

# Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

## Board of Directors' Meeting

**April 3, 2013**

**Attendees:** Mo Wachman, Terry Stecyk, Lori Bridwell, Ray Wallage, Dan Cohorst, Claudia Jordan, Marjorie Porter, Jenny Powers

**Committees:** Carmela Lizzo

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the March 6 meeting were distributed in advance by email. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the March 6 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were accepted without comment.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report distributed via email prior to the meeting because Judy was unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made to accept the emailed report and was seconded and passed without comment.

### **Membership Report**

There are currently 531 members. An additional 18 members have joined since the March report. Of the total 476 are renewals, 55 are new for 2013.

### **Social Committee**

#### **Swap Meet**

The March Swap Meet was a very successful event with lots of positive feedback. Signage could have been larger but overall there was a good turnout and everyone had fun. Next year it is suggested we have Porta Potties. Also suggested was that RVHA sell bottled water to fund raise – ie., Lori's children's riding group could sell bottled water at a table. Because there is Trust Land between Greasewood Flat and Reata Pass we were not supposed to cross it and there was confusion about access to the Greasewood property for use of restrooms and lunch. There seems to be lack of clarity on this issue because State Trust Land is generally open to the public. This situation will be researched before the next event.

**April 20** -- The Patterson Ranch ACTHA Ride is April 20 in lieu of the Bumble Bee Ranch event, which was cancelled.

**April 28** -- Trail Ride at Tom's Thumb.

**May 11 or 18** – tentative dinner dance. RVHA will subsidize the cost for members. Carmela will check venue availability and band availability.

**June 8** -- Burger Night at Greasewood Flat.

### **Facebook Report**

132 likes. Not much activity due to no events and photographs to post. Swap Meet photos will be posted soon.

### **Welcome Committee**

Claudia had a booth at Festival of the West. She handed out 30 newsletters to interested people. Claudia reported lots of interest in the Rio Verde area.

### ***Old Business***

#### **RVHA Anniversary**

October dates at Box Bar are being considered for afternoon and evening. Children's activities and games will be included. We will have a historian and RVHA can pay speaker's fee. Suggestions include: singing cowboy, radio station remote, hay ride, ponies, dog agility (Theresa), Box Bar Ranch history, old photos from RVHA as a loop on a screen as PowerPoint presentation. Suggested announcement to members to send a short story or comment about what RVHA means to you (Jenny to write for next newsletter or an email message). Claudia suggested a display of landmarks of the area. It was suggested that a dedicated RVHA email address be created for the submission of materials solicited from members so that all submissions are captured in one place. Having a Facebook posting was suggested. Terry, Dan and Claudia will be in charge of photo screening and sorting and need jpg or pdf format to use for this purpose. Carmela will collect some event photos and scan for Terry.

#### **Annie Hodgkins**

Did not submit proposal as discussed in the last meeting.

#### **Election**

Mo recommends using Election Buddy and will start sending ballots with codes on April 5. Ballots will be open to April 10. Use of special key code to obtain a ballot promotes security. For the first time there are more candidates than openings. Lunch is 11:30am on April 20 at Greasewood.

A review of the Bylaws was done during preparation for the election and there have been some glitches discovered in the process. Shared email addresses presented an election problem but there is now a process in place to allow voting to proceed. Paper ballots have been ordered for the four members who do not have email. Bylaws also state that nominations can come from the floor so extra ballots will be available on election day.

#### **Snake training**

Dates are full for Terry's training and for Lori's facility dates are also filled with some retesting slots available. Jim will provide story information that Terry will submit. Terry is going to submit a story from her site for the upcoming newsletter.

## ***New Business***

### **Donation Request**

A request for donation was received from Ed O'Brien for the Scottsdale Community College for a scholarship for the equine science program. A motion for donation of \$200 was made and seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

### **Roadside Clean-up, Food Drive -- April 20**

Terry will write up Food Bank information with timeframe for announcements to membership.

### **Schedule for Donations**

Guidelines are in place for donation consideration. The schedule includes "spring" donations that need to be approved at this meeting. 4-H is no longer on the list. There will be another donation series made in the fall. The following list was compiled by the Board members for 2013 consideration on the annual schedule. Additional requests for donations will be considered on an as needed basis.

VerdeCares – annual review

Foothills Food Bank – annual review

Fedwell Farms – check relocation – annual review

AZ Equine – annual review

Horses Help – annual review

Four Peaks Animal Rescue – annual review

Reigning Grace – annual review

Camelot – annual review

SW Wildlife – one time donation in 2012 – not members

A motion was made to review the listed charities on an annual donation basis for all except SW Wildlife. Motion seconded and passed without opposition.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:35pm.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 1 at Arizona Cowboy College. 6:30pm refreshments and social; 7:00pm meeting begins. This will be the first meeting of the Board following the election April 20.