

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

March 14, 2022

Attendees: Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Carmela Lizzo, Terry Stecyk, Ruth Kaplan, Mike Miola, Lori Bridwell
Absent: Linda Vinson
Committees: None other than BOD members
Guests: Lee Edwards

Meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. The Board thanked Mike for hosting the meeting at his ranch and for the tour the new foals and horses on the property.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the February meeting were distributed via email. Motion to accept as submitted was made and seconded. Minutes accepted. Jenny will send the file to Frank to post to the RVHA website.

Treasurer's Report – Ruth

Ruth reported that Mo has stopped updating the database and communication on payments is not being done. Ruth continues to work on the transfer of the database to a more efficient platform and Lori offered to follow-up with Mo to obtain information Ruth may need during the interim. The software being researched is MembershipWorks.com. This software allows for the memberships to expire one year after the month in which the member joined rather than the current year-end system. The software allows for online joining and renewal, which is favored by our membership and the information entered is immediately stored in the database eliminating the need for separate data entry. Renewal reminders would be issued automatically. Information can be imported from a spreadsheet. Events can be scheduled, and members can register for events online, with attendance tracking that will eliminate manual lists and the manual creation of check in sheets for the events. Ruth will use the trial period to experiment with data. A motion was made to purchase pending the successful outcome of the trial period, motion seconded. No discussion. The software may require some changes to payment processing, which Ruth can address. Terry will explore non-profit status discounts with PayPal and Ruth will investigate other payment options.

Ruth confirmed that the switch to Chase Bank from Wells Fargo for RVHA accounts will take place.

Membership – Ruth/Kim

The membership number provided on the last spreadsheet is distorted because there were non-renewed members from 2021 in the data. Thus the 520 total membership number is inflated. Ruth will have an accurate membership total when data transfer is completed, and files updated for 2022.

Area Awareness – Mike

Mike provided links to files at the City of Scottsdale Building Resources department detailing applications on the proposed Fiesta Ranch development on the south side of Rio Verde Drive at 136th Street. To summarize: "Request by owner for a Preliminary Plat for a 227-lot residential subdivision with amended development standards having Planned Community District, Environmentally Sensitive Lands (PCD ESL) zoning with

comparable zoning of Single Family Residential (R1-43 and R1-18) and Open Space (OS) districts on a +/- 273-acre site located on the south side of E. Rio Verde Drive, east of N. 136th Street."

The County confirmed there have been no submissions or requests regarding the proposed commercial development on Rio Verde Drive at 174th Street. The developer has put the project planning on hold pending the County resolution of the pending water issues in the Rio Verde Foothills area.

Water District Status

A meeting took place with representatives of the Board of Supervisors, Assistant Country Manager, County Ombudsman and Supervisor Galvin's Chief of Staff. Supervisor Galvin was absent as he was in previous meetings despite the severity of the water issue. None of the representative could provide a date on which the DWID petition would be put on the BOS agenda. Legal action has been filed as of March 14 (Petition for Writ of Mandamus) to force the BOS to vote on the RVF DWID petition that has been before them since February 2021.

Legislation is in process that would allow a private entity to purchase water, but such action could result in one company having a monopoly on the water supply. Additionally, an email from the AZ Corporation Commission stated that Epcor has not indicated an interest in servicing the Foothills area.

Social Committee – Carmela

Trail Ride at Lorill Equestrian Center – April 3, 2022

Rental horses will be available to reserve. A tack sale will follow, and participants may bring their own lunches. A notice will be sent to members to RSVP.

Social Media – Terry

There are 1,140 "likes" and 1,618" followers – social media remains steady.

Round-up Newsletter - Linda

The newsletter is scheduled to publish pending some edits following proofreading review.

Roadside Clean-up – Sabrina/Melissa

The March 12 event was very successful with 20 volunteers present. Mike Oster offered to supply two prizes for volunteers at the next event. RVHA will supply gift cards from Scottsdale Livestock for a year-end drawing.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie/Kim

No report.

Business Card Advertising – Kim

Kim reported that there is one advertiser due to renew in March.

Old Business

Bylaws Review

The meeting has been rescheduled and additional discussion will take place following issues Ruth has uncovered while working on the membership database transfer to a new platform. The results will be shared with the Board.

Membership Cards and Postcards

The cards and postcards are being printed and will include new QR code. Materials will be delivered to Kim. Ruth is still working on research for a new database system and when complete the reports necessary to run labels can be generated for mailings to take place. Labels and envelopes have been received and will be delivered to Kim.

Membership Database

Refer to discussion above linked to Treasurer's Report and the processes are connected. The report to the Arizona Corporation Commission has been filed as required.

Thomas Galvin

There has been no response from the County Board of Supervisors office regarding acceptance of an invitation to meet with the RVHA Board.

New Business

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

The class on Sunday is full, there are a few spaces available on Saturday.

Scottsdale Cancellation of Rural Metro Contract

Carmela reached out to the City of Scottsdale but has not received a response. She also contacted the new Rural Metro Fire Chief and invited him to meet with the RVHA Board of Directors. Rural Metro is interested in community engagement, first aid classes and working with AERO.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Silver Spurs Ranch including a tour of more new foals prior to the meeting. Terry will provide dinner. Meeting scheduled for April 25 with a tour at 5:30pm, meeting at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers

Addendum:

Email Vote April 2022

Ruth sent an email request for Board member feedback regarding purging documents that are more than seven years old (IRS standard). All financial information will remain stored in Quickbooks. Important documents such as incorporation documents will be retained. Terry requested that original documents related to the 501c7 status and IRS determination letters be retained. The Board members supported this action. Ruth will follow through with purging unnecessary documents.