

**MINUTES Orinda Horsemen's Association; February 16, 2021**

**REMINDER: Proprietary and Associate Dues March 15**

**Prop: \$360/horse. Associate: \$125/half year**

**PROPOSED ALL\_MEMBER MEETING: Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.**

30 day comment period on dues changes opens now (see spreadsheet)

1) Consent Item: Approved minutes of prior meeting

2) Ongoing Business

a) Planning Grid

March spring vaccination clinic – Nichole will be asked to plan. We will locate and send her the vaccination tracking spreadsheet.

Dues due on March 15 for Proprietary and Associate Members

Weed abatement plan: ATV needs to be repaired, cost to be determined

b) Spring Grazing Plan

Review of rotation – use of Beer Can corral and extension, and Lower Pear, suggested for dieting horses

Sugar content may change depending on high/low elevation or late rains;

Doug was planning to get the grass in various pastures tested for sugars

Lower pastures have grass that comes in later, and has very different vegetation mix

Sugar testing this year would give us data to inform next year's rotations.

Wakean will be trying out a new type of grazing muzzle.

Beer Can Corral/Paddock is close to finished – no-climb fencing has to be installed, top line of plain wire needs to be installed and flagged (under the trees), rope around corral needs to be tested and sections replaced. Heather and Marina will work on it this weekend

Dieting horses will do first pass in Lower Sullivan and Beer Can – needed for weed control

Horses can't spend entire time in the BC Corral – some turn out will be necessary

Did this last year – be sure they start out on grazing program

Spring Grazing needs lots of coordination – Lisa has volunteered to lead

first step is probably to survey members

ask Doug to help with coordination?

To survey membership, someone (Lisa?) write draft, Board should send out

Eddie to contact Linda F to ask about Prescribed Burns.

Lower Pear probably preferred by EBMUD – fuel reduction early, pasture limited, easily accessible,

all dieting horses in one place to make coordination easier.

c) Retaining Counsel

At the last Board meeting, the vote was to raise ~\$15,000 in the coming year for legal work

Eddie presented a revised spreadsheet of scenarios, including dues increases and special assessments, for consideration.

Heather proposed bringing the concept before the full membership at a special membership meeting in the Spring. The board agreed to publish the spreadsheet with minutes so that the membership and board can approve a revision on dues and assessments following member feedback at the Spring meeting.

**Please review the attached two scenarios. Publication of these minutes starts the 30-day comment period for this proposal to adopt one of the two methods of increasing OHA's income.**

Michael updated the board on the proposed legal affairs committee. The committee will include Michael, Heather, Elise Torres, Kusia Hreshchynshyn and Anna Jurgens. The committee will begin the interview process

for outside counsel to OHA to be funded through a combination of dues and a special assessment. Once retained, the outside counsel will be advised to prioritize the following:

- a. Revise and update OHA Release Form;
- b. Review and propose updates for all OHA documents (Bylaws, Rules, Procedures, Arbitration Agreement, Insurance policies);
- c. Review all litigation history and ensure that OHA is well advised and positioned going forward and that documents are updated to support OHA in any future disciplinary efforts;

The proposed membership meeting is **Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**. Meeting will be held via Zoom – login information and agenda to follow.

d) BABT Grant Funded Project --

A discussion of the sheds and the need for leveling and support took place. If any digging needs to be done to create level foundations for the sheds, it needs to be done while the ground is still soft enough. However, if any materials need to be delivered, that would require awaiting dry conditions to be able to drive up.

e) New OHA signs – Due to time limitations, to be discussed via email, need to give draft to Kerry

f) EBMUD report – Kerry has forwarded the list of AGP projects to EBMUD Watershed leadership for review

g) Treasurer report – Kate had sent updated spreadsheet of current budget

### 3) New Business

Interview Molly Pearson for Associate Membership The board interviewed associate applicant Molly Pearson. Molly grew up on hunter/jumpers, has done vaulting (team gymnastics) and enjoys riding of any kind. She has ridden the Mongol Derby. The board voted to approve Molly as an associate under Kim Zvik.

### 4) Next meeting - Which issues from Board Priority List to discuss at next meeting --tabled

- a) Review Riding Partner and Associate Memberships
- b) Electronic Recordkeeping
- c) List of Work Needing to Be Done
- d) Proposal from Anna for double gates across fire roads into pastures
- e) Increase OHA work hour cost to match EBMUD rate

Date of next meeting : Monday, March 15, 7:30 AM

### THANK YOUS

Erica, Holly, Liz, Pat and Eddie: Broom pulling, Lower and PO

Doug, Wakean: Pond trough repairs

Tanya, Wakean (and more): new shed and materials from Rossmoor

Kim: old hay removal from Pavilion, chain saw checks

Sonny, Michael Bowen: Pavilion construction appraisal

Erica, Gianni, Tanya, Marina (and others) : BCC work

Gianni: cleaned beer can trough