

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 3, 2019

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Carmela Lizzo, Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Ann Meyers, Mo Wachman; Randy Goettsche

Absent: Lori Bridwell, Judy Riley – report submitted, attendance not required

Committees: None other than BOD members

Guests: Damon Bruns, Dynamite Water
Kevin Dodds, Dynamite Water
Holly Wagner, volunteer with Dynamite Water

Meeting called to order at 6:48 p.m.

Guest Presentation/Discussion

Fire Preparedness –

Representatives from Dynamite Water, a water delivery service provider in the Rio Verde Foothills community, provided a brief water history and background of the company. Dynamite Water representatives wanted the Board and greater community to be aware that the company has Forest Service contracts for the fire season and is prepared with special equipment to target fires as requested in Arizona and New Mexico. The company also provides trailers for fire fighter camps and supports a FEMA team and an Alaska team. The company also provides back-up for commercial and residential water systems for wells.

The company works with Rural Metro and is recognized by ADOT as an emergency service vehicle provider. Previously the arrangement was informal but is now on formal contract for Rural Metro and Rio Verde. The company donated fittings to be compatible and to coordinate annual training for fire fighters. This service is entirely voluntary and no payment is received. There are agreements in place with Morgan Taylor Homes to use available water in construction water tanks in case of emergency and with larger ranches with good wells as a source of emergency water.

Dynamite Water supports Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center and Reigning Grace Ranch and includes links on the website for these organizations as well as RVHA.

Fire tanks are available to residents to pump water from in case of emergency. The company is also exploring providing discounts to members of the military and other opportunities for the community. An option to recycle pool water to remove chemicals without draining the pool is being explored as part of a water conservation effort. The logistics and liability issues that prevent use of private pools as a water sources for firefighting was briefly discussed.

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the March meeting were distributed March 15 via email and no edits were received. Minutes from the April Annual Meeting of Membership were distributed in May. The Board approved both minutes as submitted – motion, second, no discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Judy

The report was distributed to Board members and discussion deferred to the portion of the agenda dealing with the organization budget proposal.

Membership Report - Terry

As of this meeting there are 446 members with 46 new for this year. There are 60 Associate members. The database was submitted to the Board of Directors members as a resource.

Area Awareness – Mike

Mike submitted information that Trilogy is moving on to the next 2 phases of development.

Social Media – Terry

There are 1,138 “likes” up from 1,124 in last report.

Water Update - Carmela

The situation is still in process with the County due to statutes and lack of previous experience with non-contiguous water districts. Carmela will continue to monitor and report.

Emergency Preparedness Safety Fair - Randy

Randy drafted a newsletter article and has provided introductory text for the video to be distributed to members. Carmela will look into arrangements with WestWorld to accommodate horses in the event of an area emergency and evacuation. Carmela will provide Maricopa County government procedure for emergency notification. Ann will research and report on through streets to facilitate evacuation.

Social Committee – Carmela

Carmela provided suggestions for events in the coming season.

- Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center picnic
- Potential equine facility venues being researched
- Dinner/Dance with advance ranch tour at Reigning Grace Ranch as past attendees have expressed an interest in the ranch operations and layout
- Rancho Milagro venue – Terry will research
- 17 Ranch (136th St & Rio Verde Drive)
- Horse first aid clinic – Jenny researching
- Safety on the Trail – adapt Taryl’s presentation from the Arabian Horse Show
- CPR classes
- Pancake Breakfast
- Christmas Lights Tour – December 14, Terry following up on replacement vendor/provider as London Bus no longer available

Round-up Newsletter- Lisa

Lisa requests articles be submitted as soon as possible.

Roadside Clean-up – Randy

It was suggested that the February 2020 date be moved to earlier in the month to avoid conflict with the Arabian Horse Show and Parada del Sol.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie

A quantity of 200 updated postcards have been delivered to Bonnie for the on-going welcome effort in the community.

Business Card Advertising – Kim

Income in 2018 was \$440. 2019 to date is \$500. Kim and Terry will meet with Judy to discuss the program

Old Business

Website Refresh Project

The website is being completely rebuilt and work is in progress. High resolution trail ride photos of the area are needed. Jenny will research availability with Zonies FB page members. Terry will meet with Frank on the pilot page.

FFA Jackets Project – Lori

Seven jackets were awarded for an approximate total of \$425. Lori is to obtain the actual total and where to submit payment. Lori will provide summary of essay contest and results, winning essay and photos of participants and their project animals for the RVHA newsletter.

Technical Large Animal Rescue Training – Terry

The program is offered October 3, 4 or 5 at a cost of \$375 per person. RVHA will sponsor Amanda or Chris from RGR taking one spot and one spot will be offered to a representative from the local Rural Metro Fire station responders. John Kraetz will provide the name of the selected individual. SWCC has signed up their veterinarian. Arrangements are confirmed with Soleil of AERO.

New Business

Budget Proposal Review

Terry provided a detailed worksheet outlining expected expenses and those already approved for 2019. The Board reviewed the worksheet and provided estimates on proposed expenses. A motion was made to approve the proposed budget, seconded and passed with the understanding that adjustments may be necessary. Clarification on advertising income will be provided and Judy will make adjustments based on the previous process. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded and approved without discussion.

Next Meeting

To be determined based on Labor Day holiday schedules.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers