: 2025 GHORBA Budget Announcement and here: TPW GRANT SUMMARY.docx

Needed: Someone needs to collect docs from Trail Captains and enter into sam.gov or texas parks and wildlife (wherever it goes) so that funds can be earmarked and delivered. Can we use photos?

a. Maiella has idea but needs to know if we can use photo/scan and willing to set up process
b. Action items:
   1. Call parks- Eric
   2. Eric, Dave, Kevin, Maiella to develop process

Additional Director Reports

I. Race Update

Old Business
A. SLC recap

New Business
B. See email about possibly bringing a race back to Huntsville. Thread titled: [GHORBA Directors 21102] Huntsville Race
C. Need AAR on SLC with Liz, Ace
   a. Volunteer issues to solve for next year
      i. Bodies for clean up
      ii. Social Media year round presence

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II. Events Update

Old Business

1. Huntsville work party and ride needs a new date? Current placeholder is a TMBRA race weekend- Let's look for a September date. Ben will reach out to Jeff Kraft.
2. What events are we doing for summer/spring
    a. Charvet event at Cypress Creek
    b. Memorial? Double Lake?

New Business/Action Items

1. Maiella needs help with Calendar

2. Ben and Maiella to meeting for planning the rest of the year and contact trail stewards.

III. Communications Update

Old Business

1. Need email to members with information about TrailForks deal
2. Newsletter?

New Business/Action items

1. Create event promo strategy
2. Put newsletter draft together
3. partnerships with other Social Media

IV. Membership/Sponsorship Update- Need a director

V. IT Update

New Business

Old Business

1. We need to start document where you can request website updates/changes
2. Need to update mission and vision and values on website

Director at Large updates/comments

Other Committee Reports

a. Dirt Sisters

b. GNARkids

i. Linda working on waiver for and band for kids rides

ii.

Close meeting

- Restate/Determine Priority Action items for the month and work time during this meeting
    - Kristi to blast priorities to team via Messenger bi-weekly

- Meeting date placeholders are provided (some will be virtual)
    - Jun 26, 2025