Orinda Horse Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2025

6:45 - 8:00 pm

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Meeting called to order by Elise at 6:49 pm.

Board members present: Elise Torres (President), Linnea Wren (Vice President), Sylvie Thome (Treasurer), Kusia Hreshchyshyn (Communications), Mark Tompkins (Secretary)

Members present: Liz Strauss, Tanya

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: Please pull fiddleneck, coyote brush, and scotch broom. Thank you!

1. Adoption of Agenda - Added dieting, notifications, and additional information on upcoming work parties. Elise moved to adopt agenda. Linnea seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - April 8. One proposed change to Item 10.c: Replace: OHA’s maximum number of horses based on the Animal Management Units in our lease is 38. We are supposed to keep an average of 31.5 horses on pasture at all times. This likely means we should aim to keep the herd at 36 horses to account for horses being off pasture.

   With: OHA's maximum number of horse spaces is based on the 398 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) alloted to us by EBMUD. In translating AUMs into horse spaces some years back, a miscalculation led to a determination that our maximum number of horse spaces was 38. Recalculating correctly shows we should average 30.5 horses <u>on pasture</u> per month. This likely means we should aim to keep the herd at 36 horses to account for horses being off pasture.

   Elise moved to adopt changes. Linnea seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Mark to update and redistribute to members.

3. Consent Calendar - Nothing on consent calendar.

4. Notification -

a. Trial Proprietary Member recommendation and Board acceptance by email:

i. Justin Johnson April 17, 2025

b. Second horse acceptance:

i. Justin Johnson April 24, 2025

5. Member Comment - No member comment.

6. 2024-25 Projects

a. AGP - Linnea noted that Eddie, Heather, and Erica have the current AGP. Basically the amount of credits we could get amounts to approximately $7000. With the Beer Can work, mowing, and weed control our draft of AGP projects is higher than the $7000 limit, but it is okay if we submit more projects. EBMUD has not requested the AGP meeting yet.

7. Planning Grid (https://orindahorsemen.org/?page_id=14063)

a. April – *follow-up: i. – ii. done. iii. in progress*

i. Review Pasture Calendar completed herd moves (4/12-13 In-hand, Upper Sullivan to Lower Pasture, 4/20 Thru gate, Lower Pasture to Beer Can, 4/27 Thru gate, Beer Can to Lower Sullivan)

b. May – *current*

i. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves

1. 5/3-4 In-hand, Lower Sullivan to Plateau. Sylvie discussed potential to transition back to just a single move to reduce administrative burden. Members and board members suggested at least two move options.
2. 5/30-6/1 In-hand, Middle Meadow to Pear Orchard. Heather M. is coordinating. **Pear Orchard team to prepare pasture by 5/30 at 5pm**

ii. Begin hay order

1. Hay Survey - contextual information draft and questions have been completed. Board has weighed in on information and questions. Mark to work with hay purchase team to post survey and distribute to members.

iii. Mow hemlock - Wakean on top of this task.

iv. Review AGP projects - See item 6.

v. Fuel reduction to meet county weed abatement deadline of 6/1, Esp. Ring Pasture, Red Barn area, Pavilion. Michael Bowen sent a notice for several potential work days so that by June 1 all of the central area will be mowed and cleared of combustibles near the structures (includes the Taj). Michael has already heard from Eddie who plans to do some weed wacking.

c. June – *look-ahead*

i. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves

ii. Review Assoc. Members

iii. Provide wormers at herd move

iv. Review insurance policies

8. Dieting - Discussion of using the Ring Pasture for dieters because it needs to be grazed down. Liz noted that we should note that this is on a trial basis and only temporary as dieting in the ring has not been part of the rules in the past. Kusia noted that we should all be aware that if we have a convalescing horse in the future we'd need to move the dieters out of the ring because this is our space for convalescing. Turn out in the ring pasture expected to be after 6pm and back in stalls by 9am. Kusia will send an email to members explaining the short term use of the Ring by dieters. Tanya asked about the potential to improve fencing to create another

dieting pen near the pond. The Board agreed it could be a good idea to have another flat area for dieters and asked Tanya to prepare a proposal.

9. Fly Predators - Alix took over research on the fly predators, but was not present to give status update. Liz reported that she thinks Alix is considering both predators and traps. Board will request a summary from Alix on this topic.

10. Emergency Preparedness - Michael recommended the Board consider some questions: what have we done at the organizational and community levels to prepare for emergencies (primarily fire) and suggested we prepare before emergency occurs so we can respond when emergency occurs. Preparedness should include fuel management, communication, and training. Also suggested adopting the command and control approach of the fire management community when doing fuel management. He suggested OHA nurtures our relationship with EBMUD to actively contribute to their fuel reduction priorities. Also more frequent limbing and chipping. Suggested Board reach out to Orinda Moraga Fire District, Orinda, and EBMUD to promote win-win collaboration. A great starting point would be requesting a meeting with EBMUD (start with Jackie) for an onsite meeting to review site, get their input on ecological management and fuels management. Then a follow up with Or and Orinda Moraga Fire District. Response should include notification and communication. Michael recommended that OHA form a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Michael suggested that the Board recommend all members sign up for at least one of the accepted emergency response networks. Kusia voiced that she would like to see OHA consult fire response expert to evaluate OHA's current fire response protocols. Elise suggested we move discussion of EBMUD outreach to executive session. Board agreed with Michaels recommendation to form a CERT and Michael will begin this effort.

11. Rules Revision
    a. Horse Health Care (add BCS requirement) Status Holly, Kusia, Linnea
    b. Use of Stalls, Paddocks and Ring Pasture Status initially Cheryl, now Holly
    c. Work Hours Rules and Procedures Status Heather M
    d. Trailers Status Heather A, Elise
    e. Membership Status Holly, Membership Committee

12. Plan Fecal Egg Count (FEC), Worming Procedure - As discussed at April Board meeting, given the low shedder result from last test and the full list of urgent OHA tasks, Board approved skipping fecal egg count testing this year.

13. Committee Updates
    a. Treasurer - Executive key at bank - Sylvie gave an update on the process to change the OHA key executive at the bank. The process is more involved than expected that requires an amended OHA corporate resolution. Elise moved to adopt the following amended corporate resolution: we the Board members of the Orinda Horse Association at PO Box 904, Orinda, California adopt an amended corporate resolution today May 6, 2025 that going forward we will remove Cheryl Fulton as executive and add the current

OHA Board President (Elise Torres) and Treasurer (Sylvie Thome) as key executives. Sylvie seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Legal Committee - no report.
b. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee - filling open spaces and identifying actual maximum spaces. See the revised minutes to item 10.c from April for description of this topic.
b. Board Liaison Report - no report.
b. EBMUD Liaison Report - no report.
b. Communications Report - no report.
b. Pasture Reports / Herd Feeding

14. New Business: No new business.

15. Announcements: pull fiddleneck, coyote brush, and scotch broom.

16. Next Meeting
a. Agenda - items deferred from this meeting will go on to the next meeting's agenda.
b. Date - Thursday June 5, 6pm

Regular meeting adjourned at 748pm.

17. Executive Session - Discussion of OHA issues. Executive session ended at 8:25pm.