

## OHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 5:30 – 7:00 pm

1. Adoption of Agenda:
  - a. Called to order at 5:32
  - b. Kusia proposed adding dates of herd move, correct is 6/28; 7/19 in hand to pond
  - c. Motion carried
2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion carried
3. Appreciations / Accomplishments
  - a. Erica for rotation management plan adjustments
  - b. Eddie for EBMUD communication
  - c. FM saddling area,
  - d. Kim for white shed improvements
  - e. Linnea record keeping and web site information
  - f. Erica grass analysis
  - g. Michael goat pilot project
  - h. NEW SHEDS approved - stay tuned about construction plans
  - i. Back 40 drainage project proposal requested by ebmud and submitted for approval
  - j. AGP meeting appreciation for Jackie and our EBMUD team there & Jackie fixed the leaking pipe at the Pav
  - k. forest area saddling area completed - many hands contributed!
  - l. new hoses in red barn and Pavillion area - anonymous benefactor
  - m. Wakean & Wicks for Red Barn work and mowing
  - n. Thistle removal team!
  - o. Teresa & Caroline for working on getting new mats in place, Sylvie and Zorian for getting the mats
  - p. Teresa for fixing gate
  - q. Gary for dragging arena
  - r. Alix, fly predator and abatement management
  - s. General appreciation to everyone in the membership for all the continuous positive contributions! Unintentional omissions notwithstanding, your contributions are noticed and appreciated.
4. Consent Calendar
  - a. New associate Ursula Lindsey member approved: Ursula has considerable equestrian experience. She leased her first horse in 5th grade, then bought a horse of her own. She trained in multiple disciplines including western pleasure and hunter jumper, and rode on trails and has kept a horse in a herd environment and is familiar with herd dynamics. Welcome Ursula!
  - b. Permanent Removal Section VII.E is complete, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the revision, which becomes effective today, June 2, 2026
5. Member Comment

- a. Erica raised occasional need for non-members to access information only available on the members only portion of website. Linnea and Erica will discuss.
- 6. 2025-26 Projects (ends at the end of Sept. 2026)
  - a. AGP status - AGP meeting debrief from May 21st - all OHA requests approved.
    - i. Approved projects
      - 1. Rotational grazing credit approved
      - 2. Cross fence (MM / Plateau)
      - 3. MM trough supply pump (this is the pump that failed in November and needed emergency replacement)
      - 4. Trough replacements (upper sullivan and plateau)
      - 5. Gutter on south side of Red Barn
      - 6. Maximum credit achieved
    - ii. Approved OHA funded projects:
      - 1. Hay sheds for lower lower and lower sullivan are approved. We have a structure for lower lower ready, need one for LS. [Post - meeting update: members have found a shed to acquire for the LS]
    - iii. AUM and stocking rate input from EBMUD
      - 1. Feedback on pasture condition and stocking rate. Pasture surveys were done. Found some over grazing. Climate change is a contributing factor but increased scrutiny due to accusations of malnourished horses also a factor. EBMUD was clear that the stocking rate needs to go down to 27 horses and we need to present a plan to do it. The stocking rate is different from the number of horse spaces or number of memberships. Does not mean we need to get rid of any horses now, but likely no incoming horses for some extended time.
        - a. Stocking rate = average number of horses grazing on pasture in a month.
          - i. May want to keep closer track of off pasture horses (in stalls or paddocks, and off OHA site overnight) in between herd move counts, to see if this decreases stocking rate.
      - 2. The Board & AGP Committee will work together with our ranger Jackie to come up with proposals for EBMUD to consider for how we will meet this stocking rate. Split herd grazing, diet group management, hard-keeper management, etc
      - 3. Currently have 33 horse spaces which are all full.
        - a. Erica noted: Stocking rate this year has been between 29-31, average of approximately 30 last year
      - 4. Erica noted EBMUD looks at pasture 2x per year. Results (residual dry matter "RDM") are usually outstanding but this year they were not. [Post - meeting addendum: members should know where the RDM is measured and be careful not to throw hay on that area during the fall feeding time.]
      - 5. Mark noted, of the 145 grazable acres at OHA (official number but assumed to be incorrect, believed we have more acreage, maybe ~164), only 28 acres are heavily overgrazed so not the entire pasture.
        - a. Erica & Kusia to work with Jackie to try to understand acreage and pasture conditions
      - 6. Discussion of the importance of using the [on/off pasture form](#) when your horse is

gone overnight/24 hours. Possible reworking of this tool, or different format.

7. Longer discussion to come. Board and AGP committee to meet in 2 weeks to discuss further.

## 7. Planning Grid ([https://orindahorsemen.org/?page\\_id=14063](https://orindahorsemen.org/?page_id=14063))

### a. May – *follow-up*

- i. Herd moves
  1. 5/30-31 Thru gate, Plateau to FM/MM
- ii. Hay order progress, also see Hay Order in June.
- iii. Fuel reduction status to meet county weed abatement deadline of 6/1
  1. Esp. Ring Pasture, Red Barn area, Pavilion
  2. Some areas not completed by deadline. Mark will follow up with Michael to complete.
  3. Goat pilot project - huge effort to explore this option, valuable feedback about goat capabilities and set up requirements

### b. June – *current*

- i. Upcoming herd moves
  1. 6/4: through gate from Forest Meadow to Middle Meadow
  2. 6/7 and 6/8: in-hand Middle Meadow to Pear Orchard. 1-3 days in Lower Pear, then gate to Upper Pear will be opened.
  3. ~6/28 to 30: upper Pear Orchard to Lower Lower: Board to discuss options and will notify herd move committee
- ii. Continue Hay Order
  1. Report from Teresa: Top contenders:
    - Barlas hay: is cheapest. delivery, but won't stack. Has 70% grass/ 30% alfalfa mix
    - RT hay: Has 60% grass/ 40% alfalfa mix. Will deliver and charge for stacking (Would like commitment by end of June)
    - Concord Feed: is most expensive but will deliver and stack in all locations. Has 70% grass/ 30% alfalfa mix (might be 80%/20%)
    - 5 others were vetted and won't work for various reasons.
- iii. Review insurance policies
- iv. Weeding - teasel when first blooms begin - second or third week of June

### c. July – *look-ahead*

- i. Upcoming herd moves
  1. July 19 in hand to Pond
- ii. Complete hay order
- iii. Begin feeding schedule
- iv. Prepare barns and enclosures for hay delivery

## 8. Fly Predators - ongoing, review

- a. Alix noted a lot of flies in upper pasture this year.
- b. Proposed purchasing a few more predators. Alix will follow up with cost
- c. Fly traps and predators around pavilion working

## 9. Rules Revision

- a. update:

Work Hours Rules and Procedures	Adopted by Board vote, unanimous, Effective date: 5/13/26	30 day Membership Review ended 4/25/26
Revocation Section VII. E	Adopted by Board vote, unanimous, Effective date: 6/2/2026	30 day Membership Review ends 5/8/26
Arena	Elise, Mark, Sylvie	30 day Membership Review ends 5/9/26
Use of Stalls, Paddocks and Ring Pasture	Holly	Member feedback
Changes of Horses	Kusia, Elise, Linnea	Initial draft
Procedure for Managing Manure at OHA	Kusia, Paul, Nichole	Initial draft
Horse Health Care	Holly, Kusia, Linnea	Initial draft
Membership Procedures	Holly, Membership Committee	Initial draft
Herd Feeding	Michael Bowen	Initial draft
Honorary Membership		Pending
Safety		Pending
Dogs		Pending
Trailers		Pending

10. Committee Updates: Skip all, no updates that weren't covered in other portions of meeting
  - a. Treasurer's Report
  - b. Legal Committee
  - c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee
  - d. EBMUD Liaison Report
  - e. Communications Report
  - f. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding/Rotation Committee Report
11. New Business:
  - a. Create Diet Herd Manager task: Manage dieter tracking spreadsheet, making sure diet moves happen on schedule with rotation calendar & also taking responsibility for making sure the diet areas are maintained (not necessarily doing the work themselves). Any other suggestions?
  - b. Kusia noted need to broaden consideration to all rotational grazing that uses non-formal

pastures

- c. Elise to email rotation committee and Board for feedback on task scope and description

12. Announcements:

- a. Revision, Section IV WORK HOURS AND PASTURE MAINTENANCE, Adopted by Board vote, unanimous, Effective date: 5/13/26
- b. Revision, Removal Section VII.E "A Proprietary member may lease other members' horse spaces...", Adopted by Board vote, unanimous, Effective date: 6/2/2026

13. Executive Session

- a. Started 6:58
- b. ended 7:37

14. Next Meeting

- a. Agenda
- b. Date: [post - meeting amendment: date now set for 7/15 at 5:30-7pm]