

Horseman's Association

Meeting Minutes

For February 16th 2008

Officers Present

Valerie Figueiredo, President
David Wheeler 1st Vice President
Robin Snyder, 2nd Vice President
Ute Kilian, Treasure
Nancy Pon, Secretary

Meeting called to order 4:05 p.m.

Members present: Valerie Figueiredo, Ute Kilian, David Wheeler, Robin Snyder, Nancy Pon, Betty Boltin, Ron Clark, Hayley Domer, Dwight Clark, BOD rep substitute Randy Apoian (Laura Bolder could not attend because of personal reasons.)

Reading of the minutes: Nancy Pon from December 1 2007. Accepted as read

Treasures Report: by Ute Kilian, total in account \$2558.00, sub account for trail class equipment- \$250.00, and Pancake Breakfast Supplies- \$500.00 with an open balance of \$1808.00

Old Business:

- Discussed proposed schedule of activities given to Paul Adams (ranch manager) and Jenny Branagan (Stables Manger) for 2008 season, and revisions suggested at meeting with Jenny on Saturday 2/16/08. Since some dates conflict with Evening Dinner Rides, these will be changed. No other evening events, due to labor costs. Evening Dinner Rides are by volunteer Wrangles. Revised Schedules will be printed and posted shortly. (Valerie Figueiredo) Also, we will not be able to do intermediate or advanced skill workshops, since we have been instructed we must walk only due to insurance constraints. We discussed with Board Rep that R-Wildhorse Ranch does still do speed events and lessons. WE would like to look into the carrier and type of insurance they have. In the meantime, we will abide by the guidelines given by Ranch Management. We will have to be more creative with play days and trail course events.
- Calendar of Events Overview
- Pancake breakfast May 25th 2008 will post sign up sheet both on the yahoo site, lodge, and in newsletter. We are hoping for the same volunteers from last year will come and help out again. Bill Spiker with the pancakes, Cameron Pon and David Wheeler with the bacon and sausages, Ute Killian and Nancy Pon with the eggs, and all the officers with set up and clean up. Teens to participate need to stick around this time to clean up before they get their tips. We need more owners to help out with setting up and taking down. Flyers for the event to go up a month or so before in the lodge, the ROA office, Yahoo site and the Ranch website.
- Raffle Baskets and fundraising ideas for 2008----approached Dawn Clark to help with basket preparation- She agreed.
- Christmas Party and Gift Exchange was a **huge** success. The gift exchange and the children's smiles were priceless and everyone you came had a great time. Thank you to the BOD Reps who came and supported us: Randy Apoian and Laura Bohler. Santa too! The next one we will advertise it earlier in the year and post it again on the R-ranch website and yahoo group.

New Business:

- Steve Pietrobono no longer our BOD rep. Laura Bohler has accepted position.
- Stables Wish List: Jenny had requested new pair of cordless clippers for the stables. Approximate cost \$199.95. We can do this and she suggested Valley Vet, Napa.
- Discussed the need for recruiting NON-RIDERS volunteers for our events in the spring and summer. We need gate keepers, card holders, registration table helpers. And prize table people. Encourage folks who no longer ride, but may have kids or grandkids who do, to get involved.
- **RRHA Youth Assoc.**, discussed concept of youth program, to further excite young people about horse and events. Older more experienced riders to mentor younger ones and to do activities with them, as well as riding, etc. Still in development stag (Robin Snyder.)

- **RRHA Logo**....showed logo concepts that started with Robin Countrymen-Valk, but, weren't finalized. Shape was unanimously accepted, but horse head symbol wasn't unanimous. Other photos will be considered. Would like to get the logo finalized, so that we can create T-shirts, Sweatshirts and other items for fundraisers, and awareness of the Assoc. (Robin Snyder)
- **Photo Calendar Project:** David Wheeler will take this over. He will check cost at Costco for printing. Everyone can send photos to him. Would be great to have ready to go before spring. (Val believes the calendar can start on any months so we could go from April to April) David will bring sample to the next meeting.
- **Trail Card classes:** We were advised by Jenny a lot of the trail cards have expired and owners need to come in and retake the test. However, she will be revising the test and we had suggested having basic and intermediate classes to get owners up to date (prepared for test). Wearing helmets need to be a focus on the trails. Owners should be aware of the safety issues while riding a horse.
- **Small Arena**—Jenny suggested that we consider purchasing new sand for the small arena, which will be our primary location for RRHA Events. She will leave this location to us for this season.
- **Trailer:** new trailer apparently leaked during big rain storm. We will see if we can find where the leak occurred. Perhaps some caulking will help. It is tarped for now. DMV Registration deemed not necessary, since the trailer is nonoperational and sits on private property. We will have to check with the Ranch Manger on this, since this trailer is not occupied, it is for storage only.

Open Forum:

- Talked about insurance and how we can get the extra coverage.
- Liability releases for owner horse for H.A. officers to possibly groom horses.
- Getting waivers for owner/stable horses.
- Having meetings earlier and at the same time ever month so that more owners can participate and getting the yahoo website posted on our meeting notes so that more owners will know what is happening.

Meetings adjourn: 5:04 p.m.

Next meeting March 29th 2008 at 1:00 p.m.