

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 6, 2018

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell, Carmela Lizzo, Kim Edwards, Mo Wachman, Mike Oster
Absent: None
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 February meeting were distributed via email and a clarification made in the report on Area Awareness to adjust the steps in the SUP process. A correction was also made to Pam Griffin's name. A motion was made to approve the minutes as edited, seconded. Approved with no further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Mo

The report was reviewed during the meeting with an explanation that funds had been moved from the PayPal account to the Wells Fargo account. Motion to approve, seconded and approved without discussion.

Membership – Mo

As of this meeting there are 370 members, of those 24 are new for 2018. There are 36 lifetime members and 78 three-year members. Mo will send information to Lisa for the newsletter.

Election Report – Terry

Terry summarized the status and will post the request for BOD candidates in the March *Round-up* and in subsequent eblasts. The election will be via email voting through Election Buddy April 9-15. Mo and Pam Griffin will check candidates' eligibility. Terry and Jenny will be included in this election. Mike has chosen not to remain on the Board, but will remain Chair of the Area Awareness Committee. He will submit updates to the BOD as appropriate. There are six remaining on the BOD and 3 open positions so it is hoped that candidates will step up from our membership. BOD members are encouraged to recruit potential candidates.

Water Task Force Report – Carmela

Carmela reported on the status of the Water Task Force meetings. Terry provided a summary from Annie to share with the Board. Carmela reported that an attorney, Steve Wein, has been placed on retainer to assist the task force and answer questions regarding formation of a water district. Several additional meetings are scheduled to recruit volunteers and provide information. Details are available at the various websites and social media outlets created for this project.

Social Media- Terry

There are 946 likes for RVHA Facebook page. There are two new Facebook pages created in recent weeks: Rio Verde Foothills Water Task Force 2018 and the Rio Verde Foothills Unfiltered page. There is also a new page for the Scottsdale Coalition for Airport Noise Abatement, which provides information for those who are in opposition to the noise experienced in our community.

Area Awareness – Mike

Mike provided a detailed list of sources that are used to track the projects impacting our community. His sources include both formal sources, primarily government agencies; county and city departments involved with planning and permits; and news sources. Informal sources consist of unsolicited communications and social media, which must be verified before being shared.

Areas of interest being monitored are developments with Trilogy and Troon and Troon North; activity at Scottsdale National Golf Club; The Outpost; the Pima corridor; developments planned for south of Rio Verde Drive; and the Desert EDGE project. Additionally the committee monitors activity related to cell towers, Rural Metro Fire Department, SW Wildlife Conservation Center, water issues and variance requests.

Newsletter – Terry for Lisa

Articles are being collected and Lisa is organizing. If anyone has something to contribute they are urged to submit to Lisa as soon as possible.

Welcome Postcards – Terry

No report – mailing is on a quarterly basis.

Roadside Clean-up – Terry for Randy/Sabrina

The February attendance was at record high level with over 20 people assisting. The breakfast burritos and baby saguaros were incentives! The next clean-up is scheduled for April 14 and the time is adjusted to 8:00am to allow for warmer weather.

Social Committee

Spring Trail Ride & Election/Annual Meeting –April 29

A flyer is available and rental horses will be offered at \$50. Lunch will be provided. The ride is in conjunction with the Election Meeting and Annual Meeting of Membership for RVHA. Guests are welcome, and guest lunches are available for \$5 per person.

St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance- March 17

As of this meeting only four had signed up and promotion will increase. Silent auction items are arriving and more are welcome. Terry is working on art and photography offerings.

Archery Demonstration –April 7

The demonstration has been arranged with Diana Troyk and her archery team. RVHA can support the event with snacks and water. A flyer will be revised to include emphasis on additional offerings such as lessons, and a desensitization clinic for horses. Terry needs details to rework the flyer.

Cortland Trail Ride -_2018

Carried over from February meeting - 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.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training - March 2018

March 24 and April dates may be added depending on demand. Location is Shadow Hill on 152nd St. \$55 per dog for members, \$80 for non-members.

Online Yard Sale

The date is to be determined and maps will be provided similar to last year's event. Carmela is working on this project with the community.

Old Business – none to report

New Business

Trilogy Meeting – Wild Horses

A meeting has been scheduled to include Linda from SWCC, Soleil at AERO, Amanda at Reigning Grace Ranch and Dawn Houghtaling and another AZ Wild Horse liaison Soleil is inviting. Linda is inviting John Dixon from AGFD. MSCO has also been invited. Rural Metro will also be included. Terry will follow-up. The planned outcome of this meeting is to obtain constructive suggestions and resolutions to secure the construction site and golf course to prevent harm to the wild horses.

No new large animal rescue classes have been scheduled near our community since 2015, but one is coming up in Prescott.

US Forestry – New Tonto Forest Trail Heads

The Board was provided a detailed letter from concerned citizens asking for RVHA endorsement of the proposal to support changes to the plan that involve residents affected by this planned development. The proposal asks that the Forest Service reconsider the location and development based on current experiences with campers and users, the road conditions, the difficult access for fire response, and other considerations outlined in their letter. A motion was made to support the proposal and seconded. Motion was approved.

RVHA Website

It is suggested that a resource tab be added to list animal rescues, emergency contacts and move service ads to this page. Tonto Verde has purchased three ads and Terry offered flyers for special occasions in lieu of offering discounts.

Next Meeting

The next RVHA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, 6:30pm refreshments, 6:45pm start.

Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Attachments:

Submitted by:

Jenny Powers, Secretary