

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

May 18, 2021

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Carmela Lizzo, Randy Goettsche, Linda Vinson, Ruth Kaplan (via Zoom)
Absent: Lori Bridwell, Judy Riley
Committees: None
Guest: Lee Edwards

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Members were pleased to meet in person and have an opportunity to visit with each other prior to the meeting.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the April 13 meeting were distributed via email. No edits were suggested. Motion made to approve minutes, seconded, approved without further comment.

Treasurer's Report – Judy

The Treasurer's Report was distributed without comment. Motion to approve, seconded. Report accepted.

Membership – Mo

There are currently 420 members for 2021. 76 members are new to RVHA.

Area Awareness – Mike

No report this month.

Water District Status

Carmela and Randy provided an overview of the May 12 community meeting with Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Chucuri. The County hired a water attorney for the meeting who answered questions to the best of his ability. The meeting provided an overview with cards to ask questions, but the process to submit cards was awkward, perhaps preventing questions from being submitted.

The question of sources of water was raised. Per the City of Scottsdale letter, there is a high likelihood of Tier 1 drought designation being imposed per the determination to be done in August 2021. In January 2022 Scottsdale would have its water allocation from CAP reduced, which impacts the north Scottsdale residents and the water hauling station on Pima Road. The most recent information from Scottsdale indicates the water hauling station may continue to be used dependent upon efforts to resolve the water situation in Rio Verde Foothills. The expectation is for the water hauling station to be cut-off in January 2023.

Contrary to social media reports, Global Water is not in the business of selling water. The company is not a resource for long term dependence. Misinformation or missing information is prominent in the

opposition discussions on social media. The County proposes meeting with leaders of the DWID effort and the opposition to get all questions answered then move forward.

Epcor will only deal with an entity and will fill water needs using credits the entity purchases by drawing from the aquifer. The federal grant schedule will also impact timing of a resolution as grant applications must be filed by August or held for the next year. Once the County meets with the DWID and opposition leaders, the RVHA Board of Directors will prepare a fact-based information sheet for members with comparisons between DWID formation and whatever the opposition is suggesting, which at this point seems to be a co-op formation.

Social Committee – Carmela

Fall Dinner Dance Plus Silent Auction – October 23

The suggested location is Rancho Milagro. Carmela will inquire if this venue is available.

Christmas Lights Tour – Early December

Carmela can arrange for our usual driver from Driver Provider. Jenny and Terry will work on a lights tour map based on past years' success.

Social Media – Terry

There are 1,135 “likes” and 1,444 “followers” for the Facebook page. Board members are urged to push the FB site on social media by sharing posts so that the original poster identity, RVHA, is visible. Gull has been making updates on the RVHA website.

Round-up Newsletter - Linda

The next issue will publish in the fall. Board members will be reminded to submit articles.

Roadside Clean-up – Randy/Linda

There were eight or nine volunteers for the last clean-up effort. The roadside was cleaned from 136th Street east to 152nd Street.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie/Kim

Kim is sending out postcards to new members.

Business Card Advertising – Kim

No report.

Bylaws Committee

Terry is coordinating and the planning for a review of Bylaws. The effort is on-going.

New Business

Survey on Proposed Development

Both the member and non-member versions of the survey close on May 20. Randy has offered assistance in reviewing the data. Jenny will write the Executive Summary for Board review. The results will be distributed per Board decision. At the time of this meeting there were 202 member responses and 23 nonmember responses to the surveys.

Fire Prevention/Emergency Preparedness Survey

Closing date is June 18. There are 56 responses as of this meeting. Questions were asked regarding how the information is going to be stored and how it will be used the answers to which were provided by Soleil with AERO.

Is this survey by or in conjunction with Rural Metro Fire Department?

The survey development is a joint project with RVHA, AERO, MCSO and Rural Metro. The organizations will have access to the responses to the survey and the information may be used by the Maricopa County Emergency Management Animal Disaster team, but personal information would be deleted, and only aggregate data provided.

Do the results go directly to the Fire Department? What software is used?

The chief for the applicable fire department will keep a spreadsheet on the chief's laptop to use in an incident alongside their regular software.

Who has access to the results besides Rural Metro?

AERO will create a map for the Fire Department and MSCO of addresses and any noted needs or hazards and the statistics for specific segments, for example: 200 horses between X and Y streets. So, if decisions must be made the information is available. Providing information is voluntary and the data will only be used for purposes of disaster planning. Data will be treated properly under applicable privacy laws and not used for other purposes.

Fire Prevention/AZ Foothills 911 Promo

Sunny Parker wants to coordinate with RVHA and AERO on wildfire prevention and evacuation plans. Gull is also involved in his role in the FAST notification service. Carmela will follow up with Sunny on next steps.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. in person. The June meeting will be held at Kim's home. Jenny offered to provide refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers