

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
April 3, 2018

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Jenny Powers, Lori Bridwell, Carmela Lizzo, Kim Edwards, Mo Wachman, Mike Oster
Absent: None
Committees: None other than BOD members
Guest(s): Lee Edwards

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes – Jenny

Minutes for the March meeting were distributed via email. A correction was made to the name of the attorney assisting the Water Task Force – Steve Wein. An updated version will be sent to Terry to post on the website. A motion was made to approve the minutes as edited, seconded. Approved with no further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Mo

The report was reviewed during the meeting with no questions or discussion. Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

Membership – Mo

As of this meeting there are 391 members, of those 30 are new for 2018. There are 36 lifetime members. There were 9 new members as a result of the rattlesnake avoidance training offer. Terry sent a "we want you back" email message to the non-renewals for 2017.

Election Report – Mo

There were no candidate names received from the outreach sent so far. Another request will be sent this month.

Water Task Force Report – Carmela

Carmela reported on the status of the Water Task Force meetings. A meeting was held with John Newman, the consultant assisting on this initiative. Carmela reported that a new member to the group, Holly Wagner, is a very effective addition with a good knowledge base. The next step is compiling experts, assigning volunteers to tasks, and initiating efforts for a letter of support. Lee is lead for one of two sections covered by the volunteers. Another meeting will be held April 9 to reinforce efforts of the volunteers.

Social Media- Terry

There are 963 likes for RVHA Facebook page. There are has been no other social media activity.

Area Awareness – Mike

Reata Ranch

On February 10, they requested an extension of their Abandonment Resolution No.1108 - -to abandon roadway easements and right-of-way (E. Rio Verde Dr., N. 132nd and N. 136th St.) adjacent to the Reata Ranch Guest Ranch located on the south side of Rio Verde Drive between 128th and 136th Street with Resort/Townhouse Residential, Environmentally Sensitive Lands (R-4R ESL) zoning.

Letter may be viewed here: Applicant's Submittal (PDF, 31.3 KB)

http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/planning/projectssummary/applicant_submittals/ProjInfo_11_AB_2014_2.pdf

On February 21, they requested that SRP install service wire in a trench they will provide and install a new transformer on the pole at 136th & Rio Verde Drive

Dynamite Highlands

Two new permits have been filed for ~3,000 square foot homes near the intersection of 132nd & Quail Track: one NW and one SE

Scottsdale National Golf Club

Many permits for homes and the hotel were filed in late October and early December. Most recent is one in February for 'plumbing'.

Mike will continue to follow several developments planned for the area including Sereno Canyon, HHL Trust with 30 estate homes, and the property at Rio Verde Drive and McDowell Mountain Road at Tonto Verde. Mike will provide instruction on how to find where permits are filed with the County, by parcel number in response to an inquiry during the meeting. Note: *It was later discovered that Bonnie Burke's office subscribes to the software program that can provide this information.*

Trilogy

The developer reached out to RVHA to discuss density swap zoning on two parcels. There is no change in the land size, but there will be an increase of about 100 units. This change is in response to a market need for smaller, part time residences, such as townhomes, rather than single family homes. There was a brief discussion on the Rio Verde Foothills Bulletin Board, correct information was provided and the discussion died out quickly.

Aircraft Noise

The YAM Holding lawsuit is on hold as the area has become more quiet. Brian Schober, president of the Arizona Pilot Association requested a meeting with Terry to "ensure a peaceful relationship remains in place."

NextGen has begun eastern and western departures directly over the Rio Verde Foothills area. The POCCK waypoint directs traffic to this area. Noise complaints continue. Sky Harbor is good about responding. The FAA is not.

Social Committee

Spring Trail Ride & Election/Annual Meeting –April 29

A button will be added to the website to allow payment for guest lunches at this event. RSVPs are requested to plan food. Rental horses are available directly through Lori's business.

St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance- March 17

A total of 55 attendees registered. The food was great and the music was really good. Those attending had a great time. Attendance may have been lower than anticipated due to the St Patrick's Day holiday with other social activities planned.

Archery Demonstration –April 7

The response was low so the event will not go on as planned. Diana is offering lessons to those who expressed an interest.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training – March/April 2018

19 dogs registered for March 24, April 7 is full and April 8 has 3 slots open.

Online Yard Sale

The sale will take place April 21. Carmela will ask Bonnie's staff to help with the map of locations. Information will be provided through email and social media.

Old Business

Newsletter – Terry for Lisa

Terry received two or three possible comments as feedback on the recent newsletter publication. No complaints were received.

Welcome Postcards – Terry

No report – mailing is on a quarterly basis.

Trilogy Meeting – Wild Horses - Terry

A meeting was held on March 9 with Terry representing RVHA, Linda from SWCC, Soleil and Carol from AERO, Amanda at Reigning Grace Ranch and Dawn Houghtaling, Betty Keefe, and John Dixon from Arizona Game and Fish, Jackie Hughes from Arizona Department of Agriculture, and the Captain and fire fighters from our local Rural Metro. A good discussion on education of Trilogy residents, the dangers of feeding wildlife in general, and the horses falling into the wildlife category. Apparently one Trilogy resident was feeding horses to obtain "good photos" and most likely this action contributed to the stallion being hit by a car followed by a long rescue ordeal, which ended in the horse being euthanized. Trilogy will talk to the resident and will educate the community. Soleil explained why the cattle guard approach was unacceptable with photos to illustrate the dangers of horses and cattle guards and the rescues that have been required. The quickest solution seems to be placing shiny metal plates and streamers at the construction entrance to discourage horses entering into this area. When power is available a gate could be installed.

New Business

Cortland's Annual Day in the West – April 28

Terry shared an invitation to the Board of Directors from Cortland for his annual BBQ and cookout at his property. It was suggested that Cortland's property would be a good location for a future family picnic event.

Lifetime Membership

Carmela suggested offering a Lifetime RVHA membership for Jayne Vatcher and her husband in consideration for her decorations and service by her company, Cre8tive Events, at RVHA events. The motion was made and seconded. Approved without discussion. It was suggested a certificate be developed to present to Jayne.

A motion was also made to present Frank Turbin with a Lifetime Membership in RVHA in exchange for his pro bono work on the RVHA website. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Business Card Advertising

Kim will assume responsibility for the business card advertising. Mo will train and assist as needed until Kim is comfortable with the process.

Next Meeting

The next RVHA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2, 6:30pm refreshments, 6:45pm start.

Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m..

Submitted by:

Jenny Powers, Secretary