**Orinda Horsemen’s Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 9, 2020 7:30 to 9:00 AM**

**Announcements:**

Neighbors on El Toyonal want us to remove horse manure from the road if a horse poops in the neighborhood, where the houses are.

Reminder to be polite to all EBMUD personnel.

Diane Livoti’s husband is having surgery 11/23; she asks all to help keep eye on Biz for next weeks

Consent items approved: NOTE RULE CHANGE FOR COMMENT:

a)       Approval of minutes of prior meeting

b)      2019-20 budget reconciliation (see spreadsheet from Kate) –Deferred for additional discussion during next meeting

c)       Clarify rule re: work hours for extra feedings: 1 hour per extra feeding for any member.

d)      BABT (Bay Area Barns& Trails) grant submitted, awaiting response

**Old business**

a)       Treasurer’s Report: Proposed budget to be done next meeting. No big changes from last year. Note that learning Treasurer job on the fly takes a lot of work. Suggest having a Treasurer-in-training.

b)      EBMUD Report: BABT grant has been submitted. Reminder to be polite to all EBMUD personnel. Ask before taking pictures.

**New Business**

Proposal from Whitlocks for use of Lower Sullivan pasture: They would like to use USR to help with grass and fire. EBMUD requires rest period; they would follow any rules. Also a possibility is to be Prop. Member. Bill says that they like the club and would like to help and participate more.

Annual Planning Grid items:

1. Liability Insurance for EBMUD – arrived in US mail; Kate has the certificate for EBMUD. Michael wants a copy for his insurance file.
2. Update emergency text alert system – Heather to ask Anna Johnson
3. Tabulate work hours – Marina did
4. Update bank signatories – Kate and Eddie will do

Ask about lease payment. Technically due on 11/15 (but last year OHA did not receive bill until much later. And we overpaid, so are due a refund or reduction in this year’s dues. To be discussed with EBMUD at the annual AGP meeting.

1. Update Planning Grid on the web – Heather will look at what needs to be added
2. Weed update – possible Purple Tansy (name?) around Pavilion and behind fence line – Erica will look.
3. Proposal (Sally): establish 4 quarterly ALL OHA Work Parties with dates assigned in advance and included on Planning Grid. Need to discuss whether Saturday or Sunday would be best  9AM-1PM--could do a poll of membership if necessary.

Membership Task List and Pasture Managers: Heather wants to look at, organize early in the OHA year. Only a few people signed up this year. Pasture manager position is really important. Erica tries to educate about weeds and rotation whenever she is out in the pasture, at work parties. Grazing Committee is also very important. Amazing amount of detail had to be talked about to create the proposal for next year. Great if Board talks about the rotation and its problems more. Rotation Manager is never going to be a job that can move from person to person from year to year, it is difficult to do by committee. Erica is willing to work with others. Timely decisions are hard to make, and revision often necessary throughout the year due to changing environmental conditions.

Membership Coordinator: Sarah willing to continue and has a proposal for procedural changes to the interview process. Board to discuss at next meeting. . Sarah’s term is up in January (check on that) but it can be renewed.

These items were tabled due to lack of time:

Proposed Capital Improvements for 2020-21

Leaking Pipe (check if leak has re-appeared)

Proposal from Anna for double gates across the fire roads into the pastures

  Debrief from attorney meeting (Michael) (update from attorney Zoom session on general legal

matters for horse owners, clubs and barns)

Interview Heather Rowe for Associate Membership: Accepted as Associate Member under Michael Bowen.

Next meeting date/time: Nov 23, 7:30-9:00 AM, via Zoom

Which issues from Board Priority List to discuss at next meeting

Membership recruitment & structure of membership process

Grazing Rotation and Coordinator