

Orinda Horsemen's Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Linnea at 6:04 pm.

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

No members present.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: Please pull coyote brush & scotch broom. Thank you!

1. Adoption of Agenda - Kusia asked to add items to the agenda: procedures, beer can update, fire extinguishers, March work party. All items added. Elise moved to adopt agenda. Linnea seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes - December 2024 and January 2025 minutes ready for approval. Linnea moved to adopt. Kusia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Consent Calendar - no items.
4. Member Comment - no member comments.
5. Hang Glider observed landing in pasture by Tanya. Board agreed this is dangerous to both people and horses. Board will send email to members asking them to tell hang gliders they are trespassing (if member feels safe doing this) and causing dangerous conditions that we'll have to report to police.
6. 2024-25 Projects
 - a. Kusia provided update on the Beer can annex construction. Work is being completed as quickly as possible, but is dependent on tool and labor availability. Dangerous conditions around site have been mitigated.
 - b. AGP - The criteria for AGP eligible projects are to contribute to the health and safety of the OHA herd. In addition, projects that manage vegetation for fire control and that prevent additional runoff and/or erosion can qualify as AGP projects. Linnea shared list of member-proposed AGP projects:
 - i. Fix fire road from Beer Can to Pear - unlikely that EBMUD would consider this a capital improvement.
 - ii. Fix fire road from Sea View to Plateau - unlikely that EBMUD would consider this a capital improvement.

- iii. Twenty cubic feet of base rock for Back 40 - unlikely that EBMUD would consider this a capital improvement. Will consider as OHA maintenance project.
- iv. Forty cubic feet ¼ to dust for Back 40 and resurfacing pavilion - unlikely that EBMUD would consider this a capital improvement. Will consider as OHA maintenance project.
- v. Safe and large enough enclosure in the Forest Meadow where members can brush, saddle, and feed horses. Board discussed asking EBMUD to install (or provide) a new gate higher up because of the unsafe steep slope. Unclear whether this would qualify as an AGP project.
- vi. Back gate out of the Forest Meadow hay enclosure. It is difficult to get hay out of the enclosure with horses blocking. This seems likely to be approved as an AGP project.
- vii. Fire prevention (costs, work hours and equipment maintenance).
- viii. Repair the opening of hay tent in Lower Lower Sullivan. Board to explore whether EBMUD or BAPT will reimburse replacement.
- ix. Replace two doors on the Forest Meadow hay shed. Board to explore whether EBMUD or BAPT will reimburse replacement.
- x. Secure Forest Meadow gates with two of the new gates. See previous item on Forest Meadow gates.
- xi. Purchase moveable panels that we can use in an emergency to cross the road to the Lower Pasture. Could be a rotational grazing - related expense.

Linnea to send Eddie the member suggested AGP project list with Board comment notes.

7. Work Party Plan

Board will discuss this topic via email.

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

a. February - current

i. Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves

1. February 23rd: From Pond to Upper Sullivan - Erica will make final decision and inform Board and members.

ii. March

1. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves

- a. 9th from Upper Sullivan to Plateau
- b. 23rd from Plateau to Forest
- c. 30th from Forest to Middle Meadow

2. Dues: Proprietary and Associate will be due April 1.

3. Develop weed abatement plan. Continue with current weed abatement approach.

4. Mow Forest Meadow Hemlock. Board will confirm with Wakean in March.

5. Spring vet clinics - Mark will email Liz to check in on coordination for this item.
 6. Fecal egg count (March or April) - see notes on item 9 below.
 9. FEC, Worming Procedure
 - a. Alison provided recommendations not to worm now and plan for a spring fecal egg count.
 - b. Board will let Alison know she can proceed with this plan and inform membership as needed.
 10. Procedures Rollout
 - a. Determine work hours allowed for administrative tasks
 - i. Designated members can use up to 10 hours of administrative time to work on procedures.
 - ii. Membership procedures are making progress. Other procedures are moving along slowly.
 - b. Dispute resolution
 - i. Kusia proposed sending it out to members after Linnea has a chance to review.
 11. Board Officer Duty Descriptions
 - a. Kusia drafted office duty descriptions. Board members provided feedback. Kusia to review with Linnea.
 12. Committee Updates
 - a. Treasurer - nothing to report.
 - b. Legal Committee - nothing to report.
 - c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee - Holly provided report. Mark to check in that Board is supportive of moving ahead with interviews as recommended.
 - d. Board Liaison Report - nothing to report.
 - e. EBMUD Liaison Report - nothing to report.
 - f. Communications Report
 - i. It would be helpful to have clear identifying photos of all horses from owners.
 - ii. Mark to provide meeting minutes in email, doc, and pdf formats.
 - g. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding - feeding is complete. Only one purchase of hay by a member has occurred to date.
 13. New Business: No new business.
 14. Executive Session- Elise moved to transition into executive session, Mark seconded, all in favor. Motion passed. Open meeting session closed at 7:17 Executive session opened at 7:18.
 15. Executive Session: Discussion of OHA issues. Executive session ended at 7:43pm.
 16. Next Meeting
 - a. Agenda - items deferred from this meeting should go on to the next meeting's agenda.
 - b. Date - March 11, 6pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.