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Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 24, 2024 - 7pm
Location: Zoom

Board Member Attendance:

Board Member	X if present	if absent was report submitted?	Board Member	X if present	if absent was report submitted?
Ben Drews -President	x		Liz Woodrow- Race Director	x	
Linda Jordaan - Vice President	x		Dan Hellner- Sergeant at Arms	x	
Sunny Oliver- Treasurer	x		Derek Heaton- IT Director		no
Kristi Vecellio- Secretary	x		Paul Schultz- Director at Large		no
Kevin Highfield- Advocacy Director	x		David Cervera- Director at Large		no
Scott- Dammitt- Trails Director		no	Lisa Biem- Director at Large		no
Maiella Cunningham- Events Director	x		Davis Ruiz- Director at Large	x	
Carlos Caicedo- Communications Director		no	Total 9/15		
Additional Attendees:					
Prior Month Meeting Minutes Approved?	yes				

Reports and Meeting Notes

General Updates from President and Executive Committee Reports

a. **celebration**s
   i. Bike donation events
   ii. Dirt Sisters Retreat
   iii. Memorial Park Speed Series

b. news
   i. Members meeting event is posted, please help share frequently

c. governance update
   i. Bylaws revision (examples of things still in process)
      1. Gain consensus on even/odd year voting
      2. Gain consensus on voting rights of members in 2025 and beyond when new membership structure is in place
         a. proposal: all supporting members and patron have voting rights but the voting must be conducted in person to prevent free membership from driving someone voting from multiple accts. now that membership access if free

b. 2024 voting will conducted online as in past years with current members eligible
3. conduct update
4. mission update

d. finance report

Director Reports and Committee Updates (old and new business)

- **Communications** Update and **Events** Update
  A. Calendar set for year - group rides and trail fests
    1. need to share spreadsheet and get ownership assigned
    2. Newsletter will feature event-related articles (before/after) and this content submission needs to be assigned
  B. Would like to have retreat in February to work (mandatory) locally and separate fun destination ride optional
  C. Kristi is working on volunteer thank you posts, CWT, SCNT, Jack Brooks still remaining
  D. MEMBERS MEETING- is the event sheet started, need to plan an assign tasks
    1. SEE 2024 Members Meeting Agenda DRAFT
    2. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS and FUTURE PLANS (3 minutes?)
    3. FACEBOOK LIVE
    4. Executive Summary
      1.
    5. Race
      1.
    6. Treasury
      1.
    7. IT
      1. website updates
    8. Events
    9. Advocacy
    10. Trails

- Membership Update
  A. Need to outline next steps once new By-laws are in place
- Advocacy Update
  - I have sent a message to the Sam Houston Trails Coalition and the Forest Service that I want the SHTC to submit a 2025 RTP grant application on behalf of cycling interests, specifically the “Sam Houston Trail” - a safe route for cyclists across the Sam Houston National Forest using trails and forest roads. The basis is the draft SHNF trails Master Plan from 2008 and a draft of the same grant I submitted in 2015.
  - I discussed the status of the Harris County trail access agreement with the Flood District. They have a new draft agreement they are reviewing which addresses the liability issues. We are waiting to see a copy.
  - The Flood District also updated on the TC Jester detention pond project - which will destroy a substantial portion of Cypresswood Trail. The project is undergoing further environmental review required due to the Federal funding of the project. Current timetable has the construction going for bid in Q3 2025, starting construction (destruction!) in early 2026. This is

good to have a delay, but don't keep our fingers crossed they will find anything to stop it. Also, we need to lobby Precinct 3 on design for the project that is west of TC Jester.

- The new park at Gosling Road / Spring Creek that will be developed is on hold for a longer period. "Bike the Woodlands" (John Zgourides and John Martin) spoke with The Woodlands Township executive director and advocated for MTB trails. I heard they will spend about $2.5m on a Master Plan, which is very frustrating, noting how much we could do with that amount of money!

- **Trails Update**
  A. Lisa and Ben to digitize waiver and TPWD grant and tracking the volunteer hours
  B. Fontenot work party date needs to set - Ben
  C. Dig the Roots needs to be set- Lisa

- IT Update
- **Race Update**
  A. Linda and Liz to start new action tracker
  B. Kristi and Ben started and after action report but need to hold a meeting 2024 SLC After Action and 2025 Planning
  C. TMBRA looking for permission for Analia Voss (Women's Empowerment) to do pre ride event at SLC. With her great sponsorship and Dirt Sisters promoting locally this could be huge event for racers and non-racers
    1. Decided Dirt Sisters would like to handle all pre-rides and women's promotions and Analia was informed.

Opportunity for Director at Large updates/comments

Other Committee Reports

- **Dirt Sisters**
  - Can we confirm all 4 certifications for coaches were reimbursed?
  - Plan for Coaching Clinics
  - After Action on Dirt Sisters Retreat

Close meeting

- Restate/Determine Priority Action items for the month
  - Members meeting
  - Election
- Update Calendar as needed calendar@ghorba.org
- Confirm next meeting date
  - Members meeting 11/15

Committees use remaining time to meet and work on Action Items
2024 Action Tracker- needs updating for current work assignments

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