

Orinda Horsemen's Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023
7:30 -9:00 pm via Zoom

Alix, Tanya, Linnea, Elise, Mark – Board Members in attendance.

Liz, Erica, Eddie members in attendance.

Alix called the meeting to order at 735pm

1. Adoption of Agenda

Mark motioned to adopt agenda. Seconded and approved.

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Tanya motioned to adopt previous meeting minutes. Seconded and approved.

3. Consent Calendar

This is for items that don't need discussion. Nothing for consent calendar.

4. Member Comment

Liz: No announcements in October. Asked for November / December announcements. Ideas included pasture team assignments, email contact reminders, water leak near red barn, Kusia's feeding data process. Liz asked for email with draft announcements by Tuesday December 5. This is primarily for non-urgent announcements. get to Liz by 12/5. ... include link to herd census posted on website. Erica noted that the census that is currently posted is the one that is used for herd moves.

5. AGP

a. Capital Improvement Projects

Eddie gave an update that we still haven't heard from EBMUD on credit for rotational grazing or invasive management. Waiting for meeting with EBMUD to discuss AGP projects. Eddie will let Board know as soon as she has a deadline from EBMUD for information. Eddie put together initial list but a lot of pending questions due to lack of communication with EBMUD. Eddie is working to get in touch with Joe. Linnea suggests come with perspective list to AGP meeting and then will get feedback about what to cut. Erica recommends that Eddie try to talk in person to Joe before the meeting.

6. Potential Tree Clearing Behind Pond Barn

a. Grants

Michael is considering ways to get grants to remove dead & invasive trees and dead vegetation. Tabled for future meeting.

b. EBMUD Authorization

This was a project proposed by Michael Bowen. Agreement that there was potential benefit from a project like this, but it would have to go through an EBMUD approval process and the work (major tree removal) would require some outside assistance. Agreement that this is worth bringing up with EBMUD at AGU meeting when scheduled.

7. Pasture Teams

Discussion of pasture team assignments including changes, additions to teams, and changes to team leaders. Updates team table will be posted to website and distributed to membership. Discussion of pasture teams. Work to assign all associates to pastures. Discussion of new team lead for Lower Sullivan → Mark. Lower Sullivan needs before move: make metal poles safe, double wrap tarps, check fences. Tanya will draft an email describing that pasture teams are now set and won't be changed unless one member works out a swap with another member and notifies the board of the change.

8. Task Assignments

Reviewed task assignments. Clarified that previous version of assignments were tentative and in progress pending member input. Based on member and Board input made adjustments and additions to some tasks. Discussion of task to schedule herd moves. Agreement that it should be as streamlined as possible (only offer a couple date / time options) to avoid excessive back and forth communication to set move dates and times. New table to be posted to website.

9. Scheduling Work Parties – Sally

Discussed preference for Sundays

10. Permanent Gate for Wildcat Road Closure

Discussion of Contra Costa transportation department conversation with Mark that Wildcat will be closed for at least four more years and a permanent barrier will likely be installed. Contra Costa crew indicated that the permanent barrier might be possible in the location of the temporary barrier just downhill from our gate on El Toyonal.

Tanya will talk to Eddie about getting EBMUD support.

Mark will talk with Contra Costa County (contact from Michael Bowen) about locating permanent gate downhill from El Toyonal.

11. Pond barn

Michael Bowen has a work party planned to finish repairs.

12. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves

Going to the Lower Sullivan December 31st. Since this is a holiday we will poll for other date options.

13. Planning Grid

Tabled.

14. Committee Updates

a. Treasurer Report

b. Legal Committee Report

i. Membership Agreement

No update.

ii. *Orinda Horsemen's Association Standard Procedures, 2019 Rules*

No update.

- c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee Report

No update.

- d. Board Liaison Report

No update.

- e. EBMUD Liaison Report

- i. Status last year's Capital Improvement submission

No news to report.

- f. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding, Rotation Team Report

No update.

15. New Business

No new business.

16. Executive Session

No executive session.

17. Next Meeting Date

January 9, 2024 at 730pm.

18. Adjourn

Mark moved to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 928pm.