

Board of Directors' Meeting

November 25, 2019

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, , Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Ann Meyers, Judy Riley, Lori Bridwell

Absent: Carmela Lizzo, Randy Goettsche

Committees: None other than Board members

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the October meeting were submitted via email. There was one correction to the name of Terry's mini horse charitable organization. Motion made to accept minutes with corrected name, second, no discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Judy

Judy reviewed the report and the balance sheet for the meeting attendees. A discussion followed to establish the 2019 charitable giving list. The approved list follows. In addition, a venue use donation of \$500 was approved for Reigning Grace facilities for the Fall Dinner Dance. Two checks will be prepared, one for the venue donation and one for the charitable contribution for Reigning Grace as they are two separate contributions. Charitable giving list approved without discussion. Terry will prepare communication to accompany the donations to those organizations designated.

Jenny will work with Judy to replace the outdated laptop for RVHA and purchase an economical printer.

Approved Charitable Giving for 2019

Arizona Equine Rescue Organization (AERO) - \$350

Foothills Food Bank - \$250

Four Peaks Animal Rescue (4PAR) - \$300

McDowell Sonoran Conservancy - \$250

Reigning Grace Ranch - \$350

Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center (SWCC) - \$350

Verde Cares - \$350

Furrytail Life Bunny Rescue and Sanctuary - \$100

Rebranding Project – Terry

Terry explained the rebranding concept and the goal of outreach to non-horse people. Terry has researched the legal aspects of the organization name change process. Terry will send out communication to the membership on this subject.

Membership Report - Terry

As of this meeting there are 481 members with 77 new for this year.

Area Awareness – Mike

The Fiesta Ranch project is proceeding between 136th and 144th Streets. The property was annexed by Scottsdale in 2009. There will be an additional two roundabouts on Rio Verde Drive due to this development.

Social Media – Terry

There are 1,148 "likes." There are 1,274 followers on the Facebook page.

Water Update - Carmela

There is no update at this time. The Task Force continues to work on potential solutions.

Social Committee – Carmela

RVHA Dinner Dance – October 19

Reigning Grace Ranch – approximately 120 members and guests attended and the event was almost breakeven on income/expense (\$75.61 expense). Great job of managing costs by the Social Committee. The \$800 budget designated for the event was not used so it is suggested that a “venue donation” of \$500 be provided to RGR to offset their time of set-up, clean-up and volunteers serving. We saved on tables and chairs rental costs and on port-a-potty rental by using RGR facilities. Savings is over \$1,000.

CPR Class

The class was a success. There were 12 attendees from the community attending. Terry suggested sending a thank you bakery gift with a note of appreciation to Rural Metro Fire Station for offering this event at no charge. Terry will follow-up.

Christmas Lights Tour – December 7

RVHA will provide Christmas cookies from Chompies, Jenny will purchase. Bottled water will be available. Guests may bring their own beverages if desired.

Potential Horse Related Activities for 2020

- Equine First Aid
Tentatively planned for March 2020. Jenny has followed up with the contact on dates, questions from the Board and one-day event scheduling. Suggested locations are 17 Ranch – Carmela will contact, and Silver Spur Ranch - Kim will contact.
- Team Sorting – Lori is open to hosting an event but schedule must be arranged around existing commitments.
- Trail Ride – Jenny will consider coordinating a ride with privately owned horses in the spring. We can send an email to assess interest or just announce an event and see who wants to participate. Lori will help coordinate a ride with rental horses in March.

Board and Committee Members Christmas Party – December 15

The party will be held at Mike and Susan’s home.

Round-up Newsletter - Lisa

Randy and Lisa have a lot going on at this time. Terry offered to put something together, or the newsletter may be delayed until such time as article contributions and time are available to produce the publication.

Roadside Clean-up – Randy

Next event is December 14 at 9:00 a.m. Terry will collect for the Foothills Food Bank and Toys for Tots. Snacks will likely be contributed by Monte. Terry has Scottsdale Livestock gift cards for the raffle for volunteers.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie

No report.

Old Business

Dark Sky Initiative – Ann

Ann has researched and determined current ordinances are not sufficiently strong for qualifying as Dark Sky. Ann will continue to look into this initiative.

Business Card Advertising – Kim

Kim will reach out to Miller Ranch as their ad expires soon. Lori will develop an ad promoting riding lessons and RVHA will run on a complimentary basis.

New Business

No new business to discuss.

Next Meeting

Although not an official meeting, Terry will have some end of the year remarks for the Board at the Christmas party.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers