

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
April 15, 2026

Attendees: Jenny Powers, Terry Stecyk, Kim Nordquist, Mike Miola, Mike Peterson, Cody Reim, Deb Catone
Absent: Lori Bridwell
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m.

President's Comments

Lori's absences need to be addressed to allow for election planning and to fill the role of event planning, for which she had volunteered. The creation of a consulting role for long-term board members who choose to step down from director position but still wish to be involved was presented. The board agrees that the history and experience of long-time directors is valuable. Consultants would be welcome to attend meetings if they want to. Jenny offered to present this option to Lori.

Reports:

Minutes – Jenny

Minutes for the January 21 meeting were distributed via email and received no feedback. Voted to approve and accept as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Mike P noted that there is approximately \$15,400 in the bank account. He is working on developing financial statements for Treasurer's Report. Mike transitioned the process to WAVE software to better manage financial information. The only current expense is payment of Membership Works fee, which is not significant. Mike is investigating the two insurance policies to determine how to move forward and why we have two separate policies.

Area Awareness – Cody

Cody is working with state legislature regarding the recently awarded contract with Salt River Wild Horse Management Group to revise the requirement for reduction of herd size. Cody will be in a position to attempt to influence budget appropriation to fund the Agriculture Department using wild horse population as leverage. Cody will facilitate working with legislators upon his appointment to a vacant seat, which he anticipates happening within the next few weeks.

Water – EPCOR Standpipe

Mike M reported that EPCOR billing is still experiencing problems. Those residents who met criteria but were confused and missed deadline to sign up for EPCOR account have been accepted.

Welcome Committee – Veronica – no report

2026 BOD Elections

Terry will send text to Kim and Call for Nominations will be sent as an eblast with deadline of March 20.

Bylaws Update – Jenny

Jenny will work on incorporating dissolution of an organization text provided by Mike P to update the Bylaws for Board approval and then distribution for the membership.

Roadside Clean-up

The next event, possibly the last of this season, needs to be scheduled with at least two weeks' notice to ensure volunteer sign-up. Deb and Cody will send to their targeted channels to increase awareness. Cody and Deb will coordinate with Cody's section and with Rural Metro to include a post clean-up pizza party. The dates proposed were March 28, April 11, and April 25. Waivers will need to be available for volunteers.

Membership

Current total of 456 accounts. Jenny is working on clean-up of email undeliverables and Mike P is handling those past members who signed up for automatic renewal and did not cancel the feature upon moving out of the area. He is making refunds as requested.

Social Events

Due to Lori's absence a new individual is needed to coordinate social events and oversee scheduling. Board members are encouraged to volunteer or to suggest someone who could act as a committee lead for social event planning.

Calendar

It was suggested that whoever takes responsibility for Social Events work with Rebecca in Bonnie's office to include RVHA events in the community calendar she produces that reflects all scheduled events of interest. The calendar appears on Bonnie's website and the Firewise website.

Trail Ride – Kim

Tentatively scheduled for April 18 at Granite Mountain trail head in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Will be scheduled for March 21 and March 22 coordinated by Terry with eight dogs already signed up.

Clinton Anderson

Mike M and Silver Spurs Ranch is working in partnership with Clinton Anderson on a breeding and performance project. Rather than schedule for a Board meeting, Mike M suggested an informal meet and greet when Clinton is available.

Newsletter ad Eblasts – Kim

Suggestion for eblast – fire prevention clean-up of weeds

Suggestions for newsletter articles:

Cody- Salt River Wild Horse Management updates as appropriate

Jenny – McDowell Sonoran Preserve news

Deb – Firewise and Rural Metro local incident reports

Mike M – EPCOR status/updates

Articles should be submitted as soon as possible. March 20 was the suggested deadline.

BOD Holiday Event

The holiday event at Jalepeno Inferno was very enjoyable. Thanks to Terry for overseeing the gift cards used to fund the event and for scheduling with the restaurant.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 – Note: April 1 was approved in the meeting but changed via email due to a conflict.

5:45 p.m.

Silver Spurs Ranch

Please let Jenny know if you are unable to attend to ensure quorum is met. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers