

**Rio Verde Horsemen's Association**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**May 1, 2013**

**Attendees:** Mo Wachman, Marjorie Porter, Claudia Jordan, Jenny Powers, Judy Riley, Dan Cohorst, Terry Stecyk, Carmela Lizzo  
**Absent:** Lori Bridwell  
**Committees:** None other than Board members  
**Guest:** Marlene Kinsella

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Election of Officers**

Nominations: President – Mo Wachman  
Vice President – Marjorie Porter  
Secretary – Jenny Powers  
Treasurer – Judy Riley

For each nomination a motion was made to accept, motion seconded, approved without comment. The Board of Directors' Officers are elected as listed above.

**Minutes**

A correction was made to the April minutes to correct the spelling of Annie's last name to Hodgkins. Minutes on file will be updated but not redistributed. Motion to approve with correction, seconded. Minutes approved with correction.

**Treasurers Report**

The report distributed in the meeting is current except that the statement has not yet been balanced. The largest upcoming expense is the September anniversary celebration. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded. Passed without comment.

**Membership Report**

As of today there are 545 total members. This is an increase of 14 since April. There are 57 new members for 2013.

The election results were discussed and are on the website. Board members are reminded to update their Board email address list to delete Ray and add Carmela.

Mo reported that the online voting process was a success. However, it was a time-consuming ~~to~~ process to reach out to members who share an email addresses (approximately 80 members). Mo had to add

key codes to each link. Mo doesn't think this is a concern for the future as it is now understood and time can be budgeted for the process.

### **Social Committee - Carmela**

*Burger Nite*: June 22 at Greasewood Flat, \$10 per member includes dessert that will be brought in. A choice of chicken or veggie burger will also be offered.

*Dinner Dance*: after expressing interest initially, the owners of the proposed venue have not returned calls, voice mail box full. The Board decided to pass on this event for now due to other commitments.

*Trail Ride*: Tom's Thumb Trailhead was a beautiful ride, but had a low turnout (about 8 riders). Flyers might help make it more official and increase turnout. Fall plans include Brown's Ranch Trailhead, Camp Creek and Granite Mountain Trailhead. Camp Creek would be limited due to trailer parking and level of ability required.

It was suggested that RVHA sponsor an activity such as a horse clinic featuring a representative from the project on 100 Mustangs; 100 trainers; 100 days. An additional clinic suggestion was for ACTHA – to introduce the competitive trail experience and practice with obstacles likely encountered on the courses.

### **Facebook – Terry**

There are currently 138 likes on the Facebook page. Nothing new to report. Terry continues cross posting with Facebook and member email system for important notices, lost pets, etc.

### **Old Business**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – September 2013**

- Jenny will write a request for *Round-up* asking members to submit stories about what Rio Verde means to them. Jenny will compile and edit stories submitted for the Board to determine best use. Perhaps as teasers as the event gets closer, collection of stories available as handout at event, etc.
- [Anniversary@rvha.us](mailto:Anniversary@rvha.us) dedicated email for submitting material (Mo will verify)
- Create slide show and a board of photos (could be used for other events) – Dan and Claudia
- Logo submissions – none so far but ideas are being worked on; would increasing the amount of prize promote entries?
- Each Board member is encouraged to submit anniversary celebration ideas to all Board members to share

### **Bylaws Report – Marjorie**

Marlene will join the committee and Ray will stay on the committee. Marjorie has made notes of the areas needing further revision and clarification. Once a draft of the revisions is compiled, the Board will review in detail. Suggestions are welcome and Board members are encouraged to read the bylaws. Changes are being planned for the election process such as nominations from the floor and a cutoff date on voting process. It was recommended to wait at least another year before presenting to membership.

### **Donation Guidelines Update**

Revised number 10 – clarified to bi-annually instead of designating spring and fall. On-going approved charities are reviewed at least once a year. Others are one-time donations. Amounts need to be approved upon each review. Motion to accept donation guidelines, seconded, and approved without comment.

### **New Business**

*Social Calendar:* it was suggested we create social schedule for events to occur through the rest of the year. Suggest scheduling the rest of the year at the June meeting avoiding holidays. Trail rides will be planned for every month during cooler weather.

*Gift for Ray* – Mo suggested honoring Ray's service since 2008. Mo and Marjorie decided on a crystal paperweight inscribed with the RVHA logo. The Board agreed to have a special presentation of appreciation and recognition at the next Board meeting in June. A motion was made to hold the meeting at Rosati's and invite Ray for presentation, motion was seconded and passed. Carmela will call Rosati's to arrange. Motion to have a closed meeting June 5, seconded and passed.

### **For the Good of the Association**

A carelessly tossed cigarette started a brush fire near cutting arena at Alan Burgess's ranch. Rural Metro was called.

Rural Metro is hosting a pancake breakfast at the fire station to promote the new location. Response has been favorable to the location. Rural Metro asks that property owners display the street address so that it is clearly visible from street. Carmela offered to write a newsletter article on how to identify property and how to help responders find a property. Carmela will include information on fire season dangers, the new fire station in the area, suggestions for fire safety, etc.

**Motion to adjourn:** 8:45pm

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, June 5 at Rosati's. 6:30pm refreshments and social; 7:00pm meeting begins. Special recognition of Ray's contribution to the Board.