

Austin Ridge Riders Board of Directors Meeting

October 2, 2016

Name	Position	Present	
		Yes	No
Charlie Riou	President	x	
Lloyd Gauthier	Vice-President		x
Vallarie Sinclair	Secretary	x	
Jeff Daugherty	Treasurer		x
Cindy Wood	Ride Like a Girl		x
Robert Hansen	Kid Trips	x	
Kent Browning	Trails Coordinator	x	
Vacant	Club Ride Coordinator		
Geovanna Meyer	Special Events Coordinator	x	
Aric Meyer	Grants Program Coordinator	x	
Bruce Giese	Membership Coordinator	x	
Matt Welton	Marketing & Communications Coordinator	x	
Vacant	Austin Mountain Bike Patrol		

1. Call to order – *Charlie Riou*

Location: Charlie Riou's house. Charlie Riou called meeting to order at 6:41pm.

2. Approval of minutes August meeting – *Vallarie Sinclair*

Motion to approve by Kent Browning; second by Robert Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

A quorum was not available for September and no BOD meeting was held.

3. Replacements for vacant BOD positions – *Charlie Riou*

Chris Siedel and Derrick Fitzgerald have resigned, pursuant to both relocating out of state. Shawn Riggs is interested in filling the Mountain Bike Patrol Board role for the remainder of the 2016 term. Brooke Davis is interested in filling the Club Ride Coordinator role for the remainder of the 2016 term.

Matt Welton proposed motion to approve, second by Bruce Geise. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Balcones District Park Letter of Support – *Vallarie Sinclair*

The Board was contacted by MNA requesting support for their attempt to secure a grant in order to improve the current system. A letter was drafted and read aloud at the meeting. BOD members Charlie Riou, Robert Hansen, Matt Welton and Kent Browning suggested minor edits. Motion to approve by Kent Browning, second by Matt Welton. Motion carried unanimously. The letter has been approved as amended.

5. 2017 BOD Election committee – *Charlie Riou*

Discussion regarding whether the BOD roles should be reviewed and possible level-set and balancing between roles to ensure the right Director is leading each initiative. Additionally, the committee will focus on preparation and socialization of upcoming BOD elections. Aric Meyer

volunteered to lead the committee and will be contacting Lloyd Gauthier for last year's election materials as a foundation for preparing for this year. Motion to establish a committee by Vallarie Sinclair, second by Kent Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Cranksgiving venue / planning - November 26 – Geo Meyer/Charlie Riou

The venue for Cranksgiving has not been settled. There are issues involved in utilizing two venues and coordinating land use fees, insurance, etc. Pace Bend, Reimers and Muleshoe are options. There are already discussions in place with Reimers regarding trail conditions and a trail work day, so this venue may be the best option to pursue.

7. Volunteer Appreciation Event - Early November? – Geo Meyer/Charlie Riou

Geo will be coordinating an event. Venue and content not yet sorted.

8. Officer and Program Director reports – All

- **Kent Browning** – The current urgent issue is the loss of Trail Stewards and the need to replace them. There has been a workday almost every week this year, but much of it has been heavy and/or specialized work that hasn't been opened up for general volunteer hours.
- **Robert Hanson** – Robert would like to see more new members engaged and new faces on the board and in lead volunteer roles in order to stay current and keep membership engaged.
The Dripping Springs middle and high school mountain biking team would like to utilize the Kids Trips bikes to help introduce and engage more kids in riding. Rick Chevrie will be there to manage the ride, and Dripping Springs will be providing volunteers. Explore Austin is set for November.
January is a ride scheduled with Boy Scouts from Hondo, TX.
- **Aric Meyer** – Is working on grants for Walnut with the Austin Parks department. We do have a grant outstanding that we have not used due to pending approvals of plans by City of Austin. The loss of Tim Starry is going to impact our ability to move on the work when/if the permits are ever issued.
- **Geo Meyer** – Will continue to focus on Cranksgiving and volunteer event
- **Bruce Giese** – Bruce did contact IMBA regarding the ability to setup more customized emails to send out to our members, but has not heard back from anyone.
- **Matt Welton** – Continues to need content for newsletters. Has had issues with getting other BOD members to respond.
- **Brooke Davis** – The next club ride is October 22 at Rocky Hill. Brooke will not be in town, and will need assistance with food and event management. The tentative December location is Reveille Peak, but have not received confirmation from RPR yet.

Adjournment @ 7:59pm.