

Orinda Horsemen's Association
Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023
6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Michael Bowen, Tanya Ericson, Linnea Wren, Carla Scofield, Alix Quay, Wakean MacLean, Sonny Wesley

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

1. Adoption of Agenda – Adopted with the following modifications:
 - a. Add determination of annual meeting date
2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Adopted
3. Consent Calendar – No items
4. Member Comment
 - a. No non-Board members in attendance wanted to make comments.
5. Worming Protocol
 - a. The Board discussed Allison's proposal for new worming protocol. A few member comments were received, but there was a consensus for the need for universal compliance. This would require quick activation for fall worming, and the Board approved adoption of proposed protocol of fecal egg testing and appropriate worming.
6. Planning Grid
 - a. Status
 - i. July
 1. Begin feeding schedule
 - a. The Board approved Allison to commence with preparations.
 2. Complete hay order
 - a. Research on hay availability and prices was assigned Doug Ross, who investigated alternatives and ended up with one credible quote from Scarpete Hay in Petaluma for \$39 a bale delivered. Kim provided several additional recommendations. Tanya reached out to Peter Rich of Rich's Arabians and identified his hay supplier, who provided samples, quotes, etc., which are considerably lower. Also under consideration is Hay4You in Manteca. Both appear ready to deliver to OHA; however, hand delivery might be necessary, which would be an additional expense.

Sonny investigating additional broker, Movin Hay, based in Escalon CA. A quote from Richter Feed, inc. (aka Nevada Hay) in Madera was approximately \$1000 higher. Linnea has tried to assemble quotes into clear and consistent format to compare quotes on number of bales, delivery cost, etc. The Board is not yet ready to place order but intends to approve vendor before next meeting.

3. Prep barns & enclosures for hay
 - a. Panels to be delivered 7/21. Tanya called for helpers to bring panels to Upper Sullivan and put out a call for work parties. Michael, Sonny, and Alix volunteered to help with the Pond Barn. The roof did not leak last year, according to Wakean, who noted that Harvey did repairs last year. Capital improvements were approved to fix roof. Inside the Pond barn, Tanya said there was water on the edges inside dripping down. Sonny volunteered to bring tarps and help fix.

7. Committee Updates

- a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Hay
 1. Linnea reported that we have enough in our coffers to pay for hay.
- b. Legal Committee
 - i. First draft of changes to the Rules – Linnea recommended bringing draft to membership for a vote at annual membership meeting. Final copy for review would have to be distributed 15 days before meeting (approx. Aug. 31), with the goal of distributing on July 23. Stage 1 is officializing this document, stage 2 is for membership decision-making on additional changes. The review stage, which will take place from July 23-Aug 25, will include Zoom and onsite Q&A meetings and direct outreach to membership to increase understanding.
- c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee
 - i. The Membership Committee invited three people on the second-horse list to fill spaces. One has turned down the invitation. Two others have until 7/21 to respond.
- d. Board Liaison Report—None
- e. EBMUD Liaison Report—None
- f. Communications Report—None
- g. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding—None

8. New Business

- a. The annual meeting date of September 16 or 17 was proposed, with September 23 or 24. Carla will send out a Doodle poll to membership for the four possible dates.

9. Next Meeting Date

- a. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be August 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

10. Adjourned at 8:00 pm