

## OHA Board Meeting -- February 10, 2015

location: Sally's house

attending: Sara, Kirsten, Sally, Suzette, Lisa

visiting: Heather P. with Ellen Daily

MEMBER NOTICE: Vaccination clinics in March. All horses must receive spring vaccinations, documented by participation in one of the following clinics:

3/7 -- Dr. O'Brien, begins @ 12:30 (coordinated by Allison B.)

3/14 -- Dr. Hansen, begins @ 10:30 (coordinated by Linda)

3/21 -- Dr. Alpern, begins @9:30 (coordinated by Cheryl)

3/28 -- Dr. Parker, begins @10:00 (coordinated by Kim)

MEMBER NOTICE: The Board has voted to amend Rule VII-A (OHA Rules page 5) to allow associates to do up to 50% of their sponsor's feedings -- see Herd Feeding Guidelines below. The 30-day member comment period for this rule revision concludes Friday, April 3, 2015. Please submit your questions/comments to [board@orindahorsemen.org](mailto:board@orindahorsemen.org) by that date.

- **Approve minutes** -- January 2015 meeting minutes approved.
- **Approve Agenda** -- Agenda approved with the following changes:
  - a. Treasurer Report postponed to March (Eddie not in attendance)
  - b. Guidelines for Probationary Members (under Old Business) postponed to March when Elise can attend.
  - c. Board decision-making process added to Future Agenda items.
- **EBMUD Report: AGP Annual Grazing Plan** -- EBMUD formally approved OHA's proposal, now in effect (available on website <http://www.orindahorsemen.org/node/22> )
- **Membership report: Review of proprietary membership probation period for Alix**
  - a. Alix requested a 2 month extension of the existing extension (original probation period ended Aug 5, 2014, was extended to Jan. 31, 2015)
  - b. Board discussed both probation and extension, but was unable to reach consensus due to lack of quorum
  - c. Alix will be notified and invited to the next Brd meeting
- **Grid plan review** -- all OK

### Old Business

- **Assoc Member/sponsor interview** -- Ellen Daily
  - a. Sponsored by Heather, Ellen will be riding Wally. Vote = Unanimous approval.
- **Review 3 Subcommittee Reports** - committees have met, preliminary reports submitted
  - a. Daily Herd Checks -- Suzette to compile pros/cons for March Brd meeting
  - b. Remote Voting -- discussed briefly but no decision, Sara requested add'l feasibility analysis to accompany pros&cons report, present at March meeting
  - c. Pond Fencing -- report briefly discussed but no resolution
- **Herd Feeding Guidelines**
  - a. new *probationary* member must be "trained" by feeding at least once with 2 full members (e.g., 3 people feed) before taking on their assigned feedings. New member to receive 1 work hour for participating in feeding training.

b. A Proprietary membership must complete at least 50% of their assigned feedings each season. This is a revision of Rule VII-A, which states:

VII) FEEDING A) Each Proprietary Membership (individual or family) must participate in the supplementary feedings of the herd.

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c. An associate member may feed on behalf of a proprietary member, however, assoc. member must be "trained" by feeding at least once with 2 full members (e.g., 3 people feed) before taking on any assigned feedings.

i) NO work hours will be granted to assoc. for participating in feeding training OR for feeding on behalf of the Proprietary Member with whom they are associated (see OHA Rule C-3-c on page 5).

ii) an assoc. may claim 45 min of work if they feed on behalf of a prop. member who is not their sponsor, so long as there is no other prop. member available and prop. member pays \$10 fee for missed feeding.

- **Trailer Parking** -- The Board voted at the December 2014 meeting to uphold and reaffirm the OHA rule stating: "Horse trailers may not be parked at the pasture for more than 5 consecutive days," the purpose of which is to prevent long term parking of trailers at OHA and keep down the number of trailers parked at any given time.

A trailer may be parked at OHA before and after transport (to load and unload, to fetch and return a horse) and not be counted as being on pasture for that day. But a trailer that is parked at OHA and removed only for a ride or other short occasion is counted "on the pasture for that day."

However, to facilitate a members' frequent use of a trailer for lessons, training, or medical needs, a member may seek -- and the board president may approve -- an exception for a specified and limited time. Frequent use shall mean at least 2X a week. Permission must be received in advance and please limit your stays to minimize the number of trailers parked on the pasture.

#### New Business

Hay Watch and Pasture manager's responsibilities -- tabled until March meeting

#### Future Agenda Items

Spring General Meeting -- Allison to post a Doodle to pick a date

Bi-annual work hour reporting

chainsaw protocol

board decision-making process

Next meeting: March 10, 7:00 at Sally's house.