

**Orinda Horsemen's Association
Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 4, 2024
7:30 -9:00 pm via Zoom**

*Board members present: Linnea Wren, Alix Quay, Mark Tompkins, Elise Torres, Tanya Ericson
Members present: Holly Turner, Erica Braun*

Alix called the meeting to order at 735pm

1. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda adopted.

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved.

3. Consent Calendar

No items.

4. Member Comment

Holly Turner: Asked whether Marina's membership status would be a consent item or decided at this meeting. Linnea and Elise responded that Marina's membership status does not require an interview.

Also voiced concern about Hawkeye repeated mounting of mares. Holly isn't upset with and doesn't want to target Hawkeye's owner, but she is concerned about potential injury to her horse from repeated mounting. She is considering putting Reya on regimate, but this would not be a long-term solution. She is also willing to contribute to hormonal testing for Hawkeye if needed. Elise asked Holly to document safety concerns related to Hawkeye's behavior.

5. Status: Membership Agreement Review

a. Distributed: Saturday, April 27, 2024 Last day to review: Monday, June 10, 2024

*Linnea reported that there has not been extensive input on the draft agreement. There have been questions about what a "full lease" of a horse is pertaining to OHA, and discussion about whether or not to add to the Membership Agreement the rule prohibiting Proprietary members from pasturing fully leased horses who are owned by current Associate members, given that it is included in the full OHA rules and the intent of the membership agreement is to keep it relatively brief, not to reiterate all items in the Rules of Conduct and Membership Procedures. Conclusion: Incorporate the "full lease" clarification language, currently proposed as a *Note, directly into Item 4.*

6. Status: Proposed Rule Change Review

a. Motion to amend the hourly cost to members for not putting in the required number of work hours.

i. Distributed: Friday, May 24, 2024 Last day to review: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Primary intent of this item is to inform membership of the deadline.

7. Planning Grid

a. Previous

i. Status: Emergency Info and Phone Tree

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Linnea noted that members can use email to send text messages to phones (in addition to sending by text), so she tested an emergency information email / text. The test did not work as expected. Therefore the emergency messaging approach may not work for all members. Discussion of alternative approaches (group text, software, phone tree). Linnea to work on this.

ii. Status: Hay order

Tanya has not started work on this yet. Teresa Priestly and Harvey Smith are designated to help Tanya. Tanya will talk with various vendors, including a competitive vendor from last year and last year's chosen hay vendor. Vendors will be asked to provide a cost for the hay, for transport to OHA, and for offloading to each of the hay storage locations. Hay needs to be ordered by September. It is possible that the timing of the order could affect the price.

b. Current

i. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves

1. 6/23 - Pear Orchard to Lower

Discussion of how the most recent move was in multiple groups, so could that be the approach going forward instead of the full in-hand move? Erica noted that we should strive to move all horses within twenty four hours. Erica also noted that we have more horses than normal in the Pear and the lower Pear was already grazed down before they arrived. Therefore this timing could change as we learn more about how the forage holds up. Elise thinks we may need to move the horses earlier than June 23rd based on condition of the forage now. Erica added that it does seem like for the move from the Pear to the Lower it will likely have to occur in several smaller groups. Members should watch OHA business emails for updates and additional information on the next move.

ii. June dues -Prop., Assoc.

No discussion.

iii. Review Assoc. Members

No discussion.

iv. Provide wormers at herd move

Wormers are in the Rubbermaid container at the Pear Orchard. All members should worm their horses ASAP.

v. Review insurance policies

We have farm and ranch insurance, auto insurance required by EBMUD (not because OHA has vehicles), and Directors and Officers insurance (this also covers members). Linnea will distribute to board members for review and questions will be resolved by email.

8. Review AGP

Linnea emailed the approved AGP for board review. We have to sign and send it back to EBMUD for their authorizing signatures. Several board members have reviewed and there were no surprises in the AGP from past discussions. Erica noted that there is real value in us sending back ASAP to get final approval on our projects.

9. Status: Vaccinations

Complete.

10. Locks

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Linnea prepared a cost comparison of lock types researched by Liz Strauss. Master Locks are \$500 for five years. Abus locks are \$1100 for 15 years. Alix, Mark, and Tanya voiced support for the Abus locks. Wakean does not recommend the brass locks because they are more expensive and harder to replace. Wakean also noted that we should not use graphite lubricant any longer and instead should be treated with WD-40 and/or the new lubricant in the tool kit. Tabled for additional future discussion.

11. Proposal: Discuss options for instituting trailer loading practice sessions, for preparedness in case of emergency
Alix suggested we have a weekend trailer training session for emergencies. Elise suggested we have the emergency task lead organize these session(s).

12. Committee Updates

- a. Treasurer's Report
Tabled
- b. Legal Committee
 - i. Standard Procedures
Tabled
- c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee
Tabled
- d. Board Liaison Report
Tabled
- e. EBMUD Liaison Report
Tabled
- f. Communications Report
Tabled
- g. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding
Tabled

13. New Business

No new business.

Public session closed and executive session opened at 851pm.

14. Executive Session

Discussion of member issues.

15. Next Meeting

- a. Agenda: *TBD*
- b. Date: *July 9 from 630-8pm*

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Meeting adjourned at 925pm.