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

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 26, 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		No
Kristi Vecellio- Secretary	x		Gibran (Ace) Tejada - Treasurer	x	
Kevin Highfield- Advocacy Director	x		David Cervera- Trails Director		No
Tristan Meadows- Director at Large		No	Lisa Biem- Director at Large	x	
Maiella Cunningham- Events Director		No	David Ruiz- Director at Large		No
Brad Cowan- Director at Large		No	Emmanuel Rolland-Piegue- IT Director	x	
			Total Board Members Present: 8 then 6		
Additional Attendees:					
Prior Month Meeting Minutes Approved? Yes (May 2025)					

Reports and Meeting Notes

Updates from President and Executive Committee Reports

a. **News**

b. **Celebrations**
   i. Rebrand process can/will start next month- who has name ideas?
   ii. David is getting good feedback from trail stewards
   iii. Thank you to Ace and Maiella for grant submission process work

c. **Governance update**

d. **Finance report**
   - Ace reported on account status and outstanding settlements and CCMTB reimbursement requests
   - Storage - fees have just gone up

- Either we reduce the size needed or make the switch to the “free for non-profits (1 year)” units by the Anthills - Ben Drew's action item

- Sale of GHORBA equipment
  - Dennis Duarte - do we want to sell the inflatable jump set - $1,200?
    - yes as long as we have an agreement in place - Ace is drafting
  - Mike Winkler - wooden erector set jumps - unknown cost
- Possible membership drive
  - Dial for dollars
  - Some long-term members just let life happen and didn’t re-up
    - No one reached out to them
    - Perhaps we establish a committee for this
  - Promote new membership/sponsorship Director and try to fill

e. Advocacy Update

Advocacy (by Kevin Highfield):

Not much to report - I’ve been traveling since mid-May. However, I did speak with Precinct 3 Parks Director, David Tamborella on June 16th - he was not happy as they discovered several tons of fill material dumped at 100 Acre Woods, which was apparently for CC trail work. He tends to lump CW with CC, so he was kind of blaming me (and Mary, the CW trail steward). I explained they were different trails and that CW are abiding by the HCFCD rules (and more or less sticking to the pending agreement on the features). He felt that it was unlikely we’d get any agreement with the county, though he had not participated in any recent meetings.

I did attend an online HCFCD meeting about Cypress Creek bank erosion projects - that will affect the lower end of CW (at Possum Run). No updates on the detention ponds at CW - I’ll follow up separately on that shortly.

As for the TPW Grant, Ace is doing an outstanding job taking leadership on that and has submitted the first reimbursement request. I’ll let Ace update you all further on that.

Ace Update:

Interested in Grant Support:

- Monica Trevathan - experience in educational grants
- Matthew Light - Sam Houston office of sponsored programs - assist with grant search and preparation

Current committee -

- Guv
- Maiella
- Sunny
- Ace

GHORBA submitted their first reimbursement request -

- 02 June - Cunningham
- Documentation of match - **currently we can only submit reimbursements for expenditures**

- Hiring professionals - trailbuilders with proper certifications
- Purchasing equipment
- Renting equipment
- Repairing equipment
- Education
    - can we get reimbursement for ride coach certifications?

- $21.35/hr for volunteers, but professionals can charge their hourly rate
- Monthly or quarterly submissions

Needs to start getting the reimbursements - Action Items

- Trails director need to present to trail captains on the budget and to teach them the need and purpose of documenting their crew's volunteer work and submit it over to the committee
- Host a zoom informational session on how to fill these volunteer documents out (or a video they can watch on their leisure)
- Side request - to develop an option on the current website to submit a trail captain reimbursement requests (to be mobile friendly)

Ben- P4 progress/update on a few positive conversations- county has lost grant money but still wants to move forward, especially knowing we have the TPW grant funding.

f. Trails Update

New Business

1. TPW Grant update (submissions process):
2. Meeting with Trail Stewards

Old Business

We have contact information for all Trails/Stewards

2025 Trail Stewards & Info and GHORBA Trail Steward Budget and Reimbursement Policy (2025)

2025 GHORBA Budget Announcement

TPW GRANT SUMMARY.docx

Additional Director Reports

I. Race Update

Old Business

A. SLC AAR
B. Race to Double Lake in Sept. 2027?

New Business

II. Events Update

Old Business

1. **July 7-10 MTB clinic with Family Point Resources- volunteers needed**

2. **Huntsville work party and ride - September 13th**
3. Charvet event (Ghorba supported) at Cypress Creek - September 6th and Memorial Sept 20th
4. BIke Houston October 25
5. Members Meeting - November 15th
6. December- maybe Jack Brooks?

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. Do we still have a document where you can request website updates/changes?
2. Need to update mission and vision and values on website and add Bylaws

Director at Large updates/comments

Other Committee Reports

a. **Dirt Sisters**
   i. Discussion of future clinics and coaching
b. **GNARkids**
   i. Linda working on waiver for and band for kids rides

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
  - submit coaching certification costs to TPWD grant for reimbursement
  - Membership-sponsorship director- website, social media post
  - Meet with stewards for budgets and TPWD grant submissions
  - Follow up with Dan on Communications topics
  - Name Change- getting ideas and clarification on implications for TPWD grant and insurance
  - Storage unit change/cost reduction for 501c3
  - Flier for Dig De Roots and need an event owner

- Meeting date placeholders are provided (some will be virtual)