

## **DeSoto BMX Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 15, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference

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### **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Justin Wheat at 7:15 PM.

**Roll Call:** Present: Justin Wheat, Jon Essary, JW Irvin, Tom Krembs, David Hester,  
Tony Cicala (joined at 8:30 PM)

**Guests:** Track Operators: Bobby Gonzales and Crystal Gonzales

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made by Justin Wheat to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jon Essary and unanimously approved by all directors present.

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### **II. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented but were not approved as not all board members had reviewed them. The approval of the previous minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

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### **III. President's Report**

#### **Key Highlights and Challenges:**

- **Resignation of Angela Sealy:** Angela Sealy resigned as Treasurer and Board Member. The board acknowledged and accepted her resignation.
  - **Membership Growth:** Nine new riders/members were gained during the past week, following positive feedback from Saturday's races (8/10).
  - **Track Expansion:** Interest in expanding to surrounding municipalities in North Texas continues to grow.
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## IV. Treasurer's Report

- **Account Status:** Fund balance: \$34,000 as of the meeting date. The organization aims to maintain a balance of no less than \$30,000 or three months of operating costs.
  - **Financial Summary:**
    - Gross revenue from January 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024: \$74,333.18
    - Net surplus after expenses through July 31, 2024: \$11,139.64
  - **Outstanding Issues:**
    - A discussion was held on a \$7,200 IRS penalty for late filing of the 2022 IRS Form 990. A request for penalty abatement has been submitted.
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## V. Track Operator Report

- **Track Maintenance:**

Updates were provided on track maintenance and the installation of a new electronic lock on the sign-up booth door, along with a key control system.
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## VI. Policies/Procedures

- **Code of Conduct Policy:**

The policy is being updated to include enforcement procedures. A final draft will be presented for approval.
  - **Coaching Policy:**

The coaching program is progressing well, though further discussion and feedback are needed to finalize the policy.
  - **Background Checks:**

All Board Members, Track Operators, and Coaches are required to complete background checks. The organization is setting up an account with Sports Engine for these checks.
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## VII. Old Business

- **Background Checks:** Progress was discussed regarding background checks for new board members.
- **Metroplex BMX Group DBA Registration:** Updates on the DBA process were provided.

### Action Items – Votes:

- **Bylaw Amendments:** Amendments to Articles I, III, and X of the bylaws were approved to align with the Certificate of Formation.
  - **Appointment of Interim Board Member:** No appointment is necessary at this time. A replacement will be elected at the annual meeting.
  - **DeSoto BMX Branded Canopy:** Approval was granted for the purchase of a DeSoto BMX branded canopy.
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## VIII. New Business

- **Bathroom Maintenance:**  
Discussion on the respective roles of the City and DeSoto BMX regarding bathroom maintenance.
  - **Drainage Issues:**  
Discussion on drainage at the finish line and potential solutions.
  - **Loaner Bikes:**  
Loaner bike program updates. Rental fees have been discontinued, and donations are now accepted for the loaner equipment fund.
  - **Timing System:**  
Update on the implementation of the Skorз timing system.
  - **25th Anniversary Celebration:**  
Potential for special event in conjunction with the state finals.
  - **October 18-19 City Event:**  
Discussion on potential track closure during a city event at Grimes Park. Final decisions are pending more details from the Parks Department.
  - **Town Hall Meeting:**  
Planning a Town Hall Meeting at DeSoto Civic Center with TX-01 ridership and families.
  - **New Topics Introduced:**
    - Texas Classic/Texas-Oklahoma Shootout event.
    - Strategies for increasing full memberships and renewals.
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## IX. Announcements

- Upcoming DeSoto BMX events, including the Texas State Finals on September 15, were announced.
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## X. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of September at 7:00 PM CST.

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## **XI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Justin Wheat and seconded by Jon Essary. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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*Minutes submitted by Jon Essary, DeSoto BMX, 9/2/2024*