

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
2018 Annual Meeting of Membership
April 29, 2018**

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell, Carmela Lizzo, Kim Edwards, Mo Wachman
Absent: Mike Oster, Ann Meyers
Committees: Randy Goettsche, Roadside Clean-up, Lisa Goettsche, Newsletter

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes – Jenny

Minutes for the April 3 meeting were distributed via email. A correction was made the reference of a second planned meeting with Trilogy – there is not another meeting planned regarding the safety of the wild horses at this time. A motion was made to approve the minutes as edited, seconded. Approved with no further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Mo

The yearly P&L report was presented to the meeting attendees and a summary is available on the RVHA website. Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

Membership – Mo

Membership current is at 444 with 57 new members for 2018 and 37 lifetime members. A reminder was made that after July 1 the annual membership dues are reduced by 50%.

Area Awareness – Terry for Mike

Mike will remain as chair. Although outside our immediate area, there is a planned development of 900 homes at Scottsdale and the 101. The former site of Sassi restaurant has been approved for an upscale assisted living facility.

Election Report – Mo & Terry

There were not sufficient candidates received from the outreach to members to fill all of the open positions on Board of Directors this year. As a result, in compliance with the Bylaws, the election was not held. Terry announced that Ann Meyers has volunteered for the Board and will begin with the June 5 meeting. Mike Oster will remain Chair of the Area Awareness Committee, but decided not to seek re-election to the Board. Officers were elected—Terry will continue as president, Carmela as Vice President, Jenny as Secretary and Mo as Treasurer. Mo will be assisted by Judy Riley, a former Board member who has agreed to maintain the books and produce report with Mo's direction.

Water Task Force Report – Carmela

Carmela reported on the status of the Water Task Force meetings. A number of community education meeting have been scheduled and those that have taken place were well-attended. There is still much research to be done to determine the best approach and subject matter experts are being consulted as needed. An attorney has been hired to assist in securing a long term source of hauled water for the community. Meetings will be held with a variety of potential vendors in an effort to determine what type of entity needs to be formed to meet the requirements of vendors and to enter into contracts. A new Facebook

page is devoted to the Water Task Force and communication of upcoming meetings will continue to be promoted on social media and through email channels.

Social Committee - Carmela

The next scheduled event will be the End of Summer potluck at Arizona Cowboy College in September. Information will be provided as it becomes available.

Newsletter –Lisa

Lisa reported that she has volunteered for a bunny rescue organization and will write an article in the next newsletter about her experiences.

Jean Anderson reported that the Arizona Horse Council is hosting the 2018 Coalition of State Horse Councils (CSHC) Fall Conference in Phoenix. For more information visit <http://sharingthetrails.com/index.html>

Welcome Postcards – Terry for Bonnie/Veronica

The mailing of postcards to new residents is completed quarterly. There were 36 postcards mailed for first quarter of 2018.

Roadside Clean-up – Sabrina/Randy

The next roadside clean-up is scheduled for June 9 at 8:00am and will be the last until fall.

Old Business

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training– Terry

Terry reported that 60 dogs were trained over three days. The training was hosted at Shadow Hill Ranch. Several dog owners joined RVHA as a result of this program.

New Business

Telephone Tree System - Terry

Terry shared a suggestion from a member to re-activate the telephone tree system now that texting has become a widespread method of communication. RVHA will investigate the feasibility and level of interest in communicating urgent messages using texting as a format.

Illegal Activity - Terry

Terry reported that three vehicles were broken into recently in our community. The vehicles were in a fenced yard. Residents are urged to keep homes locked. Sheriff Department response times were discussed and generally thought to be lacking in a sense of urgency. Regardless, it is important to file a report in order to have the report on record to build a case for increased coverage and improved response times.

Next Meeting

The next RVHA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 5, 6:30pm refreshments, 6:45pm start. Location to be determined.

Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers, Secretary