

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**October 28, 2025**

**Attendees:** Jenny Powers, Terry Stecyk, Kim Nordquist, Mike Miola, Deb Catone, Lori Bridwell, Mike Peterson

**Absent:** Cody Reim (joined via telephone late)

**Guests:** None

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 p.m.

**Reports:**

**Minutes - Jenny**

Minutes were distributed via email in June and approved via email. Jenny sent the file to Frank to post.

**Treasurer's Report – Mike P.**

The Treasurer's Report for August was prepared by Zondra. Mike P. noted he does not have Quick Books, which Zondra used to prepare the reports but said Zondra was willing to continue with reports. It was suggested that Quicken is a less complex and expensive alternative that is suitable for our needs. A motion was made to approve the purchase of Quicken for Mike P. to use in his role as Treasurer and seconded. Mike P. may purchase and install at his convenience and reimburse himself when the transition of banking tasks is complete.

**Area Awareness – no report**

**Social Media – no report**

**Water – EPCOR Standpipe**

The water board on which Mike M. is a member expires at the end of December 2025. There has been no update from EPCOR at this time. Mike M. will continue to pursue information and will reach out to the Scottsdale mayor for an update. Cody will reach out to the County regarding installation of the water main on 176<sup>th</sup> Street in an effort to determine status, who is paying, and if deadline will be met.

**Newsletter & Eblasts – Kim**

Eblasts will be sent to "save the date" for upcoming social events sponsored by RVHA as discussed in this meeting. Additional eblasts will be sent to promote the events as appropriate. Advertisers will now be promoted on the website and in eblasts. It was recommended advertisers be given three complimentary months due to lack of eblast presence in the last several months. Kim will work with Lori and adjust advertiser time as appropriate.

**Eblast topic suggestions:**

EPCOR update/lottery outcome/status (when available)

McDowell Sonoran Preserve – status on Salt River Wild Horses (see statement in minutes below)

Election nominations

Rural Metro incident reports – keep Rural Metro visible

**Membership –Jenny**

Membership Works reports 457 paid accounts. Mike P. has graciously taken over the Post Office box pick up duty and will handle check processing directly so Jenny has given him the key to the box and will step out of the process. There has been no updates to Membership Works on accounts, likely the result of the financial updates being in transition. Kim, Jenny and Mike P. will arrange to meet with Zondra to gain a better understanding of her method in keeping Membership Works database current regarding new and renewed payments.

Kim changed the administration password for Membership Works due to difficulty logging in recently. Deb was asked to submit her photo for the website to Kim and Kim will send to Frank.

## **Welcome Committee – Veronica – no report**

### **Roadside Clean-up**

Terry reported that all requirements are current regarding the Scottsdale and County signage for roadside clean-up recognition. The problems stemmed from a lack of reporting, which led to a lapse in RVHA recognition on signage. Terry will forward contact information to Kim to maintain reporting status. Jenny will contact Sabrina to arrange pick up of supplies, which Mike P. offered to pick up. Terry will also send Mike P. contacts.

The tentative next date is November 22 in coordination with donation collection for Foothills Food Bank and Toys for Tots. We will also coordinate with Cody to expand the reach of the roadside clean-up effort. A new lead for this committee will be assigned, and Kim will be heading up the effort in the interim. It was suggested the clean-up be staged at Rural Metro with a pizza party afterward. Terry will reach out to potential sponsors.

### **Advertising – Lori**

Lori reported three new advertisers on board. She is working with Kim to coordinate additions and obtain necessary materials to promote the advertisers. Kim is working with Frank on communication issues when an advertiser registers on the website. Currently there is no mechanism to inform anyone when this takes place.

### **Social Events**

#### **Holiday Trail Ride – Kim**

Tentative dates are December 6 or 7. Kim will discuss potential for rental horses with Lori. Kim will organize the event. Locations discussed were Tonto National Forest (144<sup>th</sup> St) (concern about off road vehicles); Granite Mountain trail head in the Preserve (Jenny will research requirements if any for site with Preserve staff); Silver Spurs (access to McDowell Mountain Park).

#### **Barn Dance**

Suggested venue is Rural Metro, Silver Spurs or Janie Vacher's ranch this spring. Deb will contact Rural Metro. Tentative date March 14.

#### **Desert Gardening**

Mike P. has a contact and will research and provide information to the Board.

#### **Rattlesnake Avoidance Training**

Terry will coordinate. Dates are March 21-22.

#### **Clinton Anderson Clinic**

At Silver Spurs – Mike M. has contact.

#### **RVHA Garage Sale**

Kim will send eblast to recruit participants for November 15 date. Will work with Veronica on map. Jenny will assist Kim with locating signs.

### **Old Business**

#### **FAST Alert – Terry**

Terry reported that Gul is still working on this project

### **Board Members**

The Board members contact list will be updated with Mike P.'s new email address and distributed.

## **New Business**

### **Election**

The nomination form submitted after the deadline for the last election is no longer active.

The Board discussed the upcoming 2026 election. A recap of Board member status is attached for reference. Terry has text for eblast and will update the nomination form for Kim to send in eblast. Also include article in newsletter.

### **Bylaws Update**

It was suggested the Bylaws include standard instruction regarding the distribution of assets should the organization disband. Jenny will research the appropriate wording for a c7 non-profit and provide text for review. It is understood that the c7 status provides for distribution of assets to members in the event of dissolution of the organization.

### **Salt River Wild Horse Management – McDowell Sonoran Preserve**

The McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission recommends to the City of Scottsdale Council that it not entertain consideration of the proposal to relocate horses from Salt River Wild Horse Management into the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. In addition, the Commission concludes that any requests to provide funding, conduct studies or utilize staff resources to further this proposal are unwarranted.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, November 22 at 5:45 p.m. – Silver Spurs location

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenny Powers