

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 7, 2012

Attendees: Mo Wachman, Jenny Powers, Marjorie Porter, Ray Wallage, Lori Bridwell, Cortland Parks, Judy Riley, Dan Cohorst, Terry Stecyk

Absent: None

Committees: Chris Estey, Advertising

Guests: Vera Heminger, Racing Home Greyhound Rescue

Members: Bruce Estey, Claudia Jordan, Jim and Ingrid Osborn

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Quorum established.

Minutes – February 8, 2012

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. No modifications or discussion. Motion carried.

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Judy distributed and reviewed the report and noted that the newsletter expenses and postage will be paid in March. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded, and approved with no discussion or opposition.
- **Membership:** 445 members for 2012 to date; 53 are new for 2012, 46 are associate members.

Old Business

- **Dude Ranch/Reata Ranch Project:** Lori provided an update on this proposed project. She attended the meeting at Scottsdale City Council where the project received approval. Lori explained the guidelines, landscaping plans. Terry also attended the meeting. The opposition was mostly centered on re-zoning. Funding is not in place for this project. The buffer along Rio Verde Drive will be 145 feet and all trails will be open to local area use.
- **Yard Sale:** The sale had 19 reserved spaces with three more added on-site. The street traffic was excellent and everyone had successful sales results.
- **Election:** Candidacy forms were sent to all members with a deadline for return by March 9. So far none have been returned. Ballots will be sent soon after the deadline for candidacy forms. Judy suggested researching electronic ballots for 2013.
- **Facebook Page:** Terry has created a Facebook page for Rio Verde Horseman's Association. All members are encouraged to visit and "like" the page. Terry and Mo will be administrators and post news and business items. The Profanity Setting is high and there is the ability to block individuals if they attempt to use the site for their own agenda. Terry would like to post recent news and photos. Mo provided the photos of the Chili Cook-off. Terry will post photos from the upcoming Trail Ride. Terry proposed to announce the site to membership and hold a random drawing from the first 50 people to "like" the page. The winner could receive a copy of the RVHA

cookbook. Terry and Mo are open to suggestions on how to use the site. Photos can be sent to RVHAFacebook@gmail.com.

- **County Planning and Zoning:** Ray suggested holding a General Membership meeting and inviting representatives from the County to speak. He is coordinating this effort with Jean Anderson and suggested a schedule of late April or early May. Ray will work on getting a Flood Control representative to speak as well.

New Business

- **Social Committee:** Carmela Lizzo volunteered to chair the Social Committee. A motion was made to approve Carmela as chair, and seconded. Motion carried with one opposing vote.
- **Trail Ride March 18:** Rocco will lead a trail ride from Box Bar Ranch on March 18 followed by a lunch cookout. A "Lunch only" option is available for \$5 and Judy will add to the PayPal option on the website. So far 14 have registered, but more are expected as the time gets closer.
- **Mission Statement Update:** The Board reviewed two versions of the Mission Statement, one long and one short. The short version is included in the Bylaws. The long version is preferred by the Board unless there is a reason to condense the text. The Bylaws Committee will review and report at the next meeting.
- **Website:** Marjorie will work with Frank to update the website and maintain current information. She serves as a co-chair of the Website Committee with Frank. Past PayPal options can be deleted from the site, but Marjorie will need to notify Judy to make deletions with PayPal.
- **Guest speaker:** Vera Heminger, Racing Home Greyhound Rescue
Vera provided some background about the greyhound rescue organization and distributed a document with the mission and purpose information. The organization rescues and adopts out the dogs from the race track or when they lose their homes. The current economic situation has impacted the foster program to rehab the dogs. The organization has no paid staff, all assistance is from volunteers. The rescue has been in business since 2004 and has adopted out approximately 400 dogs. RVHA will continue to support this worthwhile cause – a motion was made and seconded to include this rescue in our regular quarterly donation cycle. The motion passed with no opposition. A check will be sent to the organization for this quarter.
- **Cell Tower:** Marjorie reviewed a special use permit request by Verizon per the sign posted at 150th and Rio Verde Drive at America West Ranch. The proposal includes a faux water tower rather than the usual faux saguaro cactus. The County has received the permit request and will schedule a hearing, which can take up to several months. Property owners within 300 feet will receive written notice of the hearing, however, since the property is large and the location of the tower is central, there is no one living within 300 feet of the site. The process to approve may take up to one year with several opportunities to attend hearings. The Board had an opportunity to review drawings of the proposed design for the tower, which is a replica of an old fashioned water tower.
- **Classified Ads:** Terry asked for suggestions in order to make improvements.
- **Cortland's Annual BBQ:** Cortland distributed invitations to Board members to attend his annual celebration "Day in the West" at Rancho del Rio on March 24. Many activities are available.

For the Good of the Association

- There were no topics for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, April 4, at Arizona Cowboy College. Refreshments and social at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Submitted by:

Jenny Powers

RVHA Board of Directors, Secretary