

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

March 20, 2023

Attendees: Carmela Lizzo, Linda Vinson, Zondra Poteste, Mike Miola, Veruschka Schneider, Terry Stecyk

Absent: Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Motion was made to approve minutes with Carmela's minor corrections she had sent to Jenny. Minutes were updated and redistributed via email prior to the meeting. Minutes were approved without further revision.

Treasurer's Report - Zondra

Zondra reviewed with the Board members. Motion was made to approve report. Report was approved.

Area Awareness

80 foot Monopole

Concerns were raised that if approved, an additional 20 feet could be added without the need for further approval. As a board, we agreed we are in opposition and should draft a letter stating such and urge members to send in their response.

Water Issue Status

Carmela attended the March 14 meeting with 168 attendees. Carmela briefly discussed the meeting and the lawyer, Robert Walker, Miller Ranch has hired for a lawsuit. They are hoping the statues he cited will have some teeth in the effort to get Scottsdale to restart service for our water haulers. Next meeting will be March 21 at Rural Metro.

Social Media - Terry

Terry reported the greatest interest was the post(s) on the lost German Shepard dog and the story of his rescue from the desert. META/Facebook has changed reporting of "likes and followers". Now this report is shown as an averaging statement of 1.1K likes and 1.7K followers.

Social Events - Carmela

Spring Dance - April 15

To be held at Cave Creek Outfitters. Carmela read the menu options. After discount food and setup to be \$57.60. The Board discussed RVHA subsidizing the band for \$1250. Ticket price agreed at \$35 for members, \$40 for nonmembers. RVHA will subsidize \$23 per meal ticket. If a nonmember joins after signing up for this event, \$5 will be reimbursed at the dinner dance. We will host a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. The Board members were urged to help collect raffle prizes. No auction for this event.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Terry reported training will be held on April 22/23 at Shadowhill Ranch. Willow Raven will be trainer. Prices to remain at \$60 for members, \$90 for nonmembers. Carmela to check into using Membership Works for payment, signups and sending of waivers and reminders.

Roadside Cleanup - March 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie

Bonnie sent 11 postcards in October, 16 in November and 7 in January.

Membership – Jenny/Zondra

Currently there are 451 members. Kim has resigned and will no longer be involved with Membership. Zondra will talk with Jenny about how to make it easier for her regarding sending membership cards to members following payment.

Business Card Ads

Need someone to take over due dates and help approach contacts to introduce this service to businesses that might be interested. Board members are urged to request as well. Linda to revamp picture of cards and she will add the statement we used to have at the end of the image: "If you'd like to have your business card added..." to help entice more participation.

Newsletter - Linda

Linda requested submissions by the end of May for a June Newsletter. Board members are urged to submit at least one article.

Old Business

Bylaws Committee

Jenny working on draft revisions. Mike has offered to assist Jenny if needed.

Trail Ride

Only three riders registered and there were no tack sale participants.

Charitable Donations

Zonda reported we had \$2,950 from Business Card advertisers. Terry suggested the following recipients:

- AZ911(Sunny Parker) - \$375
- HARTT - \$375
- Reigning Grace Ranch - \$400 as a sponsorship for a child for equine related activities
- Rancho Milagro - \$400 as a sponsorship for mental health related equine activity
- McDowell Sonoran Preserve - \$250
- Verde Cares - \$250
- AZ Equine Rescue Organization - \$400
- Foothills Food Bank- \$250
- Four Peaks Animal Rescue - \$250

Motion was made to approval funds to be dispersed. Motion passed. Zondra requested Terry get address for checks to be mailed or Zelle information for payments to be sent.

New Business

Busse Engineering

Applied for approval with ADEQ. They hope to have approval within three months.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunny Parker will participate with whistles initiative. Waiting on Sunny to set a date.

2022/2023 Board of Directors Election

An update to the website will be made of previous postings of Board with the addition of Veruschka Schneider. Update to include Kim stepping down with a thank you for her years of service to the RVHA. An email notice will be sent to the membership using the language Jenny previously provided from last year's Board update message.

The Board members nominated Carmela as president, Linda as vice president, Jenny as recording secretary and Zondra as treasurer. Each accepted. The Board voted unanimously to elect the officer positions.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 25** at Silver Spurs Equine at 6:30 p.m. Zondra to bring refreshments. Mike will bring his daughter's cookies again for dessert.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted to Jenny and Carmela to review before sending to Board members.