

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors' Meeting – via Zoom**

January 19, 2021

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Ruth Kaplan, Carmela Lizzo,
Randy Goettsche, Linda Vinson, Lori Bridwell
Absent: None
Committees: Judy Riley, Bookkeeper (by report)
Guest: John , Park West Retail Developer

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the October 6 meeting and the October 20 meeting were approved without changes. The Q&A discussion on water issues in the community was referenced in the October 6 minutes but not summarized. Readers are directed to the Got Water website for detailed information.

Treasurer's Report – Judy

Judy submitted a report via email. A motion and second were made to approve the report as presented. There was a question regarding the origin of funds used in charitable giving by the organization. Funds are available through fund raising efforts such as silent auctions at social events, advertising income and business card ads. Although not normally used, this year the donations will be supplemented somewhat by membership dues due to the lack of social events to generate funds. The charities selected are those voted upon by the membership.

Membership – Mo

No report. Carmela will follow-up with Mo for an update on the current status especially with regard to the half price membership dues offer for 2021. Carmela will obtain a list of members who have not renewed so that those who are known to Board members may be contacted in follow-up. Carmela will also touch base with Mo for a list of new and renewed members to ensure membership cards are sent and will research the welcome message provided, if any. Terry and Carmela will work with Frank to update the officers list on the website and update the contact for "info@RVHA" and for membership information. Also remove Liz's name and reinstate Judy.

Area Awareness – Mike/Carmela

Carmela met with a developer regarding a parcel on 172nd St and Rio Verde Drive, 10 acres being considered for commercial use, i.e., gas station, pharmacy, etc. It is thought this initiative would not have sufficient support due to the seasonal population of Trilogy and the Verde communities. The County referred the developer to RVHA, which is reassuring as the Foothills population is the lowest of affected areas (Trilogy, the Verde communities, Troon, etc.). It is not known if other communities are pushing for commercial development, in which case RVF would be outnumbered.

Water District Status

The petition drive resulted in 170 signatures. There will be a three-to-six-month review before the status of the DWID is known. A copy of the petition has not been made available to RVHA at the time of this meeting.

Text Amendment for Water Trucks

The amendment has been set aside for now. Dynamite Water is resubmitting an SUP and the amendment will be on hold until the SUP is decided.

Social Committee – Carmela

Social activity plans are on hold until September 2021 when COVID status will be revisited.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training for Dogs

Terry will make arrangements with Willow for training in the spring.

Trail Ride

Lori would be willing to arrange a trail ride in March or April at the Arizona Cowboy College facility. Ruth suggested incorporating a tack swap at the ride, parking trucks in the arena for social distancing and ease of shopping. Lori will provide potential dates for this event.

Social Media – Terry

The number of “likes” decreased from 1,148 to 1,136 at the time of this report. Gul was banned from Rio Verde Foothills Bulletin Board for six months. Terry suggested he could place updates on the RVHA Facebook page with a notice to members that in addition to the FAST emergency notifications, additional information is available on the Facebook page. Gul would become an administrator to be able to post. Terry will reach out to Gul to assess interest.

Round-up Newsletter - Linda

Linda called for articles to put together a winter issue of the newsletter. Jenny will provide an update on the Pima/Dynamite construction progress following a Zoom meeting for stewards on the topic later this month.

Roadside Clean-up – Randy

Sabrina, the organizer, is reluctant to proceed while COVID is high risk. Mask compliance is a concern. Carmela will touch base with Sabrina.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie

No report.

Business Card Advertising – Kim

A total of three advertisers were lost recently likely due to reductions in business activity. Ruth will check with a real estate contact to see if her renewal was simply forgotten. Tonto Verde is not open to the public, so advertising is not going forward.

Old Business

None to be addressed.

New Business

Board Member Resignation

It is with sadness that the RVHA Board accepted the resignation of Liz Potoff from her role as a director on the Board. Liz’s husband faces health issues that require significant demands on Liz’s time.

Judy had stepped down as a Board member to accommodate Liz’s addition to the Board. A motion was made to reinstate Judy as a Board member to replace Liz, seconded and passed without discussion.

Bylaws Committee

The Committee will be reinstated in order to revisit the number of BOD members with the suggestion of a change in wording of “up to...” for the number of members. The Board will reactivate the Committee with new participants with a goal of reviewing the Bylaws.

Upcoming Events

There is a Buck Brannaman Clinic February 19-21.

Carmela will reach out to Paul Dietz regarding auditing his upcoming clinic.

Obstacle Clinic at Estrella Mountain Park February 20-21 sponsored by Windrose Ranch.

It was suggested RVHA provide schedule of upcoming horse shows to encourage participation even if spectators are not permitted. Ruth will send a horse show list to Carmela to share with Mo for posting.

Next Meeting

The third Tuesday of each month was decided upon for the meeting schedule. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, followed by Tuesday, March 16. Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

Submitted by: Jenny Powers