

Rio Verde Horsemen's Association

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 6, 2015

Attendees: Mo Wachman, Terry Stecyk, Marjorie Porter, Lori Bridwell, Jean Anderson, Carmela Lizzo

Absent: Jenny Powers, Judy Riley, Claudia Jordan

Guests: None

Nomination and Election of Officers

The Board members made nominations, seconded, and elected the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year:

President – Mo Wachman

Vice President – Marjorie Porter

Treasurer – Judy Riley

Secretary – Jenny Powers

Reports

Minutes – Jenny (Marjorie reporting)

The minutes from the April meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting and there were two minor edits to spelling. The corrections have been made and Marjorie will update a copy for the website. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded, passed without comment.

Treasurer's Report – Judy (Mo reporting)

The April report was distributed to the Board members including the current Balance Sheet. The report does not include a payment to Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center which was made in early May. A motion to accept the report was made and seconded and there were no additional questions or comments.

Membership Report - Mo

As of this date there are 585 members. Of those, 67 are new for 2015.

Facebook Report - Terry

There are currently 492 "likes" on the site, which is an increase of 22 from the last report. Terry reported that non-members of RVHA are also on the site.

Old Business

Social Committee – Carmela

- **Pancake Breakfast** - Carmela reported that the pancake breakfast is on hold as the Rural Metro vehicle used for serving meals is disabled and is in need of repairs.

- **Cave Creek Outfitters** – Carmela does not know if Claudia has introduced herself on behalf of the RVHA to the new management at Cave Creek Outfitters. Carmela will make an attempt to meet the new managers. Carmela has been informed that the new owners are making changes to the ranch but that the cookouts are to remain the same as provided by the previous owners.
- **Lorill Equestrian Center/Arizona Cowboy College** – Lori has offered to hold future RVHA events at her facility.
- **Chili Cook-Off** – Mo will send an email to the membership requesting feedback and initial replies for a chili cook-off in October.
- **Holiday Bazaar** – A tentative date of December 5, 2015, was set for a holiday bazaar.
- **End of Summer Potluck** – Saturday, September 19, 2015, was set as an “End of Summer Potluck Reception” which will be held from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The event will be BYOB and members will be asked to bring an appetizer to share. A venue has not yet been determined.

Membership Survey – Jenny (Mo reporting)

Jenny and Marjorie will meet to coordinate efforts to compile the open-ended questions from the survey. Jenny expressed in an email to Mo that the survey confirms that the members wish to continue to receive information so that they can make their own decisions on such matters as the air traffic noise (see, report below).

Trail Ride Committee – Terry

- **Trail Ride – April 12**
Terry reported that the trail ride out of Arizona Cowboy College was a huge success. Elaine led the ride of 40 participants of which 14 of the horses were rented out by Lori. The ride was followed by lunch in Lori’s courtyard.

Snake Training – Terry

Twenty-two dogs participated in the snake training class presented by Willow Raven. Terry is already receiving requests for the next training session.

Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center Tour – Terry

Terry reported that 15 members attended the tour at SWCC. It was a wonderful event in which the attendees donated a variety of items to the center. The RVHA made a donation of 10 Skippy Peanut Butter jars. Terry will prepare an article detailing the tour for the June newsletter.

Promotional Items - Jean

Jean reported that one decal has been sold since the last meeting. She will continue to take decals to RVHA events.

Area Plan – Jean

Jean asked for an update on the Area Plan committee chaired by Carol Shuler. Marjorie reported that the committee has not met since September 2014. Jean will request that Carol attend the next board meeting to make a status report.

New Business**Toad Avoidance Training - Terry**

Terry is organizing sessions for June 6, 7 and 8. To date 6 dogs are signed up for the training which will be held at Shadow Hill Ranch.

Terry has also received requests for tortoise training. She will make an inquiry to Web Parton.

Air Traffic Noise/Flight Paths – Terry

Terry reported that the recent change in flight paths for air traffic has produced excessive noise in the area of 136th Street north of Rio Verde Drive. Flights start as early as 5:00 am and produce enough noise that closed windows are no help. Terry will draft an email detailing information for those members who wish to oppose the new aircraft flight patterns.

Recognition of Mo's Service

Mo was recognized by the members of the board of directors for her exemplary service to the RVHA for the past year.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, June 3. Social at 6:30 pm and meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The location will be Bridwell Equestrian Center/Arizona Cowboy College unless otherwise noted. Refreshments will be provided by Claudia.

Submitted by,
Marjorie Porter