

Orinda Horsemen's Association
Board Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2021
8:00-9:00 AM via Zoom

Present: Michael Bowen, Linnea Wren, Carla Lease, Kate Razo, Alix Quay, Marina Pugliese, Heather McHugh, Gianni Benecchi, Heather Armstrong, Tanya Ericson, Sonny Wesley, Nichole Davis, Erica Braun

- I. Adoption of Agenda – Motion made to move Executive Session to the last agenda item, then agenda approved
- II. Adoption of Minutes - Approved
- III. Consent Calendar - Approved
 - a. Instatement of Paul Burns as a full Proprietary member
- IV. Member Comment
 - a. Sonny asks Board to help lessen gossip at OHA. He shared a recent incident that affected him deeply.
 - I. Board will discuss the incident in Executive Session and determine how to respond.
 - b. Tanya supported Sonny and said at OHA it's a constant battle about how members care for their horses. She also suggested we need more signage about the paths and fire roads – when we should not be using certain routes.
 - c. Nichole said she has avoided bringing her children to OHA so that they don't have to hear difficult interactions. She hears a lot of gossip about other members. The atmosphere contributes to members feeling isolated. She would like this to change. She also agreed with Tanya that we need signage about rules, for example at the pavilion. She supported the Board asking people to apologize if they pass on a rule that is not actually a rule – people should be doing that without being asked.
 - d. Heather A. thanks the Board for helping navigate these issues and for helping her learn her way around OHA.
- V. Committee Updates
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Defer, role is in transition
 - b. Legal Committee – See below
 - c. Membership Recruitment Committee
 - I. New website has been launched, ads have been placed, and we are getting interest. Tours are scheduled with prospective new members, and we have received some applications.
 - II. Heather asked for additional ideas on where to advertise. Alix reminded that Morris had suggested BAPT and another site – will refer back to his email.
 - d. Board Liaison Report

- I. Alix said members have brought up how to have guests visit the pasture. She knows the Legal Cte is working on this issue, to make sure we are in compliance with EBMUD rules and our insurance coverage.
 - e. EBMUD Liaison Report
 - I. Heather reported to Virginia at EBMUD that the plumbing leak had been fixed (Thanks Michael Bowen).
 - II. Virginia asked that we submit a capital improvements proposal to her. See item VII below.
 - f. Communications Report
 - I. Carla reminded us that there is a split herd move this Sunday. Main group will move Sunday at 10 am, but horses can be moved in small groups after that as well.
 - g. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding
 - I. Erica requested we clarify who is on the Beer Can team, as it needs to be prepped for spring dieting. Michael sent a request for volunteers and has received responses.
- VI. Liability Waiver
 - a. Michael asks that the Board read the memo the Legal Cte sent and we will discuss at a future meeting.
- VII. Board Priorities for 2022/Capital Improvement Priorities
 - a. Capital improvements ideas were discussed at the General Membership meeting.
 - I. The Board is working on prioritizing the ideas and will develop a capital improvements proposal to EBMUD.
- VIII. BABT Grant
 - a. Michael reported that the BABT approved our revised grant proposal
 - b. Board should send a thank you letter. Carla will draft.
- IX. Executive Session – Deferred due to lack of time.
- X. Next Meeting Date – Board will meet in Executive Session Monday, Dec. 6, 8-9 AM
- XI. Adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather McHugh