

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

February 6, 2018

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell, Carmela Lizzo, Kim Edwards, Mo Wachman
Absent: Mike Oster
Committees: None other than BOD members
Guest(s): Lee Edwards

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes – Jenny

Minutes for the November, December and January meetings were reviewed via email prior to this meeting. Edits to January provided by email response were incorporated and minutes re-distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded. Approved with no further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Mo

The report was reviewed during the meeting with a request for clarification on a minor point. Motion to approve, seconded and approved without discussion.

Terry explained that Mo's considerable responsibilities with the eblasts, election and other RVHA tasks allows for little time to devote to the accounting/financial aspects of the organization. Terry reached out to Judy Riley for assistance. Although Judy no longer wishes to be on the Board of Directors, she agreed to take care of the bookkeeping and PayPal account. Mo will remain as Treasurer and provide oversight. Judy will be noted as "bookkeeper" going forward. There is no need to add Judy back on as a signer at the bank as Mo will be able to handle tasks as needed. Judy will take care of the RVHA taxes and communicate with Zondra.

A motion was made to approve Judy in the bookkeeper role and retain Mo as Treasurer, seconded and accepted without discussion.

Membership – Mo

As of February 6 there are 345 members, of those 23 are new for 2018. All current membership cards have been sent. Terry will send the non-renewal list to each BOD member. BOD members are asked to reach out to those individuals they know and discuss renewal with them in a member retention effort.

Social Media- Terry

There are 924 "likes" on Facebook. Terry offered to post classified ads to other social media sites as an added benefit of advertising with RVHA.

Area Awareness – Mike (Terry reporting)

Rio Verde Drive - 136th to 152nd - MCDOT is studying alternatives to increase capacity of this segment, expected to be inadequate by 2020 to handle the traffic loads. Mike suggested that rather than a full four lane project, we might expect turn-ins and turn-outs on the north side of the drive at 136th, 144th and perhaps at 150th & 152nd to accommodate new and anticipated construction activity.

Rural Metro received approval from Maricopa County Planning and Zoning for a 10 year extension of their Special Use Permit. The next step is a Board of Supervisors hearing scheduled for March. RVHA submitted a letter of support for the SUP and received a thank you message from Rural Metro.

Aircraft - Some new sightings of low fliers have been reported. The City of Scottsdale has announced hearings with FAA and City of Phoenix information on the February 8 meeting closest to Rio Verde Foothills as well as other dates will be distributed to the membership. .

McDowell Sonoran Preserve Trailheads - Construction will begin soon on improvements for the Fraesfield and Granite Mountain trailheads, funded at \$2MM/each by the City of Scottsdale.

The Pima/Dynamite Trailhead temporary site is nearly complete, but opening may be delayed due to vegetation removal by the WAPA power line project, a Federal mandate for safety to ensure there is no disruption in the power grid in the event of fire. Information has been distributed to the membership and on various local social media sites.

Hauled Water – Carmela provided an update on the task force meeting with the New River group to learn what their experience has been. The task force also met with a water attorney for New River who was instrumental in creating a water district for that area. A meeting by the task group is scheduled for February 28 at Trilogy to inform the community of the hauled water situation and what the next steps should be. Following this meeting, another more specific meeting to identify the direction and recruit volunteers to help with fund raising (to pay legal and other expenses) and to raise awareness of the issue and the impact on our community.

Social Committee

Spring Trail Ride – March/April 2018

Lori was asked to review her schedule and select dates that will work for her property. A complimentary brunch would be provided with a sign-up process. Rental horses would be available. It was suggested the trail ride be combined with the April 29 election meeting and lunch. More information will be forthcoming.

St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance - March 17

A spring dinner dance with a St Patrick's Day theme is planned at the Rural Metro Fire Station. A 6-piece band is available and catering will be provided by Famous Dave's BBQ. A "save the date" announcement will be sent and an informational flyer is in development.

Archery Demonstration – April 6 or 7

The demonstration will be set up so that people can rotate between stations with a different experience at each. It is estimated that the event would take one to two hours and could accommodate 10 to 50 people. The limitation is only on those who want to try the bow and arrow and would have to wait in lines for a turn. It was suggested the demonstration might be combined with the April 29 election meeting and lunch. A decision was not reached during this meeting.

Cortland Trail Ride - 2018

Cortland has offered to lead a trail ride incorporating the Verde River as he has done in the past. Terry will follow-up to obtain suggested dates.

Equine Body Work Clinic – 2018

Jenny's contact has taken a full time job and is current in school for paralegal training. She is unable to commit to a one day clinic at this time.

Team Sorting Clinic – 2018

Lost Cowboy Ranch is no longer providing community team sorting events, however, Jenny is working with Susan to see if a one-time clinic for RVHA is possible. So far no commitment has been reached.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training - March 2018

Announcements will be made for registration when scheduling is finalized. Terry is organizing.

Old Business

Desert EDGE (formerly known as Desert Discovery Center)

The Scottsdale City council has deferred this topic to the July 2018 agenda. Discussion is currently on hold.

New Business

Quarterly Newsletter

The next deadline is the end of February. Articles are being solicited for this issue.

RVHA Elections

Mo is the BOD representative for the Election Committee with Pam Griffith as the non-Board representative. As of this meeting Pam has not responded. Terry will follow-up. The schedule will be developed backing out from April 29 election meeting. Candidacy forms will be distributed. Those BOD members running for re-election will need to submit documentation to the Election Committee.

Trilogy Meeting

Terry reported that a meeting with Trilogy representatives resulted in an apology for not providing notice to the community in advance of the recent fireworks grand opening display, which resulted in frightened animals and some lost pets. The representatives indicated they will try to be better at providing information in advance of significant events that may affect the community. The representatives agreed to add "no rodent poison permitted" to the Homeowners Association instructions. Terry will follow-up to confirm this takes place.

National Forest Service

Information had been provided to the community asking for input on plans for the area trail heads at 136th Street and at 144th Street in the past. Now that construction is taking place the residents are taking notice and have concerns. A group met with NFS rangers and relayed their concerns on safety, dust, noise, traffic, etc. Off road vehicle enthusiasts are driving the improvements. Currently the project is on hold for review on how to resolve the concerns.

The National Forest Service agreed to be better at communication and to attempt to simplify communication so that pertinent information is not buried in lengthy documents. Concerned residents need to voice their issues when the opportunity is available.

Nest Meeting

The next RVHA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6, 6:30pm refreshments, 6:45pm start.

Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by:

Jenny Powers, Secretary