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Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15th, 2023 7PM to 9PM

Address: Saffron Indian Kitchen, 8045 North Sam Houston Pkwy W, Houston, Tx 77064

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
- Scott Dammitt - Trails Director
- Amanda Williams-Events Director
- Liz McCain Woodrow - Communications Director (Not Present)
- Vacant - Race Director
- Linda Jordaan - Membership Director
- Paul Schultz – Director at Large (Timberlane) (Not Present)
- David Ruiz – Director at Large (Anthills)
- Kristi Vecellio- Director at Large (Cypresswood)
- Joseph Hood - Director at Large (Memorial Park) (Not Present)

Guest:

- None

Attendance:

11 Present / 11 Board Members / 11 Voting Members

Have Quorum

Agenda

- Director and Committee Reports:
  - Treasurer Update
  - Race Update
  - Trails Updates
  - Communications Update
  - Events Update
  - Membership Update
  - Advocacy Update
  - IT
  - Committees:
    A. Dirt Sister Ride Committee
- Old Business
- New Business

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Treasurer Update:

- Status of Accounts
    - Chase account balance has been reviewed ($65,662)
    - Paypal account balance, Last month = $3,843, This month = $4,361
- Status of Activities
    - Trails - $1138 Huntsville State Park, SDR materials and supplies
    - Events - Shred De Roots, $2500 donated to Susanna Smiles
    - Membership - $705, 24 join/renewals (Scott status failed)
    - Merchandise - $195 in sales
    - Unbudgeted –
- Grant Solicitation - SAMS account up to date, RGO recreational grants online up to date, no status change as of this month
- Taxes filed today 11/15/2023, accountant Fee is $500

Race Update:

- Finalizing agreement with FBMBA and should be completed by 31 October 2023.

Trails Update:

- New trail steward for C57 / NWCC trail - Janis Brunner
- Pct 3 Commissioner Ramsey is enthusiastic about expanding trails
- TxDOT is requesting feedback on their Active Transportation Plan

Communications Update:

- Not Present

Events Update:

- Fonteno Trail Party on October 21st
- December 2nd will be annual Members Meeting
- December 9th for the HSP centennial
- January for Fonteno

Membership Update:

- 446 members

Advocacy Update:

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IT Update:

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Women's Committee Update:

- There was a huge response to coaching announcement on GHORBA Ladies and I did not put it out on general trail pages yet. People have questions so…
- Need to have formal information/agreement to get out to the many people who are interested in coaching/ride leading- need to agree on the details so I can get it written and out ASAP.
- Dennis and Amanda will help Kristi finalize agreement so we can vote to adopt it.
- Need to agree on finalizing the name change of the FB page (from several variations) and the announcement. This is a GHORBA page?
- FB page will be Dirt Sisters with GHORBA in the title/logo. Everyone likes Lisa's logo and would like to adopt it. Kristi will get Liz's feedback and work with Lisa to finalize logo
- Lisa Biem is really eager to help and is already helping (ladies rides, has strong ideas, offered her graphic design skills)- is there a spot on the board we could encourage her to run for?

OLD Business

1. Motion to change GHORBA membership structure to reflect a member and a paid patron. Motion was tabled to committee to vote on next month.
2. TROE Discussion and moved to postpone signing until after the meeting with Precinct 3 Commissioner Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously

NEW Business

1. Motion to present the new membership structure and amend the bylaws at the members meeting in December was put forth by Ben Drews and seconded by Linda and passed unanimously.
2. TROE Discussion and moved to postpone signing until after the meeting with Precinct 3 Commissioner Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously
3. Race agreement Discussion
4. Motion to setup a committee for the Sugar Land race and recruitment of a race director

Talking Points :

Weekly Kids rides: