

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

November 5, 2014

Attendees: Mo Wachman, Terry Stecyk, Marjorie Porter, Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell, Jean Anderson, Carmela Lizzo

Absent: Judy Riley, Claudia Jordan

Guests: Bill Bailey and Barbara Elliott - Water/Aquifer Task Force, Ferrell Anderson, Annie Hodgkins

Water/Aquifer Task Force Update

Bill provided samples of materials with links for more information that will be made available at the craft bazaar booth in December. Bill also has a list of things well owners should do to ensure the well is properly registered, including the suggestion to consult an attorney if there are questions. The goal of the material at the booth is to provide information but not instruction. There is also a summary of the survey results. The information presented has been reviewed by ADWR.

Some of the materials to be provided at the bazaar have a cost associated and need to be ordered. Mo offered to print color copies to save on printing costs and paper will be supplied by the task force. Any other costs will be compiled and submitted to Mo. Annie generously offered to sponsor the banner and signage.

Mo cautioned that information provided must be accurate and that members of Bill's team must be consistent in providing answers and ensure there is no communication of misinformation or conflicting information. Mo praised Bill's team's efforts in collecting information and remarked on the great job they have done.

Reports

Minutes – Jenny

The minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting were previously distributed via email with feedback to make minor edits. The correction has been made. Marjorie has an updated copy for the website. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded, passed without comment.

Treasurer's Report – Judy (Mo reporting)

Judy was unable to attend the meeting but provided the summary report distributed by Mo. Marjorie had a question on the balance and income figures on the report. A motion was made to approve the report, seconded with the question deferred until Judy is available to respond.

Membership Report - Mo

As of November 5 there are 643 total members, with 93 new members for 2014. There have been nine new members since October. Reminders regarding renewals will be sent soon.

Facebook Report - Terry

There are currently 330 “likes” on the site. Activity is increasing.

Welcome Committee Report – Claudia

Claudia was unavailable to report.

Old Business

Area Plan – Mo & Marjorie

Carole and Nancy decided to have individual meetings on each section of the plan rather than have the entire group together at each meeting. The Board expressed an interest in hearing what Carole has done with her section since no information has been shared with the group to date.

Social Committee – Carmela

- **Dinner Dance & Auction– November 15**

Marjorie, Marlene, Lori and Carmela volunteered to assist with registration. Lori will help Terry with the raffle and auction. As of this meeting only six registrations have been received but the trend is to register at the last minute. The next promotion will feature the silent auction items to generate interest.

- **Craft Bazaar – December 14**

The flyer is in production and with final edits having been made. Carmela will review then Mo will send out to membership. Carmela suggested contacting exhibitors from last year and said that a better job will be done to collect contact information from the exhibitors this year. Carmela is waiting for confirmation on the BBQ lunch. Lori is going to work out with Carmela having the girls’ riding club selling items.

- **Chili Cook-off – January 25**

The event will be held at the Arizona Cowboy College. Promotion will begin after the first of the year.

- **Burger Night Event -- TBD**

Carmela is waiting for confirmation on any Saturday available in February and March while Greasewood is still open. The Burger Night Event will replace the Spring Dinner Dance.

Trail Ride Committee – Terry

November 8 – Granite Mountain Loop, Granite Mountain Trailhead

December 7 – Cave Creek Outfitters with brunch after ride; rental horses available

January 17 – Marcus Landslide Trail, Tom’s Thumb Trailhead

February TBA – Cholla Mountain Trail, Brown’s Ranch Trailhead

March TBA – Arizona Cowboy College; rental horses available

Lori will determine a date to host a ride from Lorill Equestrian Center/Arizona Cowboy College in 2015. Other rides will be determined.

Promotional Items

The decal production cost is \$764.40 as researched by Jean. Mo will handle payment and Jean will provide contact information by email. The decals will be sold at the craft bazaar.

RVHA Website Update/Refresh

Carmela is waiting for photos. Mo will review the photos sent by Terry. Carmela needs 25 photos for the slide show and will also look at the photo albums on the website and Facebook pages. Carmela suggested adding a photo tab and taking the photos out of the Archive tab. Marjorie will ask Frank to separate into a Photo Gallery.

Disaster Plan/Westworld

Jean is having trouble arranging a meeting with the contacts at the City of Scottsdale. Jean contacted Pete Weaver of Emergency Planning Management for Maricopa County who sent a statement to Jean that the organization does not have primary responsibility for livestock. Jean would like to pursue with Soleil when she is available and further research will be postponed until January.

New Business

Membership Form

Mo revised the form. The discussion of whether or not to include liability release was revisited. Unless the box is checked to agree, the release is not valid. Because so many renewals are processed online or by check the members do not necessarily sign a form. A simple liability release should be signed at trail rides.

The Board felt that the liability release should be addressed in the membership process. Marjorie will check with Frank to arrange for a simple release to be a mandatory function of the online renewal process. Marjorie will review from a legal perspective in plain English but with suitable coverage. A motion to add the liability release to the membership form was made, seconded and passed.

December Holiday Gathering

The event will be December 6 at 3:00pm at Carmela's home. Carmela will provide the main entrée, which will be reimbursed by RVHA. Carmela will coordinate guests bringing side dishes to share. There will be no gift exchange.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 p.m. and seconded.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, January 7. Social at 6:30pm and meeting begins at 7:00pm. The location will be Bridwell Equestrian Center/Arizona Cowboy College unless otherwise noted. Refreshments will be provided by Jean.

Submitted by

Jenny Powers, Secretary

