

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Special Board of Directors' Meeting
May 6, 2026**

Attendees: Jenny Powers, Terry Stecyk, Kim Nordquist, Lori Bridwell , Mike Peterson, Deb Catone
Absent: Cody Reim
Guests: Jill Peterson

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

The Board called a special meeting to address the resignation of Mike Miola as president and as a member of the Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain input on moving the organization forward and discuss existing and potential board members' involvement.

Below is a summary of the questions, concerns and tasks discussed.

Board Discussion

Cody's status

The status of Cody Reim's participation in the RVHA Board will be addressed as his legislative role makes attendance difficult. Cody is a valuable resource for RVHA and the Board appreciates his involvement. However, if attendance is problematic and in violation of the Bylaws, then his role can be moved to a consulting basis thus opening a Board position for someone more able to participate in the organization's regular business. Discussion will be added to the agenda for the next formal Board member meeting.

Mike Miola's resignation

In accordance with the Bylaws in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President until the next annual meeting. The Vice President will also continue in the role of Vice President performing duties that may be assigned by the Board. Kim has agreed to assume the role of President and for the time being, the Vice President role as well.

Priorities for the coming months

- Form committees to address tasks and recruit RVHA members to assist with committees to reduce workload of Board members.
- Assist the work of Defend the Acre in whatever capacity possible.
- Continue planning over the summer to relaunch RVHA in the fall.

Update website

Jenny will work with Frank to remove references to the FAST Program as it is no longer viable. She will update titles for Board members and ensure photographs of new Board members are in place. The Board meeting schedule will be updated and posted on banner on first page of website.

Potential new Board members

Although Annie Hodges was encouraged to consider a Board member position during the April meeting we have since learned that she is ineligible for the role and that information will be noted in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Per the Bylaws, two directors cannot reside at a single household address. Lori related that Rocco is interested in a Board member role. At the March meeting the Board approved a Past Board Member/Consultant role for Board members leaving the Board but who have history and experience with the organization making them valuable resources. Lori was reminded of this opportunity as regular attendance has been in conflict with her availability. This would allow her to be involved and allow Rocco to pursue a Board member role. Lori will take this under consideration.

Motions

The Board made, seconded and approved several motions to clear up old business.

- Charitable donations from designated RVHA advertising funds:
 - Approved donation of \$750 to Firewise for signs and magnets with RVHA logo included.
 - Approved donation of \$800 to sponsor care packets for wildland firefighters. Terry has arranged for DAR volunteers to assemble bags, and Terry will gather supplies and seek additional donations of funds or items necessary to support the firefighters on duty. RVHA will receive acknowledgement of support.
- Approved Kim as acting President per Bylaws.
- Approved the following schedule for regular Board of Director meetings:
 - The second Wednesday of every month. For the summer meetings will begin at 4:30pm via the online meeting app Google Meet. Mike will send meeting invitations as applicable. Note schedule below.
- Approved Mike going forward with re-applying for general liability insurance with the agent.

General

Deb requested RVHA implement a pro-rated membership policy. It was explained that the RVHA membership format is for a 12-month period beginning with the date payment is received and ending 12 months later unless a Lifetime membership is purchased. Pro-rating fees is not applicable to this format.

Jenny will be resigning by September. She will organize the transfer of meeting minutes history, the Bylaws files and membership tasks to whoever is assigned this role going forward. After September she will be available as a resource as needed and will continue to be a contributor to the newsletter on behalf of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Suggested topics for future community clinics:

- Equine nutrition
- Veterinary issues
- Gardening
- Building projects

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 10

4:30 p.m. via Google Meet

Wednesday, July 8

4:30 p.m. via Google Meet

Wednesday, August 12

4:30 p.m. via Google Meet

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers