Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 4, 2016

Attendees: Mo Wachman, Marjorie Porter, Terry Stecyk, Judy Riley, Carmela Lizzo, Mike Foti

Absent: Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell, Mike Oster

Guests: None

Nomination and Election of Officers:

The Board members made nominations, seconded, and elected the following slate of officers for the 2016-2017 year:

President – Marjorie Porter Vice President – Terry Stecyk Secretary – Jenny Powers Treasurer – Judy Riley

Reports

Minutes - Jenny

The minutes were previously distributed by Jenny via email and minor edits provided. A motion was made to approve with corrections and seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Judy

Judy previously distributed the report by email. Judy clarified that the Spring Dinner Dance and Potluck Event incomes pertained to the same event. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded, and approved.

Judy stated that the Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report and filing fee were paid on time. Also, our accountant has been paid \$350 for preparation of the RVHA tax report which will be filed shortly.

Membership Report - Mo

Total membership as of 5/4/16 is 504. No new members have joined since the 4/6/16 board meeting. There are 22 new members for 2016.

Facebook Report - Terry

Terry reported that there are now 671 "likes" up from 646 in April.

Old Business

Spring Potluck/Dance – April 16

Carmela reported that the potluck/dance was a success although she recommends that the event be held in March of next year in order to attract larger attendance. Several comments were received regarding the event. One member noted that she disliked the use of a porta-John last year. Another

member expressed that she really liked this year's dinner/dance. An additional member suggested that we try a catered dinner next year.

Terry reported that the band enjoyed playing for the RVHA as attendees danced to every song that they played. Rural Metro commented that they are willing to host the RVHA as often as needed.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training - Terry

Terry reported that the training scheduled at Lorill Equestrian Center in April had to be cancelled as Willow had no snakes for the event. Willow's snakes died during a cold spell in Globe and she has not yet found any replacements. Terry tried to find other snakes to use for the class but was unsuccessful. Mo will speak with Jo Black who may be able to assist with replacements. Willow would need two snakes in order to conduct the class.

Cactus Rescue/Adoption Plan - Terry

Terry reported that she is still working on the cactus rescue project and that Rob Izer, Trilogy Project Manager, is looking for new material for us.

Open Range Horses - Terry

Trilogy now plans to completely fence its property by December in order to keep horses out. Rob Izer is still interested in contacting local horse people to help remove horses from their property. Terry has provided Rob with Lori's contact information in this regard.

New Business

Email Version of Newsletter - Mo

Mo reported that there have been no complaints from any of our Round Up advertisers regarding the discontinuance of the newsletter. The RVHA lost \$2,000 last year in production and mailing costs. Terry has suggested that we do an email newsletter similar to that of Four Peaks Animal Rescue. Mo expressed that it would be difficult to find someone to volunteer for such an effort. Terry will draft an article for Mo to send out to the membership seeking feedback on the idea and recruitment of any volunteers.

RVF Resource Center – Mo

Mo reported that Carol Shuler wants the RVHA to spread the word that she and a few other individuals have put together an online resource center. The purpose of the center is to be the liaison for the residents of the Rio Verde Foothills. Carol provided Mo with a document to distribute although the current document needs clarification. Mo will ask Carol to write another article for email distribution.

Rural Metro CPR Class - Carmela

Rural Metro will be conducting CPR training at its Rio Verde Fire station on May 18. The instruction will be on a drop-in basis and last approximately 10 minutes per student. The public is invited to attend and no sign-ups are necessary. Carmela will obtain further information on the event and Mo will distribute the details to our members.

Recognition of Mo's Service as RVHA president – RVHA board of directors

At the conclusion of the meeting the board members expressed their thanks to Mo for her outstanding service and dedication as RVHA president for the past 4-1/2 years. Tokens of appreciation were presented to Mo with our heartfelt thanks.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 pm and seconded.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at Lorill Equestrian Center on Wednesday, June 1. Refreshments by Lori.

Submitted by, Marjorie Porter