

**Orinda Horsemen's Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 20, 2023**  
**6:30 -8:00 pm via Zoom**

In attendance: Michael Bowen, Tanya Ericson, Linnea Wren, Heather McHugh, Alix Quay, Erica Braun, Mark Tompkins

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm

1. Adoption of Agenda – Adopted with the following modifications:
  - a. Defer item 5 – OHA Business and Upkeep Processes
  - b. Add Worming Protocol from Allison Bloodworth
2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Adopted
3. Consent Calendar – No items
4. Member Comment
  - a. No non-Board members in attendance wanted to make comments.
5. OHA Business and Upkeep Processes - *Deferred*
  - a. LW Collaboration - Practices and Mandates
    - i. Vendor and Service accts
      1. Defining the challenge
      2. Potential solutions
    - ii. Operational Files
      1. Defining the challenge
      2. Potential solutions
6. Planning Grid
  - a. Status
    - i. May
      1. Begin hay order – See below.
      2. Mow hemlock – Hemlock mowing has occurred this month (June)
      3. Review AGP projects – AGP has not yet been approved by EBMUD.
      4. Fuel reduction to meet county weed abatement deadline of 6/1 – A big shout out to those who “chipped in” (pun intended) for clearing brush around the pavilion for fire hazard reduction.

ii. June

1. Begin hay order
  - a. Doug has reached out to hay suppliers. Scarpete will charge \$37.50/bale, delivered. Oregon suppliers cannot quote prices yet as they haven't done their first cut yet. Tanya is also researching hay options.
  - b. The closure of Wildcat Canyon Rd. makes delivery of the hay even more problematic than usual.
  - c. Options for moving hay were discussed including renting a flatbed truck, renting or purchasing a squeeze, or moving hay with OHA members' trucks and horse trailers. The idea of hiring workers to help move hay was broached. Michael will check with OHA's insurance broker regarding workers' comp coverage.
  - d. All creative ideas welcome!

iii. July

1. Begin feeding schedule – Assigned to Allison for this year.
2. Complete hay order
3. Prep barns & enclosures for hay
  - a. Upper pastures cross fence (between Upper Sullivan, Plateau and Pond, from the main charger down around the spring box enclosure) needs work. Kim has volunteered to lead a work party.
  - b. Michael plans to lead a work party to clear around the Pond hay barn. Erica suggested that Michael check in with Gianni and Becky.

7. Committee Updates

a. Treasurer's Report

i. Insurance

1. Linnea reported that ACH payment to the insurance company for the general liability coverage was rejected twice by Wells Fargo. Linnea has fixed the problem. There was no gap in OHA's insurance coverage.
2. D&O coverage expires on June 28. Michael has asked to broker for a review of the premium, since OHA has gone several years without a claim. However, a rate decrease is unlikely; more realistic is a \$350 increase (about 20%).

b. Legal Committee

- i. First draft of changes to the Rules – Linnea shared the Rules draft incorporating changes required to align the Rules with the new Bylaws. The draft is expected to go out to membership within the next week.

c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee

- i. The Membership Committee made a recommendation to the Board following an interview of Tal Zvik as a prospective Proprietary member. The Board endorsed the Membership Committee's recommendation of offering an Associate Membership

rather than Proprietary Membership, as the candidate did not meet the criteria for Proprietary Membership at this time.

- d. Board Liaison Report - None
- e. EBMUD Liaison Report
  - i. AGP – Heather reported that EBMUD has not yet approved the AGP for this year.
  - ii. Tanya requested that we ask EBMUD again about them installing a gate at the entrance to the Old San Pablo Trail. Heather will follow up with EBMUD.
- f. Communications Report – None
- g. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding – None
- 8. New Business
  - a. Worming Protocol Proposal - Allison Bloodworth sent the attached proposal to the Board. Before considering any rule or procedure changes, the Board requests comments from the membership. Please respond prior to the date of the next Board meeting.
- 9. Executive Session
  - a. Note that the topic of any Executive Session agenda items should be listed on the agenda sent to the membership. On this agenda, the item “Membership Issues” was intended to be an Executive Session agenda item.
- 10. Next Meeting Date – Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be July 18, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- 11. Adjourned at 8:39 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather McHugh