

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
November 13, 2018

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Carmela Lizzo, Ann Meyers, Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards
Absent: Lori Bridwell, Monica Wachman,
Committees: Randy Goettsche, Roadside Clean-up
Guests: Lee Edwards

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm

Reports:

Minutes -

Approval of the minutes from the October 9 meeting has been deferred until the next meeting due to the Secretary's travel commitments the past two months.

Treasurer's Report – Terry

The report was distributed via email and the expenses for the Fall Dinner Dance have been accounted for in the balances shown. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded. Approved without discussion.

Clarification regarding the 501(c)(7) tax status of RVHA was provided. Benefits of 501(c)(7) tax exemption flow to the club, not to its members. One difference between 501(c)(7) tax-exempt clubs and traditional charities is that donations to the club, including dues, are not deductible as charitable contributions on the members' individual tax returns.

A reminder was provided regarding the Bylaws spending authority followed by a discussion as to whether the \$300 limit on spending should increase, decrease or remain the same. The President can authorize expenditure without BOD approval up to \$300. After \$300 approval is required by President and Treasurer. If they do not agree, then it goes to a BOD vote. A motion was made to continue without change as the \$300 limit appears to be sufficient. Motion seconded and.

Article VI, Section 5. Spending Authority. Either the president or treasurer is authorized to make expenditures on behalf of the Association. Spending limits may be established by the board and are based on the financial needs of the Association to operate on a monthly and annual basis. Spending limits may be modified by the board as the needs of the Association change. The president and treasurer may not exceed amounts approved by the board.

An additional topic of discussion was of whether it is necessary to set a budget or to remain flexible as per the needs of the organization. A motion was made to continue with the current process without setting a budget, motion seconded and approved.

Membership Report - Terry

There are currently 479 members with 73 are new to RVHA.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution of membership cards during the busy renewal period. Kim offered to assist as needed.

Kim requested confirmation on one of the advertisers and Mo will get back to her after researching.

Social Media – Terry

There are 1,063 "likes."

New Business

Purchase Requests

- 1) Terry requested that the organization purchase some clear plastic bins for storage to keep items organized and dust-free. The Board agrees with this purchase. Carmela said we have a box of larger miscellaneous serving pieces. Terry said we need smaller serving spoons, more salad tongs and perhaps large stainless steel salad bowls for events. Items may be engraved with a Dremel tool if desired.
- 2) Terry will purchase black buffet skirting to pull over banquet tables for use at the RVHA reception table and for buffet lines at events. Additionally, lanterns will be purchased, one for the registration table and six for the banquet tables for outdoor events.
- 3) Signs like COS used during the recent accident should be considered. Light weight vinyl type fabric, stand up on metal stands and were VERY visible. Keep it generic with RVHA EVENT. We have our other signs for more specific things and directional arrows. The Board agreed this purchase is necessary.
- 4) Banner with the RVHA logo on one side and name on the other side was suggested. Fast Signs in Scottsdale is a recommended vendor. Banner purchase is approved.
- 5) Terry will research if renting table cloths is preferable to purchasing and maintaining our own.

Charitable Giving

Member Survey

Terry reported that the organization has designated \$1,985 for charity from auction proceeds and advertising funds of \$440. Carmela has requested that a section be added to the planned member survey to obtain feedback on the use of surplus funds. A list of suggestions for spending will be provided as well as an opportunity for members to make suggestions of their own. Also discussed were sponsoring equestrian clinics, sponsorship of a child to attend an age appropriate educational opportunity and sponsoring a rescue horse with support at a credible facility.

Terry will work on a survey and on creating the survey in Survey Monkey for the Board to review.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Foothills Food Bank on Saturday, November 17 from 9-12. Delivery to be that same day. Don and Terry have offered to deliver.

Toys for Tots Collection

December 8 Roadside Cleanup. Delivery to Rural Metro in Cave Creek again on the same day. Don and Terry have offered to deliver.

Thank you to the “tractor guys”

It was suggested that RVHA send a request to submit names, the area in which roads are maintained, and contact details that will not be shared, to recognize the community support for the efforts made by those with tractors who work on our roads. RVHA will send a thank you note and a small token of appreciation such as a gift card for Tractor Supply or Home Depot. The Board agreed this effort is worthwhile and Terry will coordinate having the message distributed to the membership.

Storage Shed Clean-out and Organization

The Board will plan a time to review and reorganize RVHA belongings in the storage shed at Lori's ranch. There is an unidentified grill blocking access and needs to be moved, bins need to be organized, unneeded items deleted. Volunteers for this project will be sought for a January event.

Area Awareness – Mike (via email report) & Terry

- Permit request by owner for approval of a site plan, landscape plan, and building elevations for a new church on a +/- 13-acre site with the single-family residential, Environmentally Sensitive

Lands (R1-35/ESL) zoning designation, located at the southwest corner of E. Stagecoach Road and N. Pima Road.

- **Update on zoning request by Lyle Anderson.** Karen Nabity: Karen reports they are not revealing much information following the open to house to get a feel for the community support or objection to redistributing X homes to fit on X acres. Homes would be on different lot sizes, open areas (flood plain and washes) would not be able to be built upon so they wish to clump smaller lots in the center of the development and leave unbuildable areas as open space. Homes would be on .43, .88 and 1.0 acres. Karen also reports Reata Ranch is “quietly” for sale.
- **Update on Tonto National Forest from Joe Stock.** The Tonto project is still not completely dead. Joe spoke with Micah and the trailheads are still on the table. They plan to meet with residents again. All the boulders at the 136th entrance were stolen. They are investigating the issue of 136th and 144th lack of county or government plan to control traffic, dust, road conditions.
- **Update on Preserve Trailheads.** Granite Mountain will remain open for the duration of construction. Currently, public parking is available on the east side of the site, while the crews are constructing the western side of the parking lot. Once the west side is complete, the public parking will shift from east to west, so the crews can complete the east side. This shift is expected to occur sometime in early December. The best advice for people visiting Granite is to observe all posted signs regarding where to park and how to access the trails from there.

Fraesfield remains closed to public parking. The trails in the vicinity of the trailhead are still open, so people riding through from other areas can still make connections through the trailhead area. The parking closure is expected to run at least through the end of the year. Details will be provided as soon they are available.

The Pima Dynamite Trailhead design process is nearing completion. The design team is finishing up the construction plans over the next month. The project will go out for construction bids in the first part of 2019, with construction occurring from mid-2019 through mid-2020. The Pima Dynamite Trailhead will be similar in scale and amenities the Brown’s Ranch Trailhead.

Learn more at: www.scottsdaleaz.gov/construction/project-list/pima-dynamite-trailhead For questions, contact Scott Hamilton at 480-312-7722 or shamilton@scottsdaleaz.gov

- **Update on Roundabouts and Scottsdale National Golf Course (SNGC).** The roundabout construction should have been completed, but there were some delays in the beginning with burying APS lines and a few storms that affected the overall progress. Everything including the landscaping should be completed within 45 days.

Bike lanes and landscaping will be one of the last things to be done. They recently submitted plans to extend the bike lanes to 128th Street. The bike lane will go on the outside of the guardrail on the 122nd Street Roundabout (SNGC entrance). There is still another layer of asphalt to be laid, which will eliminate the edges and "curb" that many are talking about. City of Scottsdale refused to add one lane in each direction from the top of the hill down to the roundabout. Their cost would have only been \$750k, which is very inexpensive for them. They do not have it in any of their plans to widen the roadway in the future.

SNGC is working to help maintain the Preserve through research and protection from invasive species.

- **Flight Path/Air Traffic Update.** Overall, there has been a reduction in air traffic and especially with low flyers. There is still a lot of work to do with flight schools. Also, a lot to do with regards to NextGen and Sky Harbor flight paths. There are one or two PiAware devices and antennae to

give to RVHA. This will be like personal radar for monitoring aircraft and help with coverage from existing antennae. Help would be available on instructions on how to install them.

Social Committee – Carmela

- **Summer Survivor Event - Rescheduled to Saturday, November 10 at Miller's Fox Trotter Ranch**
EVITE: 87 emails replied Yes and some included spouses, guests in their response, 8 replied Maybe, 67 replied No, 282 have Not Yet Replied. Positive note, a quick message can be sent to each person sent an EVITE. Was very handy for the cancellation as well as a reminder to bring a food item and directions.

Recap: Expenses totaled \$2387.26. Subtract PayPal guests (\$315) and Julie's donation (\$300) brought total expense to \$1772.26. Divided by the 130 people signed up: \$13.63 per person.

We send a HUGE thanks to Carmela/Joe, Kim/Lee and Terry/Don for setting up, serving, helping at welcome table and cleaning up. Lynne McGinley helped with serving as well as cleanup. Members JR Reed and Jean/Ferrell Anderson stayed to help clean up and take down decorations. Carmela suggested we give the donated gift certificate from Rio Verde Water to Lothar and Monika as they are on hauled water.

- **Tour of Lights – Saturday, December 8**
Advertising has begun. All payments are through PayPal.

Water Task Force Report – Carmela

Holly reported that they are still waiting to hear about scheduling a meeting with Yavapai Tribal Council. A copy of the City of Scottsdale drought management plan for 2018 has been requested from Nicole Sherbert. Carmela reported that the attorney has a possible resource and will schedule a meeting.

Emergency Road for evacuations: Perhaps Supervisor Chucri is a good place to start with discussions on creating a plan for evacuation of the area in case of an emergency. Terry will ask the McDowell Sonoran Preserve staff about the power line road as an option to escape a fire. Other possibilities are access through Tonto National Forest and McDowell Mountain Park.

Roundup Newsletter – Fall Issue – Lisa (Terry reporting)

Articles are needed for the December 1 deadline. The Board is in favor of making changes to the schedule and process for the newsletter. Resume printing of the newsletter twice a year was also offered as an option and the Board was favorable toward reinstating the printed editions. Advertising could be included to help defray costs. Ann and Kim volunteered to assist with the newsletter mailing operation.

Roadside Clean-up – Terry

Next clean-up will be December 8 at 8:00 am. Toys for Tots collection and food collection for Foothill Food Bank will be available. There will be snacks and a drawing for end of year prizes for volunteers through the year. The purchased Starbucks cards and Scottsdale Livestock gift certificates were welcomed by the winners and easy to mail. Jenny donated a wonderful gift card for the winner from the December volunteers last year. Terry proposed a purchase five of each at a value of \$10 a piece, \$100 total. The Board agreed with this purchase.

Welcome Postcards - Bonnie – no report this month

Old Business

- **Fall Yard Sale – Carmela**
There were 19 locations and the event was well received by the community. Bonnie Burke's staff created the map and it was a very successful event.
- **Dual in the Desert Archery – November 9-11**
RVHA donated 4 cases of water for the event, but no one came to pick it up. The water can be used for RVHA events, BOD meetings or donations to SWCC or Reigning Grace Ranch.
- **Website Refresh – Terry**
High quality photos are requested for the redesign of the website. Everyone is encouraged to select your best photos that represent RVHA and our community. Terry and Carmela will meet with Frank to review ideas and his services are generously donated.
- Holly requested that RVHA become involved with "outsiders" parking on private property for off road activities. Terry explained that intervention would be a "policing" matter and not within the guidelines for RVHA. The Board agrees with that response and agreed that the non-emergency sheriff department number could be provided to report any suspicious activity observed by residents of the community.

Next Meeting: There will be a brief BOD meeting in conjunction with our holiday gathering tentatively planned for December 16. The main dish will be provided, and guests are encouraged to bring appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Terry will bring adult beverages. The next full meeting will be Tuesday, January 8.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers