

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

**October 8, 2019**

**Attendees:** Terry Stecyk, Carmela Lizzo, Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Ann Meyers,  
Randy Goettsche, Lori Bridwell

**Absent:** Judy Riley – report submitted, attendance not required

**Committees:** None other than Board members

**Guests:** Holly Wagner, Damon Bruns, John Hornewer

Meeting called to order at 6:54 p.m.

**Presentation/Discussion**

Guest, Holly Wagner explained the petition request and provided copies of documents as background to request RVHA support and to encourage RVHA member support of water hauling companies working in the Rio Verde Foothills area. Holly, Damon and John provided background and historical information leading up to the complaint filing by a local resident with regard to water hauling trucks parked on residential properties. In addition, the guests solicited RVHA support at a Civil Hearing currently scheduled for October 31.

RVHA is neutral on the issue of specific companies and supports the community and residents on the issue of hauled water. The Board understands that the County is willing to work with hauling companies to achieve a mutually favorable solution and the distinction between cottage industry and commercial/industrial complex definitions.

RVHA is open to having a Board of Directors member contact the County for clarification on this issue and obtain more information from the government's perspective. Carmela Lizzo will be the designated contact. RVHA Board agreed to draft a generic letter supporting the hauled water community, in general, following the gathering of more information directly from the County. Carmela will represent RVHA at the Civil Hearing should the meeting go forward. The Board members thanked the guests for sharing their viewpoints and for compiling the information provided. RVHA will continue to closely monitor the situation.

**Reports:**

**Minutes - Jenny**

Minutes from September meeting were distributed via email prior to today's meeting. The Board approved minutes as submitted – motion, second, no discussion.

**Treasurer's Report – Judy**

The report will be distributed via email as there were limited copies printed for the meeting. A motion to approve the report was made and seconded. Approved without discussion.

**Membership Report - Terry**

As of this meeting there are 470 members with 67 new for this year.

**Area Awareness – Mike**

Nothing new to report

**Social Media – Terry**

There are 1,147 "likes" down from 1,149 in last report. There are 1,238 followers on the Facebook page.

## **Water Update - Carmela**

There is no update at this time. The Task Force continues to work on potential solutions.

## **Social Committee – Carmela**

### RVHA Dinner Dance – October 19

Reigning Grace Ranch – tours will be offered prior to dinner (5pm-6pm). Terry and Jenny will manage check in. Carmela will coordinate with Lori on supplies currently available in the storage shed. Ann will provide colored dots for name badges of new members.

### Community Garage Sale – October 12

Date was changed since the last meeting. Bonnie Burke's office is preparing the map. There are 30 locations participating in the event.

### Christmas Lights Tour – December 7

Carmela has made arrangements with Driver Provider tour with previous driver, Ace, requested. Jenny will pick up cookies. Beverages will be on your own. Reservations will be accepted for up to 50 participants.

### Potential Horse Related Activities for 2020

- Equine First Aid  
Tentatively planned for March 2020. Jenny will obtain dates from organization. Suggested locations are 17 Ranch – Carmela will contact, and Silver Spur Ranch - Kim will contact. Jenny will confirm one-day class, and pricing for couples attending together.
- Clinton Anderson Clinic – Kim will research. Location may be 17 Ranch pending the outcome of Carmela's research on the venue.
- Team Sorting – Lori is open to hosting an event but schedule must be arranged around existing commitments.
- Trail Ride – Jenny will consider coordinating a ride with privately owned horses around the holidays. Lori will help coordinate a ride with rental horses in March.

### CPR Classes

Carmela is working with Rural Metro on CPR certification for up to 12 people at the Rural Metro facility.

### Technical Large Animal Rescue Session

Rural Metro declined offer of attendance pass. Solei will reach out to again to Rural Metro and the City of Scottsdale. RVHA will sponsor Amanda from RGR.

### Board and Committee Members Christmas Party – December 15

The party will be held at Mike and Susan's or if not available, at Carmela's.

### ***Round-up Newsletter- Lisa***

Lisa requests articles be submitted as soon as possible for the next issue. Articles planned so far include Cowboy College, Tender Little Hearts - Mini Tales and the dinner dance summary.

### **Roadside Clean-up – Randy**

Next event is October 12. Carmela will reach out to sponsor on details.

### **Welcome Committee – Bonnie**

No report.

## **Old Business**

### ***Website Refresh Project***

The website project is still in process though many pages have been updated. Terry will arrange for Jenny to work directly with Frank on banner to promote current events and information and refresh periodically to keep content new. Suggested banner topics are: Charities, Events, Info/education and News items.

### **FFA Jackets Project – Lori**

Lori reports that the leader was ineffectual and the submissions have been disappointing. There is a new leader now and the group wants to re-do the contest with improved guidance. Lori will confirm if the participants are still involved before awarding jackets if the decision is made to honor the existing contest results. She will coordinate efforts with the new leadership. It was suggested a contest be offered next year.

### **Business Card Advertising – Kim**

One past advertiser did not renew and it was decided not to pursue interest. Kim will reach out to Miller Ranch as their ad expires soon. Lori will develop an ad promoting riding lessons and RVHA will run on a complimentary basis.

### **Tonto National Forest Travel Management Draft Decision – Carmela**

Carmela summarized the staging area on 136<sup>th</sup> Street at the Forest boundary. Camping is now taking place. The Forest Service has hired an intermediary to manage community input.

## **New Business**

Randy will be the designated Flood Plain liaison for RVHA with Maricopa County. Randy will attend meetings and report as information becomes available. The Flood Plain map is updated every five years. tender

Carmela will work with Rural Metro on mapping through streets in our community.

### ***Budget Proposal Review***

Jenny did not receive a response on the cost to upgrade to Microsoft Windows 10 and will pursue with Mo. The budget as outlined was approved with the understanding that adjustments may be necessary throughout the year. Jenny will follow-up to obtain Mo's suggestions.

### ***Rebranding RVHA***

At the last meeting, Board members were asked to consider rebranding RVHA to a name that is more inclusive for the community as a whole and avoid the perception that the organization is only for horse owners. Ways to renew energy and expand our focus will be explored as well as how to engage non-horse people. Jenny submitted a draft outreach on the topic to communicate to members. Pending feedback, there would be a contest for a new logo design.

### **Dark Sky Designation – Ann**

Ann will summarize the purpose for membership in an article for the newsletter on in eblast format to raise awareness of issues and promote education.

### **Next Meeting**

To be determined based on availability and will be held at Kim's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers

