

# **Orinda Horsemen's Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2024**

**6:00 - 7:30 pm**

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

*Members present: None*

*Elise called the meeting to order at 605pm*

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

*Elise asked to add discussion of hay supplies. Kusia asked to add discussion of communications. Mark asked to add discussion of full resurfacing of all stalls. All additions accepted. Agenda adopted.*

**2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**

*Mark proposed adoption of revised September Annual Meeting minutes and October Board Meeting minutes. Revised September Annual Meeting minutes and October Board Meeting minutes adopted.*

**3. Consent Calendar**

- a. Associate Members: Emma Wilkiemeyer, Kate Razo, and Bryna Stevenson all accepted for associate membership.*

**4. Member Comment**

*No member comment.*

**5. Review 2023-2024 AGP Projects**

**a. Beer Can Structure**

*Kusia updated that the Beer Can structure was straightened and supported this past weekend by Michael Bowen, Gary Ingram, Loren Passmore and Kusia Hreshchyshyn. Still needs another all-day work party to replace supports. [After this Board Meeting, several support posts were placed for the Beer Can structure by Paul Burns, Michael Bowen, Lula Bowen, Gary Ingram, Loren Passmore and Kusia Hreshchyshyn. More support posts and plywood still need to be added.]*

*The Upper Sullivan hay shed was re-roofed by Paul, Loren, Kusia and Michael Bowen (provided roofing paper).*

6. Planning Grid

a. NOVEMBER

- i. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves -  
*Next herd move is tomorrow Wednesday 11/13 to Upper Sullivan. Next herd move is tentatively scheduled for 12/28 or 12/29 to Lower Sullivan. Need to identify new herd move manager. When this person is set they should put out an email notifying members of potential dates.*
- ii. Hay status  
*There are 8 bales left in the Pond Barn. Herd will be in Upper Sullivan for an additional two days, so there is sufficient hay to feed in either the Upper Sullivan, Middle Meadow, or Forest Meadow from Pond supply.*
- iii. Continue feed on weeds  
*No discussion.*
- iv. CNGA dues (by Dec 31)  
*No discussion.*
- v. EBMUD Capital Improvements  
*We do need to start generating the project list for next AGP. Linnea will send an email to membership asking for AGP project ideas.*
- vi. EBMUD lease payment due 11/15  
*Eddie provided the Board with an email from EBMUD earlier today saying that the lease for next year has not been finalized.*

b. DECEMBER

- i. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves  
*No discussion.*
- ii. Dec. 15 Herd Wormers
- iii. Christmas Bird Count — ask EBMUD? birders in pasture? Task List Assignments, Pasture Teams  
*No discussion.*

7. Worming: To discuss: Who will order? Will follow current OHA protocol and worm this 12/15 wormer. Discuss potentially forming a committee to make a plan before next year?

- a. *Notes from last meeting: Recommendations from vets and UC Davis have changed. New recommended protocol is to do fecal counts and only worm high shedders. Fecal testing has not been done and wormers have not been ordered. Form committee to determine path forward in 2-4 weeks on which horses to worm and which product to use. For now Board plans to continue worming per OHA rules.*

*Quest+ will be the Fall / Winter worming. Linnea will order the wormer.  
Discussion of forming a worming committee to gather guidance from OHA*

*veterinarians and brief Board on recommended worming protocols. Board will revisit this and potentially form a committee in the Spring of 2025.*

8. *Padlocks: Discuss list of proprietary members who need one. How to give to vets?*

*All members now have keys. Still need to get keys to vets.*

9. *Committee Updates*

- a. *Treasurer's Report: Adopt budget for current year*

*Sylvie showed and summarized the forecast 2024/2025 budget. Hay price increased from 2022/23 to 2023/24 and could increase again. Last year's lease was significantly lower (~\$8,879) than forecast (~\$14,408). If 24/25 credits are similar to 23/24 we will have costs of ~\$37,754 against revenue of ~\$43,300. We ended 23/24 with a budget surplus of ~\$8,814. Sylvie and Linnea will double check last year's surplus. Elise motioned to adopt the 2024/25 budget subject to revisions. Linnea seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.*

- b. *Legal Committee*

*Kusia summarized last discussion about starting a draft dispute resolution rule. Kusia shared a draft with Alix and revised based on her feedback. Kusia also shared with Carrie who provided helpful prelude information. Kusia will share draft with the Board to review and provide input by 11/23.*

*Kusia also initiated a discussion of developing more standard procedures (health and safety, trailers, dogs, membership, facilities, work hours, manure management). Holly is already working on the membership procedures. Cheryl and Nichole have expressed interest in pavilion management procedures. Board discussed either delegating to or looking for volunteers, but doing so in a way that doesn't make the project too piecemeal. By next meeting Kusia will update board with response to Holly on the membership committee and a rough proposal on how to manage the procedures handbook.*

- c. *Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee*

*No discussion.*

- d. *Board Liaison Report*

*No discussion.*

- e. *EBMUD Liaison Report*

*No discussion.*

- f. *Communications Report*

*Kusia asked if Board has discretion to respond to emails from membership. General consensus from Board that we should err on the side of responding as quickly and directly as possible to the backlog and future emails from members. Elise suggested that individual Board members can reply without additional Board member input on non-controversial issues and with input from two other Board members on controversial issues. Linnea suggested that Sylvie give approval on expenditure request emails.*

- g. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding*  
*No discussion.*

*10. New Business*

*No discussion.*

*11. Announcements:*

*Feed from stacks outside of hay sheds first. Pull coyote brush & scotch broom ASAP.*

*General meeting adjourned at 722pm.*

*12. Executive Session*

*Discussion of member issues and task assignments.*

*13. Next Meeting*

- a. Agenda TBD*
- b. December 10, 6-730*

*Meeting adjourned at 758pm.*