

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

February 16, 2022

Attendees: Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Carmela Lizzo, Terry Stecyk,
Linda Vinson, Ruth Kaplan, Mike Miola, Lori Bridwell
Absent: None
Committees: None other than BOD members
Guests: Lee Edwards

Meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

The Board thanked Mike for hosting the meeting at his ranch and for the tour the new foals and horses on the property. The Board members look forward to seeing more of the 2022 foal crop!

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the January meeting were distributed via email. There was an edit made to clarify the reference to Representative Kavanaugh. Motion to accept as edited was made and seconded. Minutes accepted. Jenny will send the file to Frank to post to the RVHA website.

Treasurer's Report – Ruth

Ruth distributed reports and reviewed with the Board. Ruth is looking into the petty cash location and is still working on correcting the books.

Membership information is being reported in Quick Books and in Mo's database. Ruth will determine if this is a duplicate effort and maybe an unnecessary task. Due to the way the system is set up reports cannot be run. Ruth is still investigating and will report back with recommendation on changes. The Board is in favor of the least labor-intensive solution.

Ruth will move the accounts to Chase Bank and close existing debit cards. New debit cards will be issued for relocated accounts for Ruth and Carmela. Motion to approve change in bank and issuing new cards made, seconded, and accepted without comment.

Ruth has updated information with the Arizona Corporation Commission and will determine how to proceed with taxes.

Membership – Mo

325 members as of February 1. Email will be sent as a reminder to non-renewing members.

Area Awareness – Mike

The mutual aid agreement between the City of Scottsdale and Rural Metro Fire has been terminated by the City. The City felt shared resources and mutual aid were not forthcoming by Rural Metro. Carmela will research regarding the impact to Rio Verde Foothills before any announcement is made to our membership so as not to cause alarm.

Water District Status

The County provided a video of both water issue meetings and Mo will send links to the membership via email. The DWID group is meeting with Scottsdale to review steps in process.

Social Committee – Carmela

The Board was asked whether it is appropriate to begin planning social events for 2022. It was decided the social calendar should begin with a spring trail ride from Bridwell Equestrian Center. Lori will check the calendar for available dates. Participants may bring their own horses or rent from Bridwell. Participants may bring lunch for a social gathering after the ride.

Social Media – Terry

There are 1,131 “likes” and 1,132” followers – social media remains steady.

Round-up Newsletter - Linda

The newsletter is formatted and will be distributed by the end of the week. Mike will add information to his introduction article regarding the purchase of mares from kill pens for use as recipient (recip) mares. Terry will provide information on rattlesnake avoidance training.

Roadside Clean-up – Sabrina

The next event is March 12 at 8:30am. Melissa, a new volunteer, has offered to assist with this initiative.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie/Kim

No report.

Business Card Advertising – Kim

Two ads were renewed and Ruth has received funds, but the information was not identified correctly in the system. This will be addressed.

Old Business

Renewals/Eblast to Membership

In March the Board members will receive a report on non-renewing members so the list can be divided for Board outreach to lapsed members. The Board members will note changes and updates discovered during this process and share with the rest of the Board. For example, members who have moved out of the area and are no longer involved in the community.

Bylaws Review

A meeting is being scheduled with the Committee, Carmela and Jenny to review edits and suggestions/questions that came up during the review process. The results will be shared with the Board.

Membership Cards

Kim has only sent new members cards as directed by Mo for 2022. Carmela will follow up to request a list of renewals so that cards may also be sent. Jenny will assist with mailing labels and tracking renewals until there is a new membership database system in place. Supplies will be ordered for Kim to proceed as discussed. Ruth is still working on research for a new database system.

New Business

Thomas Galvin

Carmela spoke to him briefly at water meeting. Will follow-up on potential attendance at a Board meeting reception.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Willow has two weekends available in March that are being considered for our membership and community. Terry will follow-up. There was a question regarding toad avoidance training, but it was felt this training may not be effective nor popular enough with the community to offer.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Silver Spurs Ranch including a tour of more new foals prior to the meeting. Kim will provide dinner and Mike will provide dessert. Meeting scheduled for March 14 with a tour at 5:30pm, meeting at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers