

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association 2023 Annual Membership Meeting

May 13, 2023

Board Member Attendees: Jenny Powers, Carmela Lizzo, Terry Stecyk, Mike Miola, Zondra Poteste
Board Members Absent: Linda Vinson, Lori Bridwell, Veruschka Schneider

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Introduction – Carmela,

Carmela introduced the meeting, thanked Rural Metro for hosting and preparing the pancake breakfast and explained the benefit that subscriptions to Rural Metro provide to our community in terms of increased safety for fire protection, medical emergencies, and funding for equipment for the fire station and staffing. Carmela thanked Dynamite Water and Rio Verde Water for supplying water for fire fighting in the past and expressed appreciation for continuing to do so.

Reports:

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association - Carmela

Carmela read the RVHA Mission Statement and overview of the organization and spoke about RVHA's commitment to area awareness and to ensuring members have the information they need to make decisions on actions affecting our community. In addition to community education, Carmela also touched on the social events, clinics, having a voice with Maricopa County government, and emergency information provided by the FAST Alert system, which is available to members and non-members and has over 1,000 telephone numbers on file. Carmela made copies of the RVHA year-end financial information available to anyone interested in having a copy.

Rural Metro – Shawn Gilliland

Shawn Gilliland, Rural Metro Public Information Officer, shared information on how Rural Metro can assist in protecting properties especially during fire season. Also new this year is Rural Metro's initiative called Community Connect to assist with properties in the event of an emergency. Rural Metro provided information and reference cards on the Community Connect initiative at their booth.

Dynamite Water – Damon Bruns

Damon provided information on Dynamite Water's contract with Rural Metro to assist in responding to fire emergencies, noting that additional water, if needed, can be obtained locally from Global Water. Dynamite Water also provides assistance to the National Forest Service through contracts both locally and nationwide. Damon briefly touched on a wildfire protection subscription plan to be offered by Dynamite Water that does not compete with Rural Metro but can supplement fire protection. Interested individuals may contact Dynamite Water for details.

Arizona Foothills 911 – Sunny Parker

Sunny explained the Whistle Initiative project currently underway in memory of hikers whose lives were lost last year while hiking in the Spur Cross Conservation Area in Cave Creek. Information on search and rescue efforts and a supply of whistles were made available at the Arizona Foothills 911 booth at this event.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59a.m.