

MINUTES June 3, 2021
Orinda Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Heather, Michael, Kate, Marina, Eddie, Alix; also Kusia, Linnea, Doug. Absent: Sally

- 1) Consent Item : Approval of minutes of prior meeting: Approved

- 2) Ongoing Business
 - a) Planning Grid: wormers to be distributed at next move,
Diane may need to be reminded
New worming protocol may be needed; Board will consider proposals
Linnea has done some research. Allison had recommendations
Any proposal could be discussed at Fall General Membership meeting.

 - b) Treasurer's Report
Updated budget report sent - \$8000 in black but expect high hay bill and legal fees
No response from Larry Hunt, Treasurer will send a letter via registered mail.
Dues will increase on Sept 15 dues.
Special assessment will be due July 15 – put front and center in June announcements

 - c) EBMUD Liaison report incl. AGP status – Kerry will send AGP when she has it. OHA received and paid in May the lease payment (generally due in November)

 - d) Report of Legal Committee –The attorney, Barbara, has been given the Article of Incorporation and the Bylaws to review. Have not heard back from her yet but should soon. The Board discussed whether to send Rules to attorney for review before or after the Legal Committee proposes revisions.

Elise Torres has worked on the Membership, Safety, and Disciplinary sections. Decision was made to have the attorney provide guidance on the overall structure of the rules first. OHA will modify the Rules and then give them to the attorney for a detailed review. The Legal Committee would like the document to distinguish between rules that focus on governance, membership, and safety and pasture operations and procedures.

Michael will ask Rosemary at Bay Laurel Arabians for a copy of her Release Form

- e) Report of Membership Recruitment Committee
Interviewed and accepted Heather Rowe; applications from Lisa McLaughlin + one more person
Ad copy from Carla is done, no decision yet as to where ads will be placed but have list of places
Also waiting for prospective member page on new website

- f) Check in on Herd Rotations : next to PO, then Lower at end of June (26-27), then Pond (July 4 or shortly after.)
So far, only one request for two horses to skip the Upper Pear rotation
Discussion continues on horses on and off pasture, provisions for older horses, and members who do minimum work hours

all items above can be future agenda items for discussion

- g) Website revamp – show & tell from Linnea
Concept: have an overview menu with sufficient info to guide you to the right place
Quick menu: things you want to find when you are out in pasture

Horse and member info, add work hours when you are there, emergency phone nos.
All info on new website is on the old site, but trying to organize
Update
edit for clarity
Perhaps website members page needs simplifying – a bit crowded
What should be on members page about various kinds of memberships?
What do we need on quick links? available on phone?

3) New Business

a) Planning for hay order – from Doug

Drought year will perhaps make harder to buy hay, and herd may need more
Hay is not yet available; has been cut and is drying, talking to several dealers
Same hay mix unless significant price difference – will know in a few weeks
How much hay? 20% more? Not just for members but herd will need more hay
Forage scant – likely to begin feeding earlier. Figure on feeding 2-4 weeks earlier
Will need rotation schedule from Erica – likely similar to this year

i) Status of prepping the new hay storage sheds -- tabled. See below, some work is finished.

b) Check in on Board priorities -- tabled

c) List of Work Needing to Be Done -- tabled

i) Reminder to membership about work hours due date and requirement of 10 hours on pasture

4) Date of next meeting (Thursday 6/24, 7:30 – 9:00 AM)

THANK YOU'S

Suzette, Tanya, Lisa, Nicole and more for fiddleneck pulling
Kim for fixing RP gate, work to prepare shed in USR
Bill and Julie (Whitlock) for mowing. Wakean for a LOT of mowing
Paul for hemlock cutting
Erica for cutting hemlock near the Pond
Paul and Wakean for shed foundation in FM
Liz Straus for donating file cabinet (and more)