**REVISED MINUTES - DRAFT**

**JUNE 16, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 18:00 via Zoom. In attendance were: acting-President Sally Weare, Secretary Michael Bowen, and at large members Wakean MacLean, Alix Quay, Kate Razo and Eddie Reiter. Members Tanya Ericson and Megan Holmes present.

1. Introductions and Welcome
2. Agenda Approved
3. May minutes adopted without comment or correction.
4. Election of New Officers (All)
   1. The board elected the following officers to serve in an interim capacity until the September Annual Membership Meeting
      1. Wakean MacLean, President
      2. Sally Weare, Vice President
      3. Kate Razo, Treasurer
      4. Michael Bowen, Secretary
   2. The board voted in favor of filling the vacancy left by Lisa McLaughlin with Marina Pugliese. WM as newly elected President will notify and welcome.
5. Member Comment
   1. Comments expressed that older horses may spend too much time in stalls. The Board was asked to put a time limit on a stay and/or to ensure that the horse could actively be on pasture for significant length of time.
6. Consent Calendar (Pres)
   1. Planning Grid – TABLED
   2. Budget – None provided due to lack of Treasurer prior to meeting
   3. EBMUD Report – WM reported that EBMUD will attempt to repair water leak this month. Water will likely be shut off for a month, with Pavillion water maintained in reserve for that period.
7. Financial Report (Tr.)
   1. Budget Status and Treasurer Update: MB noted that earlier reviews of budget showed a significant (~$4,000) deficit, and that establishing and tracking a new budget was critically important.
   2. Insurance Update – MB updated the board on the status of OHA insurance. General Liability policy remains in effect. Due to the most recent lawsuit brought by a member against OHA over an attempted termination, OHA’s Directors and Officers Liability Insurance carrier (Atain) initially declined to cover the claim, then agreed to cover the claim, but then notified OHA of non-renewal of the policy. Since then, MB has attempted to find a new insurer, as well as a new broker. Despite extensive outreach, OHA is having trouble finding an insurer willing to carry OHA’s D&O policy, due primarily to the settlement agreement that reinstated the member following the lawsuit, and the perception that OHA therefore remains a high risk. Currently, only one insurer has been found who is willing to insure OHA. That quote is for $5,000/year, with a $10,000 deductible, an increase of $4,500 over the prior policy. The search for insurance continues, but the current policy lapses June 28. The discussion that followed highlighted the need for fee increases, and likely a special assessment in the coming year.
   3. Dues Proposals
      1. The board reiterated its earlier decision to increase Associate fees beginning in September to $250/year, payable in two six-month installments of $125.
      2. The board discussed a proposal to increase proprietary membership dues.
8. Membership
   1. Current applications and vacancies
      1. Alix will contact Harvey, Sonny, Bob for updates on their intent to remain at OHA. None has reached the deadline for introducing a new horse. AQ will reach out to them to discuss their plans.
      2. No action was taken on Caitlin or Theresa’s six month review. The board discussed that this relatively new process may be unknown, and KR volunteered to assemble a new self-evaluation form for OHA. She will circulate it to new members.
      3. AJ will have reached the 12/24 month requirement as of June 19, 2020, per the website list maintained by ER. WM will reach out to AJ to discuss her plans.
   2. Pending Interviews
      1. Longs new tenants will be interviewed for Associate status at Wednesday June 17 move by a sufficient number of board members.
      2. RJ : Vote to offer Associate Membership
9. Range Management Issues and Grazing Committee Update
   1. Spring Dieting – SW informed the board that a committee had been established to devise solutions to Spring grazing challenges, and that they were working on developing a future modified grazing plan that will hopefully limit exposure to rich green grasses and clover in Spring. The group includes Megan, Doug, Caitlin and Erica. WM noted that EB is involved in helping to figure out a future pasture rotation. Significant discussion followed regarding concern that horses were not moving onto pasture despite complete desiccation of forage. KR volunteered to communicate with remaining horse owners off pasture and identify plan to move them back onto pasture.
   2. Work Parties – WM noted that no one attended the hemlock work party, but that Gianni, Suzette, Tanya and Linnea did weeding last weekend. KR suggested that OHA devise an annual list of tasks so that work parties can be better organized in advance with the goal of attracting greater attendance.
10. Other Business
    1. Rules and Procedures Update Proposal – Tabled
    2. Website Migration – Linnea and Allison asked to provide the membership with an update on the status of website migration.
    3. Prescribed Burns – Pear Orchard (PO) Burn proceeded successfully. MOFD requested to know how many horses will be at PO, so it is essential to report to Eddie asap whether or not your horse will be in PO.
    4. Emergency Webinar hosted by Anna Johnson and Linda Furtado originally scheduled for June 17, cancelled and will be rescheduled.
    5. Next meeting scheduled for July 7, 18:00-20:00.

Meeting adjourned at 20:54.

The board held an interview June 17, 2020 of prospective Associate Members Julie Bourbon, Bill Whitlock and their daughter Caroline. OHA welcomes our new Family associate members to OHA. The family lives at the Long’s House on El Toyonal, and they look forward to joining and assisting the OHA community. Bill and Caroline are accomplished endurance riders, and Caroline will enter Miramonte in the Fall as a sophomore.

The board also wishes to welcome our newest proprietary member Nichole’ Davis!