

# Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

## Board of Directors' Meeting

December 3, 2013

**Attendees:** Mo Wachman, Terry Stecyk, Lori Bridwell, Claudia Jordan, Marjorie Porter, Jenny Powers, Carmela Lizzo, Judy Riley, Dan Cohorst

**Committees:** None other than Board members

**Absent:** None

### Virtual Meeting

During the September, October and November Board of Directors meetings the Bylaws Committee submitted to the Board proposed bylaws revisions that were discussed in detail in sections as time permitted. At the October meeting the proposed change under discussion contained a new provision for an annual budget. The discussion was ultimately tabled until the next meeting as the Board treasurer was not present and able to offer input.

The members of the committee, which include Marlene Kinsella, Barbara Elliott and Ray Wallage, were not present at the November Board of Directors meeting during which the Board discussed at length the budget issue. Pros and cons were noted and Marjorie, also a committee member, will bring those comments to the committee at the next committee meeting.

While Board members understood the arguments both for and against establishing a budget, the approval to include this proposed bylaws revision was not formally voted on. Therefore, the topic was sent out for a vote by email.

From November 30 until December 3 the Board offered comments and finally a vote on this topic via email. Discussion included clarification that RVHA is not a 501(c)3 non-profit, but is instead a 501(c)7 social organization and as such there is no budget requirement. Additional discussion included clarification that the cost of each event is carefully considered by the Board with regard to available funds and expected income before commitments are made to contract for services for the event. This practice will continue. The final vote is as follows:

Mo – not in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws  
Claudia – in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws  
Dan – in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws  
Carmela – not in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws  
Jenny - not in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws  
Judy - not in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws  
Lori - not in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws  
Terry - not in favor of budget requirement addition to Bylaws

Marjorie – as a member of the Bylaws Committee and in support of its recommendations in addition to position on Board preferred to abstain from voting

Thus it was determined by a vote of six to two with one abstention that the proposed addition of a budget requirement not be included in the proposed Bylaws revisions currently in process.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is the December Board and Committee Christmas party on December 15.

Submitted by

Jenny Powers, Secretary