

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
September 10, 2018**

**Attendees:** Terry Stecyk, Carmela Lizzo, Monica Wachman, Lori Bridwell, Ann Meyers  
**Absent:** Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards  
**Committees:** None other than Directors  
**Guests:** Holly Lasley-Wagner, Water Facts Group

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

**Guest Speaker**

Holly Lasley-Wagner of the Water Facts Group stated she is meeting regularly with John Burton, Jeff McDowell, Christy Jackman (also FB Admin), Bruce Vahjen and Lynn Scott. Due to resident concerns, the fill site at 144<sup>th</sup> Street and Dixileta has been shut down and the new fill site will be at 150<sup>th</sup> Street and Dixileta. There are currently contracts between two water haulers and Global Water. A total of 1,000,000 gallons per month has been allocated to sell to the water haulers, each hauler receiving 500,000 gallons per month. A third contract is in negotiation. The fill site is following rules similar to the ones COS applies at Pima/Jomax fill site. Site is to be kept clean. The road is being watered to control dust, which was a concern of residents. A community pledge is being drafted for haulers to sign that water is not to go out of RVF for any hauler who will use this fill site.

Holly further reported on the original impact study of 30 wells, some producing for multiple homes near the fill site was completed following concerns of removing water from our aquifer. Nineteen of the 30 wells were found to be non-compliant, and needed to be retested to update information with County. Of the 19 in non-compliance, only three responded. A second environmental impact study attempt will be made and compared.

The Town of Cave Creek purchased Desert Hills Water System for \$24 million. Their water haulers will use fill sites for New River and Desert Hills. Anthem has also offered a fill site for these areas via EPCOR who has given a 20 year contract. Holly is trying to schedule a meeting with the Yavapai Indian Nation. Waiting on a date all 12 tribal leaders can attend.

The Board thanked Holly for attending the meeting and offered to include an article in the fall Roundup, if she would like to further share with the RVHA membership.

**Reports:**

**Minutes - Terry reporting**

The minutes from the June 5 were distributed via email. No edits were received. Motion to accept, seconded. Approved without discussion.

**Treasurer's Report – Mo**

The report was distributed via email. No questions were received. Terry reported the only expenses coming up were for RVHA insurance coverages. General liability policy renewal date is 9-16-2018 and

premium is \$701.00/year. Directors and Officers (D&O) liability policy renewal date is 9-21-2018 and premium is \$1,091/year. Motion made to accept, seconded. Approved without discussion

### **Membership Report - Mo**

There are currently 463 members with 67 of new to RVHA.

### **Social Media – Terry**

There are 1030 “likes,” up from 998 in June. Terry continues to monitor additional sites and cross posts when necessary.

### **Area Awareness – Mike (via email report)**

1. Roundabouts – Construction is currently delayed due to APS and permit finalization. SNGC still feels their target date of early Nov will be met.
2. Outpost (Dynamite/Pima) - permit requests have expired

Mike further reported most of his time is spent looking into ‘private matters between (someone) and nearby residents.’ Mildly interesting, but there seems to be agreement that this is none of our business.

### **Committee Focus:**

- Open Spaces
- Water
- Infrastructure
- Water
- Aircraft

### **McDowell Sonoran Preserve Trailheads**

We do not have the completion dates for Fraesfield and Granite Mountain Trailheads. Fraesfield will need to be closed for a period during construction. We will advise when dates are known. Trails at Granite Mountain have been rerouted during the construction phase. Scott Hamilton won't have information for a few days. Jenny will have a detailed report in October. Terry and Jenny are involved and have given input on signage and trail routes.

### **Endurance Ride in Preserve**

Jenny had shared with Terry their success in receiving the first equestrian competitive event permit issued by the Board of Commissioners for the Preserve. Jenny attended the Commission meeting with Rusty Toth to support the request, which was fully approved by City staff and Scott Hamilton gave a very encouraging review for the Commissioners before they voted. They are only using 9.5 miles of trail at the Tom's Thumb trail head, but permission was also received to use the horse parking lot for a water stop, which surprisingly received no opposition. It is a good sign that the approval was unanimous, especially since there are no horse people on the Board. The ride is October 6 and called the Recovery Ride because it is taking the place of a ride that was cancelled for the same date in Prescott. Base camp is the Four Peaks staging area at McDowell Mountain Regional Park. This is a no frills ride offering 25 and 50 mile distances and limited to a total of 50 horses. The ride is sold out with a waiting list and it is interesting to note that all but five riders are from the Valley - the interest is very high locally.

### **Tonto Forest Trailheads**

Mike Noonan spoke 8-14-2018 with Forest Service District Ranger Micah Grondin requesting a status report concerning the 136th and 144th Staging Area Projects. He stated there had been some discussion with the Maricopa County Road District and the Forest Service, but no actual resolution to the concerns came about.

Ranger Grondin stated the projects have not been cancelled; the Forest Service's position remains that there is a need for staging areas at both locations in the management of the Forest. They are in a "holding pattern" at this point in time, but plan to begin moving forward by reaching out to the communities again next month (September 2018) to involve the public with input in finalizing the plans with construction to begin late fall into the winter of 2019.

#### **Farmer's Market**

The market schedule begins Saturday October 6 from 9am – 1pm at the SW corner of Pinnacle Peak/Pima Road.

#### **Social Committee – Carmela**

- **Summer Survivor Event - Saturday October 13 at Reigning Grace Ranch**  
Carmela and Terry met prior to the BOD meeting with Amanda and Christopher Moore to view the proposed area. They have a large raised area with lighting and a trailer for the band. They have one porta-potty and Amanda will look into prices for the second one. The band is American Traditions and is sponsored in memory of Julie Prosser. The event is free to members and Guests are \$10. Members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. Menu is from La Fonda – an assortment of tamales. We will supply salads and drinks. Need to discuss when the full Board is present to vote on a nice donation to RGR for the use of their facility and staff time.
- **Holiday Lights Bus Tour - Saturday December 8**  
Deposit has been made to Real London Bus Company. Pick up / drop off will be at Alma School and Dynamite, same as last year.

#### **Water Task Force Report – Carmela**

After the summer hiatus, members of the Water Task Force met. Nothing new to report at this time.

#### **Roundup Newsletter – Fall Issue**

Terry asked BOD present to please get articles to Lisa ASAP

#### **Roadside Clean-up**

Randy sent a notice the next cleanup will be October 6 at 8:00 am.

#### **Welcome Postcards - Bonnie (by email report)**

There were 42 postcards mailed last quarter. Mo reported one had been returned.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

- Fall community yard sale. Carmela set a date for October 20.
- Duel in the Desert Mounted Archery competition November 9 – 11 at Desert Warriors of the Southwest. RVHA will donate 4 cases of water.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 2 at Lori's Bunk House. Carmela will bring refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Submitted by: Terry Stecyk and Ann Meyers