

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting**

June 20, 2024

Attendees: Jenny Powers, Carmela Lizzo, Terry Stecyk, Kip Micuda, Kim Nordquist, Lori Bridwell
Absent: Zondra Poteste, Mike Miola
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the May meeting were distributed via email. No edits were requested. Motion to accept as submitted was made and seconded. Minutes accepted. Jenny will send the files to Frank to post.

Treasurer's Report – Zondra

The Treasurer's Report was distributed via email. Carmela noted that there we no significant changes from last month's report. The reports were accepted as submitted.

Area Awareness – TBD

Tonto National Forest: Due to wildfire activity the Forest is closed through September 2024. It is recommended that anyone observing non-compliance contact the Cave Creek Ranger District with as much detail as possible.

Commercial Development 174th St & Rio Verde Drive: There are no changes in the status.

Water Update: Kip is looking into water legislation recently signed by Governor Hobbs and will report status at the next meeting.

Social Media – Terry

No report.

Membership

There are currently 445 RVHA members. Jenny will process complimentary memberships for a list of individuals recommended by Board members. Will provide photo to Frank to add Kip to Board member list on website. Jenny is working on fulfillment of memberships as time permits. This season is slower than the renewals received during the winter and will ease the workload.

A suggestion was made to provide complimentary memberships to corporate members advertising with RVHA. Jenny will get a list from the newsletter and work with Lori and Kim for details necessary to create member profile if needed.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie

Bonnie mailed 21 cards in March and 23 in April.

Roadside Clean-up

The next event will be scheduled in October.

Advertising – Lori

Lori is working on contacting veterinarian offices to add as business card advertisers. There are some that look promising as new advertisers. Lori will continue to pursue opportunities.

Social Events – Carmela

Candidates Meet & Greet: Tom Galvin did not respond to a request to attend despite several attempts to reach out. The decision was made not to schedule a community meeting due to timing and to lack of interest from some of the candidates.

Garage Sale: A date will be selected at the next Board meeting.

Old Business

RVHA Newsletter

Kim has designed an attractive new format for the newsletter and provided a draft for review. Everyone is pleased with the layout and how professional the design appears. Thank you, Kim!

Terry will send an email to Kip and he offered to research a “shield of liability” statute protecting property owners when allowing horseback riding and/or ground work with horses to protect the owner from lawsuits in case of injury. Kip will write an article for the newsletter on the topic.

RVHA Meeting with Rural Metro – Carmela

Last month Carmela reported that Mike Mooney and other disaster experts met to discuss evacuation plans for the north side of Rio Verde Drive between 136th Street and 144th Street following the Wildcat Fire. Of special concern is determining open spaces where people can shelter in place and to solicit voluntary locations for shelter in place designation. More information is needed before advancing this effort. RVHA will assist in coordinating evacuation efforts in case of fire as needed. The planned meeting did not occur due to fire activity in the surrounding area. Carmela will reschedule when appropriate.

New Business

FAST Alert System – Carmela

The system has been updated and some people received notices regarding the brush fire at Rio Verde Drive and 136th Street along 17 Ranch property. Once the new system is operational a test text message will be sent.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19. Location and refreshments assignment to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers