

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

**December 8, 2022 (Zoom & in person)**

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Carmela introduced Mike Miola, who has expressed interest in joining the RVHA Board of Directors. Mike attended to meet the Board members and become familiar with the issues facing the community. We welcome Mike's interest in making a difference in the Rio Verde Foothills.

**Reports:**

**Minutes - Jenny**

Minutes from the October meeting were distributed via email. There were no edits requested. Motion to accept as distributed was made and seconded. Minutes accepted. Jenny will send the file to Frank to post to the RVHA website.

**Treasurer's Report – Judy**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. There were no questions or comments on the report as submitted. Motion to approve, seconded. Report accepted.

Judy will step down from her role as a Board member and as the Treasurer effective January 1, 2022. We are very grateful for the many years Judy has contributed to the success of our organization and in service to the community.

Ruth Kaplan has graciously offered to fill the role of Treasurer. Ruth and Judy will meet as necessary to transfer the information and accounts to allow Ruth to manage the financial aspects of the organization. We appreciate her willingness to take on this role. A motion was made to approve Ruth's role as Treasurer and as an Officer of the Board of Directors. Motion was seconded and approved without discussion.

One of Ruth's first tasks will be to revisit the online filing of taxes with IRS to update records as the PIN number has been missing for use with the EIN. Ruth will follow-up with Mo.

**Membership – Mo**

There are currently 476 members. A reminder for membership renewals will be send via e-blast.

**Area Awareness – Mike**

No report.

### **Water District Status**

The DWID remains a viable option to solve the water situation in our community. Meetings to share accurate information, answer questions and obtain petition signatures are taking place in the community. At the time of the Board meeting there were over 400 signatures on file. The deadline is December 12 to allow time to verify and process the petition information.

There has been discussion in social media of the formation of a Rural Water Group (RWG) as a potential solution to the water situation. Recent communication from the Arizona Department of Water Resources clarified that a RWG is an informal entity with no statutory authority. A RWG is generally formed to protect water rights and the watershed on behalf of rural farmers. Our community must form an entity with the ability to provide water to users and a RWG cannot buy or sell water. Information on the Arizona Department of Water Resources response will be posted on social media.

### **Social Committee – Carmela**

There are no social events planned at this time due to COVID concerns.

### **Social Media – Terry**

There is no change from last month.

### **Round-up Newsletter - Linda**

Articles are still needed. Anyone who committed to provide an article is urged to follow through as soon as possible. Rural Metro will submit an article on the firefighters at our station in a “Meet the Team” format. Rural Metro is interested in greater community engagement and will explore potential events with the Board members.

### **Roadside Clean-up – Randy/Linda**

The next event is January 8.

### **Welcome Committee – Bonnie/Kim**

No report.

### **Business Card Advertising – Kim**

No report.

### **Old Business**

#### **Proposed commercial development at 174<sup>th</sup> Street and Rio Verde Drive**

There has been no submission to the County.

#### **Bylaws Review**

Jenny and Carmela were asked to review the Committee report and will compare findings and submit comments to the Board for consideration.

#### **Membership Promotion**

Membership materials are available at the Scottsdale Livestock checkout counter and the store is utilizing the membership report to verify store discounts offered. A QR code will be utilized in the form of stickers on membership materials to allow the code to be scanned and the user directed to the RVHA website. Stickers will also be available to Kim to use on postcards and membership card as appropriate.

## **New Business**

### **Membership**

During the discussion of membership operations, it became apparent that the process is not clearly understood by Board members. It is thought unwise to have all the information and process reside with one individual. Moving to a platform that allows password protected access by Board members on an “as needed basis” would allow the tasks to be more fairly distributed, engage the Board members in this important part of the organization and safeguard the database by ensuring multiple individuals are familiar with the process.

Further discussion is needed to define tasks, determine who is doing each task and how to proceed to reach a better distribution of responsibilities and ensure Board oversight in the process.

Jenny will review the membership page and update to include an inviting introduction to the page.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled with the Board determining whether to meet in person or via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers