

Orinda Horsemen's Association

Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2024
7:30 -9:00 pm via Zoom

Board members present: Linnea Wren, Alix Quay, Mark Tompkins, Elise Torres
Members present: Erica Braun, Eddie Reiter

Alix called the meeting to order at 734pm

1. Adoption of Agenda –
Linnea clarified pasture move information and added a new item 14 on a rule editing process. Mark noted that at last Board meeting Kusia proposed that we include task list and pasture assignments on all minutes. Adoption Approved.
2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes –
Adoption Approved.
3. Consent Calendar
 - a. Associate Member application: Trish, Alice, Lucy Blow
Board agreed to take membership committee recommendation not to accept them as associate members yet. Rather to offer them a non-associate (“guest”) position to get training, groundwork, and safety experience. Cheryl and Sally have offered to engage with them on this. Discussion that other members should also engage with them and mentor. This could be a pathway to associate membership. Board to ask Holly and Heather for other members to provide mentoring. Linnea moved to accept membership committee recommendation. Tanya seconded. All in favor.
4. Member Comment
No comments.
5. Planning Grid
 - a. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves
 - i. 4/22 LL-BC; 4/29 BC-LS; 5/4 or 5/5 in-hand, LS-Plateau
 - b. Rototill ring-weather permitting
 - i. Completed 4/21/24. Needs to dry until at least 4/26/24.
 - c. Review Emergency Info and Phone Tree
 - i. Tabled
6. Membership Agreement
 - a. Review feedback form and vote
Reviewed draft membership agreement feedback form. Form includes link to original agreement, proposed revised agreement, and side-by-side comparison of original and proposed agreements. Board approved giving membership 45 days to review the

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proposed and original agreements at last Board meeting on 3/26/24. Linnea to circulate the review form.

7. Hourly rate for missed work hours

At last Board meeting motion passed to enact the new rate (approximately \$47.50) on October 1, 2024. Linnea proposed that we enact it on September 30, 2024 to align with the fiscal year. Linnea will send out an email notifying membership of a thirty day comment period on amending the work hours cost to take effect fiscal year 2023/2024 which is consistent with intent of motion at last board meeting. Linnea motioned to amend. Elise seconded. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

8. Vehicle mileage reimbursement

Membership was informed of this in meeting minutes from 3/26/24 board meeting on 4/12/24. Will be adopted in 30 days if no substantive feedback from membership.

9. Forage and water testing

Alix proposed further exploration of forage and water testing. Discussion of need to figure out locations for testing, frequency of testing, etc. There are three spring boxes that could be tested for water quality. Central box should be tested first as it provides water more than other spring boxes. Erica has suggestions for frequency of testing. Elise suggested a subcommittee to figure out sampling. Linnea, Erica, and Liz proposed for subcommittee.

10. Stall tracking

Tanya took a picture of cleaned stalls we could use as an example for membership. Kusia and Linnea started working on a stall sign up form that includes check boxes for entry date, exit date, cleaned, water emptied, etc. This will help track proper use of the stalls. Tanya asked what the objective is of tracking stall use. Linnea responded that we want to know how to document horses using the resource excessively. Board will update status at next meeting.

11. Document waivers

Linnea reviewed a free website suggested by Kusia for storing waivers. One required task is to keep the supply of paper waivers in the shed replenished. Board will update status at next meeting.

12. Consider issue: supplementing when herd is in Forest Meadow

Many members already supplement feed when their horse is in the Forest Meadow. Discussion of adding a barrier to allow exclusion of horses getting fed from the rest of the herd. Temporary PVC, orange construction fencing, curtains, and e-rope discussed as options. E-rope probably the best option. Could also recommend no feeding inside the gate – only on the Wildcat Canyon side of the gate. Board will revisit when Wildcat Canyon reopens to vehicle traffic.

13. Personal hay left in Pavilion hay sheds when horse is back in herd

Every so often there is too much left over hay in the sheds. Right now there are only two spots for hay bales and no horses in stalls. Hay can be stored in the red barn. Board to ask

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Sally as pavilion manager to remind membership to remove hay from sheds unless horse currently in stalls, clean stall and empty water when horse leaves stall.

14. Rule editing proposal

Tabled

15. Vaccination status

Tabled

16. Committee Updates

a. Treasurer's Report

Tabled

b. Legal Committee – Membership Agreement

Tabled

c. Membership Recruiting Advisory Committee

Tabled

d. Board Liaison Report

Tabled

e. EBMUD Liaison Report

Eddie submitted monthly herd count report to EBMUD. AGP has been circulated to EBMUD management.

f. Communications Report

Tabled

g. Pasture Reports / Herd Feeding

Tabled

17. New Business

Discussion of moving approximately 20 bales of hay left in Lower Lower. Board will ask Nichole' to organize a work party to move this hay to the red barn for members to buy.

Open session closed at 841pm.

18. Executive Session

Executive session opened at 842pm. Discussion of pending member issues.

19. Next Meeting Date

May 21, 730 to 900pm

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20. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 900pm.