

OHA BOARD MEETING Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

5:30 – 7:00 pm via Zoom

- Called to order at 5:42pm
- All board members present, Linnea as well to discuss hay and rules update
- Allison joined at 5:50 to discuss feeding schedule
- 1. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Adopted with addition to consent calendar, motion carried
- 2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Adopted without changes, motion carried
- 3. Consent Calendar
 - a. Kate McClure for Associate Membership under Carla's mentorship approved.
- 4. Appreciations
 - a. Great Associate members doing lots of work around OHA!
 - b. Branch trimming in arena
 - c. Everyone working hard to prep hay areas
 - d. Feeding schedule coming along
 - e. Red paint on the pavilion hay shed door looks great!
 - f. Everyone working cooperatively to have horses off pasture
- 5. Member Comment
 - a. None
- 6. 2025-26 Projects
 - a. AGP
 - i. Replace troughs: Upper Sullivan, Pond Pasture - Mark - in process to meet 9/30/26 deadline
 - 1. Mark will be working on it soon.
 - ii. Red Barn gutter - Mark - in progress to meet 9/30/26 deadline
 - iii. E-Fence replacement - Erica
 - 1. On track
 - iv. Stocking rate adjustments update
 - 1. Holly & Linnea are tracking
- 7. Planning Grid (https://orindahorsemen.org/?page_id=14063)
 - a. July – *follow up*
 - i. Review completed herd moves - 7/8 through gate Lower to Beer Can; 7/14 through gate Beer Can to Lower Sullivan; 7/18 in-hand Lower Sullivan to Pond
 - b. August – *current*
 - i. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves
 - 1. 8/19 Pond to Upper Sullivan
 - ii. Feeding schedule AI process update - Allison
 - 1. Determine number of feedings per horse space
 - a. 32 horses this feeding season, $32 \times 9 = 288$ feedings needed and $141 \text{ days} \times 2 \text{ slots} = 282$ slots. So two choices:
 - b. 1) assign 9 slots per horse and have 6 people have one less slot or
 - c. 2) assign 8 slots per horse ($32 \times 8 = 256$ slots) and have 26 slots be volunteer slots for extra work hours.

- d. For many years we did 8 slots, then we did 9 for several years, and last year we did 8 again. It seems to fluctuate based on number of horses we have when we do the schedule
 - e. Decided on 9 per horse space and the 6 members with the most work hours as of COB 5pm 8/17 only need to do 8 per 1 horse space
 - 2. Discussion with Allison of the different options for people to note their preferences
 - a. Determined all members can opt into 1 guaranteed pond feeding
 - 3. Discussion of how important it is to avoid feeding in specific locations to prevent degradation of certain areas of pastures.
 - a. **Avoid feeding near pond barn**
 - b. **Plateau pasture - avoid feeding below the road. Even truck feeders will need to do two rows of hay above the road**
 - c. **Essential this year to avoid feeding near hay sheds, or places where horses stand around and to spread hay out and on weeds, and into the edges of pastures.**
- iii. Pasture walk with Jackie - Erica and Kusia
 - 1. Erica and Kusia met with Jackie in early August. She wants to be a more active partner in helping us manage the pasture better
 - 2. Discussion included working to get the horses to explore more areas of the pasture and people. Ride off the road, release horses further into the pasture, show horses more parts of the pasture and release them there.
 - 3. Jackie could use any "data" that shows how horses and or our membership has addressed invasives in the past. Pictures, hand drawn maps, etc would be helpful going forward.
 - 4. Some parts of the lower pastures are looking heavily grazed despite having less horses on the pasture, particularly near the gates. Noticed a smaller herd grouped together and hung out by gates more.
 - 5. Jackie suggests picking up native seed heads and spreading them around to other parts of the pasture. Allison suggests quarterly nature/ native grasses walk/tour or select pastures.
- iv. Hay delivery 8/18 preparation and logistics
 - 1. Hay is scheduled for delivery and has been paid for.
 - 2. Figuring out locations and timing given herd locations and pasture conditions. Currently in Pond, Upper Sullivan next
- c. September – *look ahead*
 - i. Annual meeting preparation
 - 1. Board vacancies and eligibility: 2 spaces
 - a. Kusia's 1st term is up, eligible for another term
 - b. Sylvie's 1st term is up, not running again.
 - c. Mark to send out nomination reminder email
 - d. All proprietary members are eligible to nominate and run for the board
 - 2. Elise to compile voting instructions to send to membership
 - 3. Reminder to use meetings@orindahorsemen.org for the annual meeting info
 - ii. Fall clinics
 - 1. Being scheduled; clinic organizers get ½ hour work hour for organizing and tracking

2. All clinics to collect estimated weight and body condition scores. Estimated weight will help us with wormer dosage. Clinic coordinators to make sure weight tape is available.
- iii. Fall wormer
 1. Strongid wormer has been ordered, administer by the end of September.
 2. Sylvie to order
- iv. Start of feeding
- v. Review Pasture Calendar upcoming herd moves *date may be adjusted for pasture conditions*
 1. 9/16 Through two gates, Upper Sullivan to Forest
 2. 9/13 Open gate from Forest to Middle
 3. 9/20 Forest / Middle to Plateau

8. Rules Revision

a. Rules Discussions

- i. 12/24 off pasture & 12 months rules; discuss proposed rule change:
 1. Suspend rules VII.D, and VII.E, for the fiscal year 2026-27.
 - a. For reference:
 - i. VII.D When assigned a space, a member will fill it within six months. If an existing member vacates a horse space for any reason, it must be refilled with his or her own horse within one year from the date vacated or the member forfeits the space.
 - ii. VII.E Members may keep their horse(s) elsewhere, or have an empty space, for up to 12 consecutive months; however, the member must have a horse occupying their space, and on the pasture, for at least 12 of every 24 months.
 - b. Discussion
 1. Temporary because we are dealing with current pasture conditions and the next board will have to address the conditions next year
 2. Suspension of 12/24 off pasture & 12 months rules (VII.D, and VII.E) for the fiscal year 2026-27.
 3. Board voted to propose Suspension of 12/24 off pasture & 12 months rules (VII.D, and VII.E) for the fiscal year 2026-27 to membership for 30 day review, Kusia moved, Mark second, motion carried
 4. Will be sent to membership for 30 day review.

2. In addition, consider suspending new proprietary memberships until the end of the fiscal year 2026-27, or until 6 horse spaces have been vacated, whichever is sooner.
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Linnea mentioned should suspend it until we are below 27 horse spaces
 - c. Holly agrees, convey's EBMUD's intent
 - d. Proposed language: In addition, suspend new proprietary memberships until the end of the fiscal year 2026-27, or until member horse spaces drops below 27.
 - e. The Board reviewed the issue of suspending new proprietary memberships until the end of fiscal year 2026-27, or until member horse spaces drop below 27. Due to time and the need to consult the bylaws the board left this discussion unfinished and to be addressed at a later meeting.

- b. Status Update: No updates since last meeting.

Work Hours Rules and Procedures	Complete. See Revisions Record Rules & Procedures
Revocation Section VII.E	Complete. See Revisions Record Rules & Procedures
Arena	Board review 30 day Membership Review comments (30-day review ended 5/9/26)
Section III. Horse Health Care – Horses Returning from Travel	Membership 30-Day review Began 6/30/26 Last day 7/30/26
Herd Feeding	Member feedback
Use of Stalls, Paddocks and Ring Pasture	Member feedback
Changes of Horses	Initial draft
Horse Health Care	Initial draft
Membership Procedures	Initial draft
Managing Manure	Initial draft
Honorary Membership	Pending
Safety	Pending
Dogs	Pending
Trailers	Pending

9. Committee Updates

- a. Treasurer's Report - discuss bank account management
 - i. Holly to take over as debit card holder from Sylvie
 - ii. Key executive for Wells Fargo account doesn't need to be changed
- b. Legal Committee
- c. Membership Committee
- d. Board Liaison Report
- e. EBMUD Liaison Report
- f. Communications Report
- g. Pasture Reports/Herd Feeding

10. New Business: Annual meeting September 27, 2026 @ 2pm

11. Notifications: Addendum added after the Board Meeting: OHA has submitted an application for a BABT grant to support the new pasture hay sheds (see [OHA website page BABT, 2026](#) for further info). The grant information indicates that decisions will be made at the end of August. Please share your endorsement of OHA and the positive environmental and community impact of the hay sheds if a relevant opportunity arises.

12. Executive Session

- a. Moved into executive session at 7:18
- b. Ended 7:47

13. Next Meeting

- a. Agenda
- b. Date: 9/15, 5:30-7pm