

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

**September 19, 2024**

**Attendees:** Jenny Powers, Carmela Lizzo, Terry Stecyk, Mike Miola, Kim Nordquist, Lori Bridwell

**Absent:** Zondra Poteste, Kip Micuda

**Guests:** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Reports:**

**Minutes - Jenny**

Minutes from the June 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 were 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, but gates are open and activity has been observed. There have been instances of the fences being cut to gain access. Dove hunting season opens soon, and increased activity is expected.

Commercial Development 174<sup>th</sup> St & Rio Verde Drive/36 West: There is no new activity to report.

Southwest Equine Clinic on 144<sup>th</sup> St: the Agriculture Exemption originally awarded was provided in error. The County now requires an SUP to proceed, and the application is in process.

**Social Media – Terry – No report.**

**Water – EPCOR Standpipe – Mike**

As of this meeting there has been nothing new to report from EPCOR. Although registrations for supplemental water deliveries were not at the limit requiring a lottery as of last meeting (May) it is thought an increase in applications is likely over the summer.

**Membership**

There are currently 445 RVHA members. Jenny is processing complimentary memberships for a list of individuals recommended by Board members to be effective in October. An email containing an overview of RVHA Mission, appreciation for the recipients' contributions and engagement with the community, and a list of upcoming events as determined during this meeting will be included. The Board also requested complimentary single year members be provided to current business advertisers. Jenny will get information to process from the website list. Photo provided to Frank to add Kip to Board member list on website and delete any outdated information. All approved minutes were submitted for the website archive files. Jenny is working on fulfillment of memberships as time permits.

**Welcome Committee – Bonnie – No report.**

**Roadside Clean-up**

The next event will be scheduled in October. Carmela has reached out to Sabrina to schedule.

**Advertising – Lori**

Lori is working with five new businesses interested in advertising.

**Social Events – Carmela**

Garage Sale: October 26

Fall Dinner Dance: November 16 SJ Ranch

Carmela will research band and catering and secure venue.

**Old Business****RVHA Newsletter**

Kim will begin coordination of newsletter, which will now be published twice a year. The next issue is planned for the end of November to include Dinner Dance photos and summary.

**Trilogy** – Mike will revisit.

**FAST Alert** – Carmela will obtain an update from Gul by the October meeting, if possible.

**New Business****County change in public meetings – Carmela**

The County proposes to eliminate public meetings on new planning for developments. Carmela will send a letter on behalf of RVHA and will send an eblast to members notifying them of this proposal.

**Cell Tower – Carmela**

Carmela will write a letter on behalf of RVHA to the County regarding the search for a suitable lot to rent for cell tower installation.

**Firewise Summit- Carmela**

Carmela attended the meeting at Troon with Al Dunning as moderator. There were six or seven speakers and over 200 attendees. The meeting was well organized with good information provided. Local residents will be trained to do fire property inspections. Carmela read a summary of Firewise activities and future events.

The Board approved a donation to the local Firewise effort for supplies and advertising of \$500. A motion was made and seconded with no opposition. Carmela will coordinate the donation with Zondra and ensure that the funds benefit our community, and that appropriate recognition is given. To sign up or for more information visit the website <https://rvffirewise.org/>

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24 at Carmela's home. Refreshments assignment to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers