

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

January 25, 2024

Attendees: Jenny Powers, Carmela Lizzo, Terry Stecyk, Mike Miola, Lori Bridwell, Linda Vinson
Absent: Zondra Poteste
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the November meeting were distributed via email with no edits received. Motion to accept as submitted was made and seconded. Minutes accepted. Jenny will send the files to Frank to post to the RVHA website.

Treasurer's Report – Zondra

The Treasurer's Report was distributed via email. A brief review of the year end financials followed with no questions presented. A motion was made to accept the report and seconded. Accepted without comment.

Area Awareness – TBD

There is an effort underway to gather names of those opposed to a proposed rehab facility. It is unclear exactly where this proposed facility will be located or who is collecting names for a list to keep interested parties informed. More information may be available at the next meeting.

Water Issue Status

An experience with EPCOR regarding payment processes was presented where if payment from water haulers is not immediately received EPCOR threatened to cut off access. The situation was resolved by advising the water hauler in question to pay immediately rather than wait for the usual 30-day payment period to pass.

The Standpipe District is attempting to schedule a community meeting with EPCOR to explain the process and answer questions. So far EPCOR has been unresponsive and Mike has been asked to use his contacts to make this happen. No location for the EPCOR standpipe in the community has been identified.

Social Media – Terry

There is no change from last month.

Membership

There are currently 453 RVHA members.

The Board of Directors approved the following request for complimentary membership:

- Elaine, manager of Scottsdale Livestock at Alma School Road for her consistent promotion of RVHA and membership. Also requested for future consideration was complimentary attendance at a social event as a thank you.

Mike and Michelle were invited to a club luncheon where Mike provided information on RVHA membership. They are now invited to a happy hour event on February 17, which provides another opportunity to promote RVHA.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie

Five cards were mailed in November. No information was reported for December.

Roadside Clean-up

The next event is scheduled for Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Social Events – Carmela

Schedule of events:

Spring Dinner Dance	Saturday, March 16	Cave Creek Outfitters
Rattlesnake Training	Dates to be determined	
Pancake Breakfast/Rural Metro promo	Sunday, April 21	Rural Metro Station

Jenny and Terry offered to assist with obtaining donated items for the raffle at the Spring Dinner Dance, but all Board members are encouraged to contribute at least one item. Lori will donate a trail ride for two.

The Pancake Breakfast will include an opportunity for local businesses to present information to the community. Suggested businesses were local veterinarians, Pony Express Café, other restaurants, etc. More information to come. The RVHA Annual Meeting of Membership will be held in conjunction with this event.

Old Business

Bylaws Survey

Mike reported that only 16 responses to the survey to approve the Bylaws updates have been received as of this meeting. Mike provided a report from JotForm that indicated there was only one individual disapproved due to taking issue with the section on accepting nominees in lieu of an election. The report did not indicate what the individual took exception with on this point. The survey will be distributed again in the hope of receiving more responses.

New Business

Election 2024

Carmela, Mike, and Zondra are up for re-election in 2024. There is an open position resulting from Veruschka’s resignation. Carmela will verify who is interested in continuing to serve and Terry will send out the call for nominees.

Eblasts

It was suggested that the eblasts focus on a single topic, when possible, to have more frequent timely eblast messages and to increase visibility and impact of the topics presented.

Business Card Advertising

With Veruschka’s registration there is currently no one responsible for business card advertising. Board members without consistent contributions to the organization are encouraged to consider taking on this task, which will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21. Board members will be asked to sign up to provide meeting refreshments at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers