

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

October 20, 2020

Attendees: Terry Stecyk, Jenny Powers, Kim Edwards, Ruth Kaplan, Carmela Lizzo,
Randy Goettsche, Linda Vinson
Absent: Liz Potoff, Lori Bridwell
Committees: Judy Riley, Bookkeeper
Guest: Annie Hodges (deferred to next meeting due to technical issues with Zoom)

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

Reports:

Minutes - Jenny

Minutes from the October 6 meeting are not yet available for review and approval. Deferred to next meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Judy

Judy submitted a revised report via email. A motion and second were made to approve the report as corrected.

Area Awareness – Mike/Carmela

The text amendment regarding the water hauling truck parking was approved by Maricopa County Planning and Zoning and will be addressed at the November 4 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The next step will be to decide on the SUP, variances, etc. to park trucks. The application process is complex and time-consuming.

Social Committee – Carmela

Garage/Yard Sale – October 24 and 25

30 participants, map will be available the Thursday prior to the event.

Additional social activity plans are on hold until January 2021 when COVID status will be revisited.

Round-up Newsletter - Linda

Potentially plan for December issue. Linda has information in mind for an article on rattlesnakes. Rattlesnake Solutions is a good source of information. Membership discounts can be promoted citing Scottsdale Livestock and Karsten's Ace Hardware offers. Ruth will provide a regular article on SW Wildlife Conservation Center. Jenny will provide update on Pima/Dynamite Trailhead construction if available. Randy will provide article on the Roadside Clean-up initiative.

Roadside Clean-up – Randy

The October 17 event had a tremendous turnout including many non RVHA members as a result of posting on Next Door. Schedule going forward is to be determined.

Welcome Committee – Bonnie by report

Terry reported that 43 cards were mailed to new homeowners with only one returned for bad address.

Business Card Advertising – Kim

Report not available.

Old Business

None to be addressed.

New Business

Donation to Assist Water Issues Meeting

RVHA received a request for a donation to support a mailing on DWID information and status. The concern expressed by Board members is that the donation could have a negative impact on the neutrality of RVHA in what is becoming a contentious issue in the community. Instead it was felt a better spend would be to support a panel of experts providing factual information for the benefit of the community as area interest. The panel would focus on the current situation, future expectations, and the three factions in discussion 1) formation of a DWID, 2) formation of a Co-op (regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission, expensive to form, complex, water cannot be sold to non-members), 3) opposition to the DWID without any plan for water resources going forward.

The Board supports the meeting infrastructure set-up to promote information to the community. A motion was made to contribute \$1000 to this effort should such a meeting take place. Seconded with no discussion, passed with no opposition.

Membership Fees

Following several email discussions the Board agreed to offer half price membership to all renewals and new members for 2021 to offset the lack of social events due to COVID-19 restrictions. A motion was made to approve the offer, seconded and passed. Correspondence to promote the offer will be prepared and emailed. Terry and Mo will research how many lifetime members there are and provide a Scottsdale Livestock gift card as consideration for half price offer.

General Membership Meeting

The Board discussed offering a General Membership meeting via Zoom to provide introduction of Board of Directors members and the Annual Report. Participants would be muted, and questions addressed by Chat feature.

The Board Officers were determined by volunteering:

- Secretary – Jenny
- President – Carmela

Judy will assume the duties of Treasurer and act as bookkeeper but not hold an official Board position. Vice President role is open and volunteers and/or nominations will be sought at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The date will be determined, and Board members notified.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers