

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

**October 24, 2024**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Reports:**

**Minutes - Jenny**

Minutes from the September meeting were distributed via email. Minor edits were requested and updated copies distributed. Motion to accept as revised 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. Membership funds are down from last year. Insurance has been renewed. The reports were accepted as submitted.

**Area Awareness –**

Tonto National Forest: Due to wildfire activity the Forest was closed through September 2024. Gates are now open, and activity has resumed but gates in some areas remain closed.

**Social Media – Terry –** No report.

**Water – EPCOR Standpipe**

The EPCOR lottery for accounts for properties not included in the first level of service was held this month. There were 230 applications and 150 selected per the agreement with ACC and EPCOR. EPCOR has not announced the results, and the understanding is that applicants are to email EPCOR to confirm status. The CCN provides for EPCOR to have a monopoly on water availability. How that plays out is yet to be determined.

**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. Updated information for the complimentary membership for OsoReady Feed (formerly Scottsdale Livestock) has been obtained. Elaine Chong Der is no longer with the organization.

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

**Roadside Clean-up**

The next event is scheduled on October 26. Volunteers are welcome.

**Advertising – Lori**

Lori was asked to check with Deb Catone with Firewise for advertising potential.

## **Social Events – Carmela**

### **Garage Sale:** October 26

There are 25 locations with several multi-family participants at one location. Map will be distributed. Future dates are December 28, February 22, and April 26.

### **Craft Fair:** November 16

The number of vendors exceeded the space available at the original location. Carmela was able to secure space at the Rural Metro Fire Station on behalf of the craft fair organizer. There are over 40 vendors participating and food trucks will be on site.

### **Fall Dinner Dance:** November 16 SJ Ranch

Carmela is arranging band and catering. The cost of the event is expensive with services, fees and catering. Carmela is exploring all options to reduce costs and still have a quality event. Promotion will begin shortly. Board members are encouraged to attend. Registration prices were agreed as follows: Members \$40; Guests \$45, \$10 cancellation fee applies.

### **Holiday Lights Bus Tour:** December 14, 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Jenny will research location and prepare a map for Driver Provider. The experimental outing last year was not as impressive as we had hoped so the plan is to revert to our prior location near Bell Road and 56<sup>th</sup> Street utilizing the locations provided by Arizona Republic.

## **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. Articles should be submitted as soon as possible.

**Trilogy** – Mike will revisit.

**FAST Alert** – no report until Gul's response is received.

## **New Business**

### **Firewise – Carmela**

The next Firewise meeting will be held on Saturday, November 23 at the Rural Metro Fire Station. Ideas promoting fire safety will be shared. Residents have noted that participating in Firewise may be considered advantageous with homeowners insurance carriers. Board members are encouraged to attend.

The last Rural Metro CPR class had 12 participants. Additional classes will be scheduled.

### **Charity – Zondra/Terry**

Zondra will research the previous donation efforts and the funds from advertising and raffles to determine the amount available for future donation planning.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20 at Silver Spurs. Refreshments provided by Zondra.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers