

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 2, 2017

Attendees: Marjorie Porter, Terry Stecyk, Carmela Lizzo, Mo Wachman, Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell, Judy Riley

Absent: Mike Oster

Committees: Lisa and Randy Goettsche (Roadside Clean-up Committee, RVHA Newsletter)

Guest(s): Kim and Lee Edwards

President's Comments

Marjorie introduced our guests, who are relatively new members yet have participated in several projects and events already. We are happy that they are willing to become involved.

Marjorie indicated that Judy has resigned her role on the Board of Directors after serving over 20 years. The Board thanked Judy for her dedication and we appreciate her commitment to RVHA. The Board presented a gift as a token of appreciation. Judy joined a choral group through her church and also the Fountain Hills choral group. She will be going to Ireland in June with her choral group followed by a personal trip to Scotland. Judy is also planning to retire from her position at the Mayo Clinic. Best wishes for a rewarding retirement and continued enjoyment from singing!

Marjorie also announced that she will be resigning from her role with the RVHA Board of Directors. Marjorie currently served as President. Marjorie will continue to chair the Bylaws Committee. The Board appreciates Marjorie's dedication to RVHA and her many contributions. Marjorie also received a gift from the Board of Directors to express their appreciation. Marjorie is exploring other areas of volunteer interest that have special meaning for her.

Election of Officers

The membership elects the Board of Directors members and the Board elects the Officers. The following roles were determined by unanimous decision:

Terry Stecyk – President

Carmela Lizzo – Vice President

Jenny Powers – Secretary

Mo Wachman – Treasurer

The directors are Lori Bridwell and Mike Oster.

Reports:

Minutes – Jenny

Jenny asked to defer the April minutes to the next meeting. Lori graciously offered to take the minutes in April in Jenny's absence, but the notes were emailed to an old address and not received. Jenny will format in the template and April and May as well as the Annual Meeting minutes will be presented for the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Mo

Files have been sent to Zondra to file taxes. Mo will update the officers on Zondra's records. Motion to accept and seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Membership – Mo

Currently there are 462 members with 42 new for 2017.

Facebook - Terry

There are 815 "likes."

Terry reported that Rio Verde Foothills Bulletin Board has made the Facebook account a "closed group." To join you must apply or be invited by an existing member. Posts cannot be shared and must be copied and pasted to another post to display. Comments are more quickly closed when rude discussions begin.

Old Business

Bylaws – Marjorie

Minor edits have been made to the Bylaws that do not require a vote by membership. The changes were approved by the Board of Directors. Revisions to the minutes were previously distributed in two notices and attendees of the Annual Meeting in April approved the revisions without comment.

Area Awareness – Mike (submitted in advance)

The committee wants to inform our membership of the area in which we live and possible changes in which we may have an interest. The committee will publish a series of four overview articles in our upcoming newsletters and provide brief 'highlight' updates on a few projects of interest.

The first of these articles, Trends in the Greater Scottsdale Area was submitted to Lisa on April 5.

Of note this month:

Rio Verde Drive and Forest Road - Developer of the triangular commercial piece on the corner has ceased operation and there is no permit for reactivating the project.

The residential piece between the commercial parcel and the golf course is proceeding with installation of utilities and streets within the last month. Main road has access at both Rio Verde Drive and Forest Road. If un gated, it could become a tempting shortcut.

Member Engagement – Terry reporting

Terry and Mo will co-chair this newly formed committee with Mike's assistance. Terry reached out to Pinnacle Grill and Mesquite Grill for member discounts especially during the summer months. She is awaiting responses. She asked Scottsdale Livestock for member consideration and is researching other discount or coupon offers.

Social Events - Carmela

Annual Meeting of Membership - April 30

There were 18 attendees and Carmela hosted a lovely brunch for the meeting. Minutes of this meeting are in a separate document.

Yard Sale – April 22

There were 18 booths with a good turnout and good sales. The signs worked well.

Polo Event - Westworld

Mike is researching the potential to offer an event for members.

End of Summer

Lori will check on September dates for this potluck event and discuss at the June meeting.

Advertising – Terry reporting

There are 7 business card ads and 4 service ads on the website. Each month will contain a “Your ad featured here” notice to encourage participation.

New Business

Newsletter

Lisa suggested a June 4 deadline for articles for the upcoming newsletter. Lisa will send an email to encourage submissions. It was suggested that there be a Doctor T article on heat-related issues with pets. Cheryl, the owner of Karsten’s Ace Hardware suggested an equine clinic at Ace Hardware be planned. Lori will work with Cheryl. The clinic topics are open to suggestions.

Open Board Member Positions - Terry

An email invitation will be sent to members to encourage at least one more member to participate on the Board. A new member can be appointed by the Board to fill an open position. If anyone has suggestions of someone who may be interested, please let Terry know.

Meeting Schedule

Terry asked that the Board members think about the schedule and if another day of the week or time of the month is preferred the Board can decide whether to make a change.

Next Meeting Refreshments

Lori offered to provide refreshments in June in lieu of the May meeting.

Water Situation Update – Carmela

After 9 months of trying to set up a meeting with ADWR, the group is hoping for a date within the next few weeks.

Tonto Forest and Firefighters – Terry

Extra fire fighters being paid, but not needed for wild fires in the area are being utilized by the NFS in the Tonto Forest near Rio Verde. Work is being done to create a firebreak and clear brush along the boundary of Rio Verde Foothills. Brush will be piled and may be burned when there is sufficient moisture to reduce risk. This season will be very high risk of wild fires due to heavy vegetation from last winter’s rainfall.

The west side of 136th Street from Rio Verde Drive north to the Tonto Forest was also cleared to protect the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Next Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30pm for refreshments and 6:45pm to call to order. Meeting will be held at Lorill Equestrian Center.

Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Submitted by:

Jenny Powers, Secretary