BVMBA Meeting Minutes - November 7th, 2016

1. Upcoming TM November 12 9am-12pm at Millican Reserve

 Tasks to include:

* + - **Lopping** Phase 1 extension
		- **Lopping** on the first 1/3 of Phase 3
		- Additional **signs** at Phase IV mound to show intended trail flow
		- **Mowing** on the horsetrail return
		- **Chainsaw** removal of low branches on Phase 1 and 4

 Lunch will be served at 12pm

* + - Travis will bring **hot dogs, buns, chips**
		- Gina will grill, gas and propane, condiments
		- Beth will bring **soft drinks**, ice and cups, napkins

 Travis will send an e-mail asking for a head count for the food

1. Hensel Park Day - November 5 - was a huge success

 Hensel Park is now rideable!

 Thank you to New Republic, Bike Barn, and all volunteers!

1. Hunting at Millican Reserve

 November through January 15th

 Clarification is pending on exactly where hunting is taking place

 Including whether the road and Phase 5 will be accessible

 **November 18-20**: MIllican Reserve Youth Hunt - **all trails absolutely closed**

 Message to be posted on chalkboard at Millican entrance on those days

1. Social Rides still 6:30pm on Tuesday at Millican

 Travis will post a link to the cheap Amazon lights

 All rides are lights rides until further notice - we will start and finish after dark

 No **social ride** tomorrow due to weather

 Carolyn will organize a gravel ride

 **depart Central Baptist church at 6:30pm tomorrow**

1. Fall Time Trial results

 Fastest lap - Jacob Turbyfill

 Most improved - Robert Chrostowski

 Overall 3rd - Paulo Silva

 Overall 2nd - James Munnerlyn

 **Overall 1st - Gina Hokanson**

1. Winter Time Trials

 Will be held at **Lake Bryan at 6:30pm on Thursdays**

 Course will be: Roller Coaster/Wildflower/Munnerlyn/Cutoff

 **Starting first full week of December**, running until Feb 2nd

1. **Trail naming project is still open**

 Travis will send out a reminder e-mail with instructions and end date

 contact him with questions

1. Pumpkinpalooza happened

Thank you to all volunteers

This child-oriented event is not the best venue for showcasing Millican trails

**Would Aggieland be interested in partnering with us for a bike demo day**?

 Beth to ask Rod

1. Nominations for next year’s officer positions:

Nominations will remain open until November 31st at 5pm

Online voting will be open Dec 1st to Dec 5th at 5pm

Voice voting will take place at the General Meeting on Monday, Dec 5th at 6:30pm

Current nominees:

* + **Paulo for president**
	+ **Travis for vice-president**
	+ **Gina for Sec-Treasurer**
1. Proposed changes to membership and dues structure

**No change for new members in the first year** ($30 first year for individual or family)

**In subsequent years**

 **Annual dues increase to $75 for an individual or family**

 **Members will earn $5 credit for each hour of club service**

This means that

 a member completing 9 hours of club service will pay $30 annual dues (no chance from current system)

 a member completing 15 hours of club service will pay $0 annual dues

 a member completing more than 15 hours of club service will receive a gift certificate to the local bike shop of his/her choice for $5 for each hour over 15

 or, in the case of James Munnerlyn, credit toward mower parts

As always, **club service includes all of the following**

 trail maintenance (as scheduled, ad hoc, or independent)

 providing food/refreshments for trail maintenance or other club events

 volunteering at or organizing club events (including time trial timing)

 website, Facebook page or mailing list development/improvement

 sign-making, other media creation/production

 other activities that aid in performance of club objectives as stated in the bylaws

As always, **all family members’ service contributions count toward the family membership**

 that is, a family of 3 that works 9-12 on one day will earn $45 of credit

1. Proposed changes to LB discount passes

As of 2015, Icehouse management no longer provides 10 free passes to BVMBA

We can therefore no longer offer these free season passes as a service incentive

**As an alternative, all members/families completing at least 3 hours of club service will be eligible for the $35.00 season pass for the next season**

This represents a return to the original LB discount pass incentive program

The **list of those eligible will be updated once monthly**

 Alejandro will bring the updated list to the LB Icehouse/Gatehouse monthly

1. Carolyn suggested purchasing a **gas-powered hedge trimmer** for the club

We would like to have an option to have a pole extender attachment

Steel construction would be best

These appear to be about $250-300 at Home Depot

Beth will purchase one as a club gift; it will be kept at 3802 Carter Creek

 Will only be used for club business

 Can be checked out by any club member at any time

1. **Navasota Ladies' Tresses Hunt - November 18-20**

We will be asking for 6-10 volunteers

Should only take a couple of hours on one day

The goal is to walk the first 2 and last 2 miles of LB east and west

 And photograph all small white flowers we see for later identification by local botanists

 Texas Master Naturalists Club - Brazos Chapter / Audubon Society may be able to help - Beth to contact

In attendance: Paulo Silva, Beth Boudreau, Gina Hokanson, Travis Prochaska, James Munnerlyn, Brad Barber, Alejandro Lalor, Jason Foster, Carolyn Hodo, Travis Ward