

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 3, 2015

Attendees: Mo Wachman, Terry Stecyk, Marjorie Porter, Jenny Powers, Jean Anderson, Judy Riley, Claudia Jordan, Carmela Lizzo

Absent: Lori Bridwell

Guests: Carol Shuler, Area Plan Focus Group

Area Plan Update

Carol was invited to report to the Board on the status of the Area Plan review and update project undertaken by the members of the focus group. The last meeting of the group was in September 2014. It was the understanding of the RVHA Board of Directors that Carol was completing work on her assigned section and that Nancy and Carol would compile the updated sections submitted by the other members into a draft document to begin the review process with Maricopa County staff when the staff is available.

Carol informed the Board that the current focus of the Maricopa County staff is on Vision 2030. A lengthy commentary followed on the additional information the area plan update should contain, the proposed need for an outside consultant to assist with the development of content, and the reasons for not moving forward on the project since September. The Board members did not agree with the recommendation to hire outside assistance on this initiative at this time and would like to proceed with the plan to submit updates to the County as originally discussed. There was disappointment overall that the project has stalled since September. Mo requested copies of all the documents collected by Carol and Nancy from the focus group members completing their assignments as well as Carol's section of the plan that has not yet been reviewed by the focus group. Also included would be consolidation and editing completed by Nancy, if any.

Once the materials are collected, a deadline of June 12 was requested, Mo will share the information with the Board and the Board will determine what the next steps should be to move this project forward.

Carol was thanked for her participation to date.

Reports

Minutes – Jenny

The minutes from the May meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting by Marjorie who then followed up on a few minor edits. A motion was made to accept the minutes as edited, seconded, passed without comment.

Treasurer's Report – Judy

The report as of June 3, 2015 was distributed by Judy with a summary of the account balances. There was a motion to accept the report, which was seconded and accepted without discussion.

Membership Report - Mo

As of this date there are 590 members, which is an increase of five members since the last report, all of which are new to RVHA.

A question was raised regarding how to determine from Pay Pal whether the payer is the member or someone else in the household is the member. Mo reported that she can usually figure it out from past membership and if not, she contacts the individual for clarification.

Facebook Report - Terry

There are currently 503 “likes” on the site. Two free RVHA decals were offered to the 500th “like” individual but received no response.

Email Discussion of Board Business

Occasionally in the interest of time or efficiency topics are discussed by the Board via email and may also be voted on as appropriate with the email serving as a report. In order to capture this information into the formal record of the minutes, Mo or other Board members will summarize email actions at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

- Mo asked the Board to vote on whether or not to schedule a basic gun class (CCW) offered by a qualified RVHA member at a discounted price to interested members. RVHA would provide lunch at the class for attendees. The proposed location is Loma Vista Ranch. The Board members voted to approve and the class has been scheduled.
- Mo asked the Board members their thoughts on holding a “burger nite” event at Pinnacle Peak Patio as the venue is scheduled to close sooner than anticipated and a decision was needed prior to the June meeting if arrangements were going to be successful. The suggestion originated from an RVHA member. The Board members were in favor of exploring this opportunity with the exception of Claudia and Jean, who were not in favor of offering the event option to the members. This was not a voting item, but a discussion. The option was presented to the membership and received sufficient interest to research the costs and arrangements with Pinnacle Peak Patio. Unfortunately, the event was cost prohibitive and there were insufficient interested members willing to pay the price (\$25) so the event will not be arranged.

Old Business

Social Committee – Carmela

- **Appetizer Reception – September 19**
Arizona Cowboy College
As an alternative to the “End of Summer Burger Night” at Greasewood Flat, a happy hour type reception will be offered to members. Plans will be detailed as the time gets closer.

- **Chili Cook-off – October**

Arizona Cowboy College

Mo sent an email to members to assess interest in holding the Chili Cook-off in October and results indicate that this may be a popular time of year. Details will be determined as the time gets closer.

- **Holiday Bazaar – December 5**

Loma Vista Ranch

Carmela reported that she was contacted by someone at Box Bar about holding events there. The person is not responsible for making arrangements, but is an influential person and may be able to arrange better pricing for RVHA. Carmela will research.

Rural Metro is open to holding events and is another venue option.

Jessica Hunter was suggested as a potential option for a band/musician in the absence of Todd's band.

Although Cave Creek Outfitters new ownership has indicated a willingness to work with RVHA, Carmela felt that the prices have increased so much as to become out of range for our organization. It is suggested that we allow time to pass and reality may force a reduction in pricing that will be more favorable to RVHA events.

Promotional Items

Jean reported there was one decal request to fulfil since the last meeting.

Toad Avoidance and Snake Training Classes

Terry reported that the classes are nearly filled, but some additional time has become available and more classes can be added.

Membership Survey

Jenny prepared an executive summary of the survey responses for the June RVHA newsletter. Jenny and Marjorie will compile the open-ended questions for further discussion by the Board members and to use in planning actions for the Association going forward.

New Business

Flight Patterns

The City of Phoenix is suing FAA over the flight pattern situation. The Rio Verde Bulletin Board members are actively monitoring the situation as well as sharing information and posting meeting notifications, which are shared on RVHA and RVHA Facebook as appropriate. Terry was the only Board member affected by the change in flight patterns and provided a description of what occurs.

2015-2016 Refreshment List

The list was circulated for Board members to sign-up. Mo will compile results and share with the Board.

Proposed Time Limit on Guest Speakers

Because everyone's time is valuable and in an effort to keep meetings efficient and productive, it was suggested that a formal statement on the time limitation for guest speakers be developed and shared. It was agreed that 15 minutes should be sufficient, though time can remain flexible for Q&A discussion. The time limit is to be shared with guest speakers in advance so that the speaker may organize his/her thoughts and present the material within the guideline. A motion was made to adopt a limit of 15 minutes per speaker moving forward and the guest will be notified in advance. Motion seconded. Approved without additional discussion.

Fourth of July

It was suggested that RVHA post a reminder to members regarding the use of fireworks in celebration of the upcoming Independence Day holiday. It is illegal to discharge fireworks in Maricopa County. Carmela will ask John of Rural Metro for the official wording of a statement to be shared by email with members as a "Did You Know" for members at least once and more likely twice prior to the holiday.

Trilogy at Verde River Ranch (formerly Vista Verde and others)

There have been no changes to the allowed number of homes. The clubhouse location and some road locations have been modified. Construction has begun. RVHA will continue to monitor and share information regarding traffic and other concerns with our membership.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:24 p.m. and seconded.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, September 2. Social at 6:30pm and meeting begins at 7:00pm. The location will be Bridwell Equestrian Center/Arizona Cowboy College unless otherwise noted.

Submitted by
Jenny Powers, Secretary