

## Online Meeting Information

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## Orinda Horse Association Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 10, 2026 5:30 - 7:00 pm

- Called to Order at 5:34, all board members present
1. Adoption of Agenda
    - Kusia moved to adopt, Mark 2nd, unanimous votes
  2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
    - Regarding the wormer rule revision no comments were submitted via the collection form or email, one member noted they had no objection to the revision
    - The Board discussed Kim's request to amend the previous meeting minutes to reflect her comment about "the board pocketing the extra \$20".
    - The Board determined no correction to the minutes is needed:
      - There were no comments submitted related to the language of the rule revision. No comments were submitted through the comment form nor through email to the Board. One member indicated she had "no objections" to the rule revision.
      - Regarding a separate question about the financial impact of the rule change on dues, OHA has not administered 4 wormers per year for a very long time, if ever. Wormer will continue 2x this year, accordingly there is no change in dues related to wormer costs. Any suggestion that the Board is "pocketing" funds lacks a factual basis.
      - Kusia moved to adopt, Mark 2nd, unanimous votes
  3. Appreciations / Accomplishments
    - Chainsaw team for doing a ton of brush clearing and tree limbing and Holly for hauling brush and branches to be chipped
    - Michael for coordinating with MOFD and MOFD for all their chipping work
    - Eddie for communicating with EBMUD for gravel delivery
    - All who attended the work party and accomplished many tasks
    - Branch clearing in Beer Can Annex
    - Community members (Sweat in Place Boot camp) who came out to pull milk thistle
    - Thanks to all who did work we forgot to include.
  4. Consent Calendar
    - No items
  5. Member Comment
    - Teresea present, no comment, here for Back 40 upgrade discussion
  6. AGP

a. Status of 2025/26

- Email out to EBMUD, Jackie is working to schedule the AGP meeting

7. Planning Grid ([https://oridahorsemen.org/?page\\_id=14063](https://oridahorsemen.org/?page_id=14063))

a. January – *follow up*

i. Herd moves - lessons learned from split herd moves?

- Felt like it went well
- Kusia and Holly noted smaller groups of moving horses was easier on the horses
- Holly and Elise noted the need to have solid guidelines on the final herd number, ensure it's enough and consider bonded pairs
- Sylvie noted the ease of the doing a split move, easier to coordinate and schedule smaller groups
- Kusia noted an objection to releasing all at the same time as a dangerous practice, even if all moving together it'd be better to release in small groups. Other board members supported this point.
- Teresea noted support for smaller groups, easier coordination

ii. Excellent weeding efforts!

b. February - *current*

i. Review planned herd moves: next move through the gate to Upper Sullivan on 3/1

iii. Start checking for Fiddleneck

iv. Pull coyote brush & scotch broom, feed on weeds ([map](#))

- Current rain is a good opportunity to soften the ground and making coyote brush and broom pulling easier

c. March – *look ahead*

i. Review Pasture Calendar, Rotation

ii. Schedule upcoming herd moves

- No in hand moves in March
- Ask rotation committee to oversee gate openings for upcoming moves

iii. Planning for Spring Vet Clinics

- Well underway: Dates for all 4 vets set or close to set

iv. Develop weed abatement plan

- See next item

v. Mow Forest Meadow hemlock and pull fiddleneck

- Mark to check in with Liz and Wakean on weeding and mowing plan

8. Rules Revision

a. Status Update

i. Note for the meeting minutes that the Board adopted the language regarding wormers, that circulated for 30 day review with no comments.

- The language has been revised and adopted.
- See #2 above for discussion of adoption of previous meeting minutes

ii. Proposal: Revise dog off leash areas to include pavilion, ring pasture, and arena, with limitations: members with dogs utilizing this area will remove any dog waste, whether produced by their dog or another dog, in the designated area, and will comply with any other member's request to leash their dog.

- Kusia noted conversation with EBMUD who noted no restrictions on dogs in the lease
- Holly noted it would be good to limit this privilege to members, members are accountable to each other and the organization
- Sylvie noted concerns about this being a new potential issue of contention
- Kusia raised idea of doing it on a 6-month trial period, that automatically sunsets
- Ideas to add leashing dogs automatically when others are present; leashing if other dogs are present. Idea for a poll of members to gauge member sentiment.
- Board determined to table this for now.

## 9. Worming

a. Continue January discussion of Board's plan for getting back on track with wormers - when do we need to order wormers and administer them?

- Board discussed the timing, considering when "fall wormers" were handed out (December)
- Aim for handing out in May, make sure they are ordered in April

## 10. Committee Updates

a. Treasurer's Report

b. Legal Committee

c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee

d. EBMUD Liaison Report

i. Proposal for OHA-funded grading and drainage in Back 40

- Mark noted he's developing a proposal to potentially submit to EBMUD, will circulate to the rest of the Board
- Potentially good test case before moving to potential arena upgrades
- Would fix concentrated runoff problem we currently have, would improve watershed management
- If no objection from Board members within 24 hours, Mark will send to Eddie to send to Jackie
- Best to wait to do project until reasonably dry
- Back 40 paddocks are currently open for use, suggest checking for hazards before putting your horse in

ii. Ask EBMUD whether Tapeta engineered footing (available free from Golden Gate Fields) would be allowed in arena.

- Mark is getting an estimate from an arena footing contractor to get a sense of cost.
- Liz researched what materials are in the footing
- Mark developing language to send to EBMUD

iii. Ask whether soil removed from arena could be spread in the Ring Pasture.

- Mark developing language to send to EBMUD

iv. Ask for update on hay sheds; communicate LL needs to be replaced this year.

- Kusia to continue to work with Eddie to communicate with EBMUD, including urgency that the tent needs to be replaced this year.

e. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding/Rotation Committee

## 11. New Business

a. Form for scanned collecting release of liability forms / waivers

- Holly completed an online form for collecting guest liability waivers electronically

b. Upcoming events?

i. Francis Metcalf Dog training clinic offering in March: "High Functioning Dogs class (<https://www.metcalfmethod.com/classes>). Potential dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29.

- Members get priority reservations & discount through Saturday 2/14

c. Shavings storage - no update, note red barn is currently pretty full

d. Update on contractor bid for all-weather arena footing with proper drainage

- See discussion above in EBMUD Liaison report section

12. Executive Session

- Moved into Executive Session at 6:42pm
- Executive Session ended at 7:30

13. Next Meeting

a. Post this date on the members website: **3/10 at 5:30pm**