

**MINUTES Orinda Horsemen's Association
Board of Directors Meeting May 11, 2021**

Present: Heather, Michael Bowen, Sally, Alix, Eddie, Kate and members Linnea, Tanya, Elise, Wakean
Absent: Marina

1. Consent Item : Approval of minutes of prior meeting
2. Ongoing Business - reports
 - a) Planning Grid
 - i) Hemlock mowing has been delayed because of fire danger (fiddleneck is current biggest problem)
 - ii) Prepare for hay – lower on agenda (Sonny has source for less expensive hay)
 - b) Treasurer's Report : Larry Hunt seems to have dropped membership; Kate to send registered letter. \$38,000 in checking, \$10,000 in savings
No EBMUD bill yet. Expect legal fees to continue.
 - c) EBMUD Liaison report incl. AGP status AGP and lease bill should arrive soon. Tell Kerry that there is tree blocking fire road to Inspiration Point.

4) Report of Legal Committee

Michael reported that an attorney has been retained, and will be working on the bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

Decision to be made: what changed to rules and procedures; how deeply to go into them. Two options: (1) focus on parts (disciplinary procedures) that have brought us into litigation, or (2) do wider review of rules. Rules are too long, cover too many unimportant issues. Elise recommends paring them down. Safety, dues, culture of cooperation, termination and grievance processes. Move other info to procedures.

Issue: how to clearly separate Rules from Procedures, and simplify Rules to be clearly enforceable. Note that the safety section of the Rules is very short; if this is to be the enforceable part, should maybe be expanded.

Rules were intended as the enforceable – violation means possible action of the Board.

MHA is in similar situation wanting to update Rules documents; sharing expenses have not been discussed.

Barbara should review Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation as they are – OHA has no suggested updates for now.

Bylaws now say organized for benefit of people. Perhaps should include benefit of horses. Rewrite the mission statement? Do this via email.

Next steps may be Elise to talk with the attorney for advice as how to proceed. Organize and simplify; seek guidance from Barbara

Before giving rules to attorney, bring rules up to date – what has already been revised.

5. Report of Membership Recruitment Committee – received two applications. Heather Rowe/Armstrong and someone who learned about us on Facebook. Jessica Govoni has told us that she would like to re-apply.

6. Update on Spring Confinement – dieting herdlet rejoined the main herd, but some horses have been pulled off since then. Two horses behind the Red Barn and two horses in North Corral. Setting up the Pond Bottoms corral would take 3 hours; Tanya would help. Pavilion is full; space is tight. Lameness/fiddleneck/fat horses are using the stalls. Heat wave

may make the grass dry up and maybe more horses can to out pasture. Tanya offers to coordinate if no one else will do. (Kate will work on Mondays and Tuesdays.)

7. Website revamp status: Linnea reports that she and Carla worked on public pages. More updates coming soon.

8. a. Signage : Sally wants advice on (1) emergency number on sign. Eddie will ask if we can put EBRPD emergency number on the sign -- that the law enforcement agency responsible is EBRPD. EBMUD has contracted with EBPRD for security protection. Closed El Toyonal is not within city jurisdiction. EBMUD has jurisdiction over closed part of El Toyonal; EBMUD fixed gates but there was long delay in doing so.

b. T-shirts . What colors? Green or gray in any choice.

9. Disposition of BABT Grant Funds: need to get hay storage onto foundation; need to spend BABT grants. Paul and Michael . Paul, Michael, Wakean will work.

New Business (tabled)

- d) Planning for hay order (tabled)
 - i) Prepping the new hay storage sheds
- e) List of Work Needing to Be Done (tabled)
- f) Mid-year check in on Board priorities (tabled)

Date of next meeting : Thursday June 3, 7:30 AM

Adjournment:

Suggestion to Linnea: suggest revisions to ByLaws to change purpose of OHA. might have to re-file with state of CA. Barbara has already raised issue of whether 501c7 is the right classification.