

# Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

## Board of Directors' Meeting

May 7, 2014

**Attendees:** Mo Wachman, Terry Stecyk, Marjorie Porter, Jenny Powers, Claudia Jordan, Judy Riley, Lori Bridwell, Jean Anderson, Carmela Lizzo

**Absent:** None

**Committee:** Annie Hodgkins (Water/Aquifer Committee)

**Guests:** Randy Goettsche, Ferrell Anderson, Annie Hodgkins

### **Nomination and Election of Officers**

The Board members made nominations, seconded, and elected the following slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year:

President – Mo Wachman

Vice President – Marjorie Porter

Treasurer – Judy Riley

Secretary – Jenny Powers

### **Reports**

#### **Minutes – Jenny**

The minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting were previously distributed via email with one minor correction noted. Jenny noted that the Election Day event is listed as April 24 and April 26 is the correct date. A motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded without discussion. Marjorie has a copy for the website posting.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Judy**

The report was distributed by email. Judy advised waiting until close to the end of the year to make the second set of charitable donations for 2014 to ensure funds are available. When the announcement is made to the membership regarding the election of officers there will be a reference included that the year-end Treasurer's report will be available by email upon request. Judy will send a PDF version to Mo and Marjorie to respond to requests. As of May 7 the following balances were reported in the accounts:

Checking	\$3,570.01
PayPal	4,462.97
Petty cash	215.84
Savings	<u>993.42</u>
	\$9,242.24

A motion was made to accept May report, seconded. Motion passed.

### **Membership Report - Mo**

As of May 7 there are 602 total members for 2014. There are 63 new members for 2014. Since the last meeting there have been 19 renewals and 13 new memberships.

### **Social Committee – Carmela**

- **Burger Nite – June 7 – Greasewood Flat**

Carmela will check with Greasewood to reserve this date. The alternative is June 14. Carmela will finalize plans and Mo will create and distribute the flyer.

### **Facebook Report - Terry**

Terry reports that there are 251 likes.

### **Old Business**

#### **Welcome Committee - Claudia**

Claudia is working on the design and is not happy with the layout. She obtained a quote from the printer and it was recommended that for the slight cost difference the cards be designed to allow full color with bleed. A higher quantity can be printed and some will not have the “welcome” message so that the cards may be used by Board members for thank you notes or donation notices, etc. It was suggested that the printer be asked to provide design assistance, which will help maintain continuity with the newsletter design. Claudia will re-bid with three options including spelling out RVHA. Email address should be added to the back of the card with contact information. Suggested copy edit to “...over 600” and reference “members” instead of “residents.”

#### **Water/Aquifer Committee – Annie Hodgkins reporting**

Annie distributed a draft copy of the overview of the committee and a suggested survey. The survey is to be used to obtain information from the community to establish a baseline of information to which future changes may be compared.

There was a discussion of well share situations so that the survey descriptions are more accurate, i.e., 900 wells does not equate to one household per well. The question was raised if a dried-up well is reported, how would it be known who/which well is being discussed? It was suggested that the survey ask: Is the well shared? Is the well on your (respondent's) property? And allow for exceptions to be noted in a comment box.

There was a brief discussion of well adjudication and the ADWR database shortfalls. The Committee targets June for distribution of the survey and will begin with RVHA membership list.

#### **Area Plan Committee Update – Marjorie reporting**

There have been two meetings of the full committee. There are nine members currently and each member has been assigned a topic to research. Nancy will edit to ensure continuity when the reports are compiled.

The committee is sharing articles and the plans from other similar communities to see what can be added to the current plan. The goal is to submit recommendations to the County in early 2015.

Terry mentioned Don would be interested in participation and Randy also volunteered. The next meeting is Saturday, June 7 at 10:00am at Carol Shuler's home. Mo will let Carol know that additional volunteers may be attending to determine their level of interest in participation.

### **New Business**

#### **Roadside Clean-up Committee**

John and Cindy Shy have moved out of the area. Three members have volunteered to take over responsibility for the roadside clean-up events. Sabrina Nelson and Randy and Lisa Goettsche. The new committee will determine the schedule. Mo invited a committee member to the June Board of Directors meeting to present the plan for this committee.

#### **RVHA Promotional Items**

We are running out of the current supplies of promotional items. Mo asked for suggestions for future planning and the following ideas were presented:

- Denim shirt – difficult to stock sizes without pre-order
- Ball cap
- Coffee mug of substantial size
- Travel mug – cold/hot and freeze/microwave – Carmela will provide information to Mo
- Canvas canteen
- Saddle bag – Lori will provide catalog to Mo
- Survival bracelet
- Engraved flash drive
- Water bottle holder for saddles
- Polar fleece vest
- Camp stool
- Logo decal for window
- Belt buckle – limited availability
- Bridle tag, halter plate, saddle plate, dog ID tag

Jenny will contact Clell Usher for price on moderately priced belt buckle design for RVHA.

### **McDowell Sonoran Preserve Proposed Step-overs**

Photos were distributed of the proposed designs (prototypes in place) for entrances to the Preserve in an effort to keep out off-road vehicles. It was felt that the current designs are too dangerous if the horse becomes frightened and negotiation near road traffic could be hazardous. It was suggested that strongly worded signage be placed at every access point with a telephone number to report violations and a warning regarding the potential of arrest and fines. It was also suggested that a reward for information leading to an arrest be offered. The signs should serve as an intimidation factor to deter unlawful use of the Preserve. A separate RVHA position statement will be sent for approval of the Board members and then submitted to Scott Hamilton per his request for input.

### **Barb's Trail Update**

Carmela reported that the naming of the trail was approved at the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Conservancy meeting last month and will go to Scottsdale City Council for approval in June.

### **Road Erosion**

Randy questioned responsibility for maintenance of 152<sup>nd</sup> Street north of Lorill Equestrian Center where erosion has caused extensive damage to the road. Lori will ask the property owner adjacent to the damaged area if any improvement is planned.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 p.m. and seconded.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, June 4. Social at 6:30pm and meeting begins at 7:00pm. The location will be Bridwell Equestrian Center/Arizona Cowboy College unless otherwise noted.

June – Claudia

Submitted by  
Jenny Powers, Secretary