

**Orinda Horse Association
Board Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 5:30 - 7:00 pm
via Zoom**

Meeting Minutes Draft

Meeting called to order at 5:33pm

All Board members in attendance and Linnea and Liz; Erica joined around 6pm

1. Adoption of Agenda
 - Kusia moved, Sylvie second, unanimous approval
2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Kusia moved, Mark second, unanimous approval
3. Appreciations / Accomplishments
 - Really wet & tough conditions for the herd move, thanks to everyone who contributed to moving the horses safely
 - Thanks for Michael, Paul & Kusia for removing the large tree that fell on the beer can fence and repaired the fence
 - Thanks to those who monitored the lower sullivan trough
 - Thanks to those who worked on weeding
 - Apologies in advance to all that we left off
4. Consent Calendar
 - No items
5. Member Comment
 - Liz is here, interested in trailer parking topic later in the agenda
 - Erica asked about communication about hay allotment for horses in unfed pasture. Board will send out email that horses in the unfed group are entitled 1 flake a day until the move to the pond if their humans would like to bring them in for supplemental feeding
6. AGP
 - a. To do: Track down ~\$600 credit from 2024/25
 - Sylvie to talk to Linnea & Erica about if the Beer Can project was claimed. Will report back before the next meeting
 - b. Status of 2025/26
 - The committee has nothing to report at the moment. Will give update at the next meeting

- Kusia noted there are multiple trees down on boundary fence for the lower pasture- make sure we track for credit on next AGP

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

a. December – follow up

I. Herd moves: Board noted challenge posed by not having handlers pre-assigned for Iskra and Santos

li. Pay CNGA dues (by 12/31)- done

lii. Plan AGP Capital Improvement Projects (link to tracking document to be distributed in meeting minutes)

Iv. Continue feeding on weeds

b. January - current

I. Split herd to Lower and Plateau (Jan 18)

li. Coordinate with Alix on fly predators

- Kusia will check in with Alix to see if anything needs to be ordered. We have some supplies from last year leftover

lii. Review & update Emergency Contact Tree procedures

- WhatsApp group will be set up. Kusia to check in with Michael on status.

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

- Weed/feed on milk thistle
- Potential for a local Scout group to come pull weeds in the Pear Orchard. Holly may be available to help.
 - Idea for teasel in the Pear
 - Thistle just above the fire road on the side of the road in the plateau.
 - Elise to follow up with weeding coordinators and Holly

c. February – look ahead

I. Review Pasture Calendar, Rotation

li. Schedule upcoming herd moves

- Unfed group from Plateau to Pond 1/30
- Feed group from Lower Lower to Pond on 2/8
 - Holly to ask move committee to come up with a plan

lii. Fire extinguishers status report from Emergency Preparedness Team

- Kusia to get a status report from team and will report back

iv. Plan upcoming Fecal Egg Count test

- i. Discuss with wormers below.

8. Rules Revision

a. Status Update

i. Review [trailer policy comments](#)

1. Issues to discuss:

a. Parking designations

b. Definition of “using it” to re-set clock & how parking payment is triggered

c. Discussion of how to resolve comments/ potential revisions to the policy:

- Idea to scrap the 7 day free approach and instead limit parking to a few spots and charge a monthly fee. If a member doesn't want to pay a few for the month then they lose the spot.
- Linnea & Liz noted potential EBMUD concerns with trailer parking, though it seems to be a very dated concern due to potential litigation at another facility in the 1990s, unlikely to still be a concern.
 - i. Elise confirmed our lease does not address parking.
- Holly and Liz noted the cost should be higher. Though Liz noted her current option is only \$20, another spot in Moraga is \$80 a month, boarding facilities range ~\$0-120.
- Linnea noted potential parking challenges and potential need for trailer parking designations
- Kusia noted some positive aspects of having trailers on site, particularly horses being trailer trained
- Sylvie supported a monthly fee, following the calendar month, for administrative efficiency. The current draft of the trailer policy would be tough to track and enforce.
- Sylvie recommended having something to display in the window of the trailer indicating the spot is reserved for a time period and paid for.
- Elise to work with Heather A on a revised proposal

9. Worming

a. A few worms are still in the shed as of 1/9/26; no update as of today. **Reminder it is critical that everyone worm their horses around the same time**

- Liz volunteered to contact members who haven't wormed their horses yet
- Linnea sent Board text of wormer rule revision. Board to decide if they want to vote on it at this meeting.

- b. Discuss Board's plan for getting back on track with wormers. Kusia consulted with and/or reviewed materials from 3 vets (Starwood, Dr. O'Brien & Zoetis vet)
- An incorrect wormer was ordered & administered in the fall (December 2025) and it doesn't address tape wormers. Two options for spring are Quest Plus (moxidectin) or Equimax (ivermectin based, potential for resistance). Strongly recommended by vets not to use ivermectin twice in a row.
 - In fall go to Strongin, it's a different class of drug so good to do once a year
 - FEC - 2023-2024 OHA spent ~\$640 for fecal egg count
 - The FEC test doesn't pick up tapeworm, encysted small strongyles, pinworms (which has eggs outside anus), and bots. FEC test only tests for strongyles, both large and small. Even after testing, low shedders should be wormed 2x per year minimum, while medium shedders 3x per year. This is because the fecal egg test does not actually pick up on a lot of the parasites.
 - In the past almost all of the horses have been low shedders.
 - Dr. O'Brien has noted that Fecal Egg Count may not be very helpful as it's just a snapshot in time.
 - Liz suggested that instead of semi-regularly doing a fecal egg count, instead require fecal egg count before a new horse comes in.
 - Vote on if we should do fecal egg count this year:
 - i. Kusia moved to skip fecal egg count this year, Elise seconded, unanimously passed.
 - Vote on wormer plan in the spring
 - i. Unanimous vote to do Quest Plus in Spring, Strongin in Fall.

10. Committee Updates

- a. Treasurer's Report
- No updates/skip due to time
- b. Legal Committee
- No updates/skip due to time
- c. Membership Recruitment Advisory Committee
- No updates/skip due to time
- d. EBMUD Liaison Report

I. Sheds update and gravel requests update

- No update on hay sheds yet
- Ranger Jackie is trying to get up gravel this week, both for potholes on road and in Pavillion

e. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding/Rotation Committee

11. New Business

a. Form for collecting release of liability forms / waivers

- Idea to use a Google form to collect basic information for waiver signers and link that to their scanned waiver. Holly to work on Google spreadsheet to track this as well.

b. Upcoming events?

i. Francis Metcalf Dog training clinic offering in March: "High Functioning Dogs class (<https://www.metcalfmethod.com/classes>). Potential dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28.

c. Shavings storage

- Member suggested storing 20 bales of shavings at OHA that OHA would sell to members as needed. Some noted that it's unclear if hay is always paid for by members who use it.
- Liz noted that OHA used to keep an emergency bale of shavings with the expectation that if used you replace it. Though it was problematic to get people to remember to replace it.
- The board decided it's good to try having two emergency bales onsite and see how well replacement goes before purchasing a lot of shavings.

d. Manure spreading - skip due to time

e. Getting contractor bid for all-weather arena footing with proper drainage and process for discussing this potential project with EBMUD

- Concerns about footing in the arena that has no drainage which makes the arena unusable for many months out of the year.
- Mark called a contractor to discuss options and get estimate for basic drainage, natural materials and sand footing- for informational purposes.
- Mark will share the cost estimate. Likely something that would need to be funded through member donations. We also need to coordinate with EBMUD to get approval.
 - i. Liz noted Moraga has an improved arena with sand footing. It does break down eventually and has new sand added periodically.
 - ii. Golden gate fields is giving away track footing but that is not appropriate for OHA's watershed property.

12. Executive Session

- Started 6:42
- Adjourned 7:10

13. Next Meeting

- 2/10/26 5:30-7pm: Post this date on the members website