

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

November 20, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the October meeting were distributed via email. Minor edits were requested to clarify the donation planned for Firewise project 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. There was discussion regarding corrections needed. Carmela will communicate changes to Zondra and financials will be corrected for the next meeting.

Area Awareness –

SUP Request by Damon Bruns/Dynamite Water:

Carmela received the following notification to Areas of Interest for a Special Use Permit application, Case No. SU240025 for a 2.35 acre site located at the SEC of 172nd St. & Rio Verde Dr. known as Maricopa County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 219-38-066C. The request is for storage and maintenance facility for water hauling trucks Rural-43 zoning district.

This location is near the cleared property for the planned shopping center on Rio Verde Drive at 174th Street. Also planned for the area is the EPCOR standpipe to serve Rio Verde Foothills. The Board discussed concerns regarding traffic with shopping center and water trucks for the standpipe, but that will occur regardless of the SUP due to proximity of the standpipe. RVHA will provide information to alert membership along with contact information on how to comment before the planned December review by the County.

Social Media – Terry – No report.

Water – EPCOR Standpipe

Information on results of the lottery have not been made public and there is a meeting planned to determine how to proceed with those who applied but were not selected in the lottery. No information is available on that topic at the time of this Board meeting.

Newsletter – Kim

Articles need to be submitted as soon as possible. Kim will format into the newsletter layout. It is recommended that the newsletter be published twice a year.

Membership – Carmela/Jenny

There are currently 452 RVHA members. There were seven new members as a result of the Fall Dinner Dance. Complimentary memberships were processed and emails announcing the memberships will be sent to each member. An error was discovered with Czech List lifetime membership and Jenny will discuss with Zondra to clarify. Eileen Chong Der was one of the complimentary memberships in connection with Scottsdale Livestock. That situation has changed, and Jenny gave the complimentary membership to OsoReady Feed, the company that has taken over the Alma School Road location of Scottsdale Livestock. Eileen is now with Three Bars Feed and no decision was made to extend a membership with this new employer. Jenny will research discount code for complimentary memberships and update the financial sections of members' profiles accordingly. Jenny received a list of corporate advertisers from Kim and will process a one-year complimentary membership for each as per previous Board recommendation.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie – No report.

Roadside Clean-up

The next event is scheduled for December 28. Volunteers are welcome.

Advertising – Lori

Potential advertisers may sign up online. Lori will let Zondra know who they are and that they have paid. Business cards need to be sent to Kim and to Carmela so they can be passed along to Frank to be formatted for the newsletter and email blasts. Carmela processed Lori Evanger, but had a question regarding Deb Catone. With Lori and Zondra absent, that question will need to be addressed when they are available. It was suggested that an auto renewal option be added to the online process.

Social Events – Carmela

Holiday Bus Tour: December 14, 6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

Jenny will develop a map using the *Arizona Republic* holiday lights promotion.

Update: The date was changed to December 15 due to conflict with the off-road vehicle lights parade within the Rio Verde Foothills community on December 14. However, the bus tour was eventually cancelled due to insufficient registrations to make the event financially viable. We will try again next year with more advanced promotion.

Holiday Craft Fair: November 16

The craft fair had a significant number of vendors and was well attended. Carmela offered RVHA's assistance to the organizer for next year.

Fall Dinner Dance: November 16

A total of 73 people attended the dinner dance, which was very successful with an excellent band and catered meal. Jayne donated over \$1,000 value in portable heaters and took \$963 off our invoice. Carmela sent a thank you note and posted it on the Facebook page.

Old Business

Trilogy – Mike

Nothing new.

FAST Alert – Terry

Terry is working with a member who wants to be involved. Terry will follow-up with the member then reach out to Gul regarding a transition.

Charitable Donations – Zondra/Terry

Awaiting Zondra's financial information then Terry will develop a plan for 2025 charitable donations. The Board previously approved a donation of \$500 to Firewise (local program), which is pending. Arizona Foothills 911 should also be added to the list of considerations.

New Business**Verde Cares**

A pancake breakfast is scheduled as a fundraiser for Verde Cares. The event will be held at the Rural Metro Fire Station on December 7 from 8:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. The RVHA Board is invited to attend.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 18 as a holiday celebration for Board members, committee chairs and other contributors to the organization's activities. The meeting will be a dinner at Jalapeño Inferno using their gift card offer. Terry will arrange.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers