

**Orinda Horsemen's Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021**

Present: Michael Bowen, Alix Quay, Linnea Wren, Kate Razo, Marina Pugliese, Heather McHugh, Elise Torres, Heather Armstrong, Erica Braun, Liz Strauss

- 1) Adoption of Agenda - Approved
- 2) Adoption of Minutes - Approved
- 3) Consent Calendar - Approved
 - a) Acceptance of Elise Torres as a full Proprietary member
 - b) Approval of Heather Armstrong Rowe as a Probationary Proprietary member
- 4) Member Comment
 - a) Two members commented about the participation of minor family members in herd feeding. Recently, several members told another member that minors were not allowed to feed the herd. Elise T. and Heather A. offered their perspective as to the importance of having children participate in caring for the herd.
 - b) As a reminder, there are no OHA Rules or Procedures that prohibit minor children from participating in herd feeding. In addition, all members should re-read the Rules and Procedures to ensure the issue they want to address with another member is actually a Rule or Procedure.
 - c) The OHA liaison will reach out to the members involved in this issue.
- 5) Reports and Committee Updates
 - a) Treasurer's Report
 - i) Treasurer's duties are in transition from Kate to Linnea.
 - b) Legal Committee
 - i) Attorney Barbara Rhomberg is working on the revision of the Bylaws. We should have a draft within a month.
 - c) Membership Recruitment Committee
 - i) The new OHA website will be launched on November 21st. Ads recruiting new members, using language developed by the Recruitment Committee, will be placed shortly thereafter. OHA has a new email address for prospective members to send inquiries: prospective_member@orindahorsemen.org
 - ii) Liz Strauss asked the Board if she can have a horse placed in Eddie's space until she is interviewed for Proprietary Membership. Her request was referred to the Recruitment Committee, which will consider it at their meeting on Friday.

- d) Board Liaison Report – Addressed above under the Member Comment section.
- e) EBMUD Liaison Report
 - i) Repair of the water line to the pastures below El Toyonal is timely – Michael B will look at the line as soon as possible and if he and other members cannot fix it, we will engage a plumber.
- f) Communications Report – No report. Carla absent.
- 6) Discussion Item: Liability Waiver
 - a) The Legal Committee is working with some difficulty to align the waiver with EBMUD lease requirements, EBMUD Watershed Rules, OHA Rules and OHA’s insurance coverage requirements.
 - i) There appears to be little in the EBMUD rules or lease that allows OHA to regulate who we have on the property;
 - ii) The general liability insurance policy only provides coverage for members, but the committee is concerned whether temporary riding partners would be considered “members” in the event of a claim.
 - b) Michael has emailed the insurance broker’s office to request clarification on the insurance coverage, and the committee continues to analyze EBMUD and OHA rules to ensure consistency in our approach to the waiver.
- 7) Board Priorities for 2022 - Deferred
- 8) Next Meeting Date is December 3, 2021, 8 – 9 am
- 9) Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather McHugh