

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association  
Board of Directors' Meeting**

**February 17, 2020**

**Attendees:** Terry Stecyk, , Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Randy Goettsche, Lori Bridwell, Carmela Lizzo  
**Absent:** Ann Meyers; Judy Riley – report only  
**Committees:** None other than Board members  
**Guests:** Holly Lasley, Damon Bruns representing Dynamite Water

Meeting called to order at 6:52 p.m.

**Guest Report** – not scheduled

Representatives from Dynamite Water requested time to present a status update on SUP process and parking violations incurred by water trucks and the resulting discussions with representatives of Maricopa County. It was reported that all three primary water hauling companies are in violation of the ordinance regarding parking vehicles of 10,000 pounds or more on residential property and all have signed the same compliance agreement with the County.

Documents were presented to support the proceedings thus far and to provide information on an upcoming stakeholder workshop regarding a text amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance regarding additional parking regulations to permit the parking of water hauling truck accessory to a single family residence in the rural zoning districts under specific conditions. The workshop is scheduled for February 27 at the Maricopa County Planning & Development Department in Phoenix.

Following a lengthy presentation the Board felt the purpose of the information presented was thought to be inflammatory and perhaps misguided and unfairly alarmed large ranch owners with implications of potential impact on ranch equipment parking. A motion was made to either end the discussion or to properly schedule on the Board meeting agenda for continuation at a future meeting. The decision was made to close the discussion, seconded and passed with no opposition.

**Reports:**

**Minutes - Jenny**

Minutes from the January meeting were submitted via email. Motion made to accept minutes with no edits. Seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Judy by report**

The January report was distributed. There were no outstanding issues to discussion. Report was accepted without discussion

**Membership Report – Mo by report**

There are currently 327 members, 28 of those are new for 2020.

**Area Awareness – Mike by report**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Social Media – Terry**

There are 1,146 “likes.”

**Water Update – Carmela**

Task Force has provided no new information.

**Round-up Newsletter - Lisa**

No report.

**Roadside Clean-up – Randy**

Next event date is April 11 at 8am.

**Welcome Committee – Bonnie**

No report.

**Business Card Advertising – Kim**

No report.

**Old Business****Dark Sky Initiative – Ann**

No report.

**Rebranding Initiative - Terry**

There are complications in sending out the survey to the membership to assess opinions of changing the organization name. Jenny will address issues with Mo and resolve. Survey will be fielded soon and results discussed at the next Board meeting.

**Flood Plain**

Randy drafted a comprehensive and excellent summary of the flood plain status and the information was distributed to members through Mo.

**2020 Board of Director Elections**

There was a discussion of providing complimentary membership for past presidents. This change would require a Bylaws amendment. The Annual Meeting of Membership will be held at Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center in conjunction with a member picnic. Carmela will research dates and availability. Board members up for re-election (Terry, Ann, Carmela and Jenny) will receive candidate forms to complete. Suggestions for potential new Board members are welcome.

**Social Committee – Carmela****Spring Event – Dinner Dance – Saturday, March 28**

Terry and Carmela visited the property to assess suitability of Rancho Milagro. Tables and chairs would have to be rented and set up. Band has been arranged. Carmela is researching a new food vendor. Location of the event is still to be determined and a flyer to promote the event will be prepared when details are available.

It was suggested that RVHA take better care of volunteers in key positions at events to compensate for the effort consistently provided.

**New Business****Water Hauling**

Terry shared a copy of a letter received from Brian K. Biesemeyer, Executive Director, Scottsdale Water following a meeting in February 2019 which states that although the City of Scottsdale intends to continue to provide water at the commercial hauling station, the City will evaluate water supplies

annually to determine if this practice will be allowed to continue in the future. Residents of Rio Verde Foothills are encouraged to determine a long-term water supply to meet the community's needs.

Terry also shared the changes requested to the proposed House Bill 2439 regarding the standpipe in the area of Fiesta Ranch as it relates to formation of an improvement district. Questions for clarification were also submitted.

Randy drafted a summary for membership, which will be edited with new or clarified information received from the County on the questions submitted. RVHA will express support of the water hauling companies in general.

#### Tractors/Grading

Terry was contacted privately by a concerned resident and offered support as needed regarding a situation where a neighbor is unhappy with the road maintenance and demanded retribution with threat of legal action due to perceived changes in drainage by road grading efforts. The issue was shared with the Board members via a copy of the transcript of the conversation with the concerned resident. No action will be taken until there is an update from the concerned resident regarding the status of the complaint.

#### **Next Meeting**

March 16 has been schedule via email communication.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers