

SHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/03/10

The meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club building on Idaho Rd. It came to order at 7:00PM. The board members present were Ed Dison, Eric Messina, Jeff Watson, Jim Foster, Jeanne Kennedy, Judy Hood, Pam Kantowski and Jodi Beekman. There were two members of the general membership present- Bev Hansen and Chip Wilson. There were no comments from the general membership.

Trails Committee: none.

SHA Store: none.

Road Clean Up: There was an award presentation from the Apache Junction Community for Road Clean up and Allison Strathearn and Judy Hood were there to receive the award. Judy showed the award to members of the board and then it will be given to the Historian to keep for SHA.

Activities Committee: They presently are working on Lost Dutchman Days activities.

The Black Stallion Literacy Project: Chip Wilson reports that Desert Vista Elementary will have the first touch on Thursday morning. Chip met with coordinator Kelly Sparks who has some ideas for the second touch part of the project. Patricia Lopez is the new South Western Regional Director. There is a second touch to be at the Horse Lovers Park April 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th and 15th. There will be a 4th grade presentation with the Arabian Nights May 1st, 2nd and 3rd at West World.

The last board of SHA had voted to make periodic payments toward an original commitment of \$1000 to the Black Stallion Project. Therefore Jeff Watson made a motion to pay \$250 to the Black Stallion Project at this time. It was seconded by Pam Kantowski. All present voted "aye".

Pony Tracks Newsletter: The printing cost was \$41 and the postage was \$87. Everyone agrees that it looks great.

Competitive Trail Ride Committee: Eric Messina had some great ideas to share about an organization called the American Competitive Trail Horse Association whose website is www.actha.us. This organization makes it more organized and a little easier for clubs to run a competitive trail ride. People come from other states to ride in these rides. The ACTHA handles the advertising and sign up and local club volunteers help run the local part of the ride and can even charge for the lunch offered at the ride. Ed told Eric to look into it more and let the board know more at the next meeting.

Parade Committee: The next parade is the Lost Dutchman's Day Parade on Feb 27th. There will also be a truck and trailer available for some people to ride on.

Equine Welfare Committee: none.

Political Committee: Bev Hansen reports that Maricopa County is taking a local horseman to court regarding port-a-stalls and shades. They are insisting that a permit be obtained when putting up these stalls. The county ruling is that any additions worth more than \$1000 to a stable or ranch needs a permit and the permit would cost more than the stalls. Even if the owner shows receipts that prove the stall would cost \$500 or less the county's opinion on the cost is what is being ruled on and their opinion is that the addition is worth more than \$1000. Also there are no "grandfathering rights" being accepted. Right now they are taking it case by case.

Website: Edna Driscoll is doing the website now.

Bylaws, Rules and Conduct Committee: Tom Puklin is still working on this.

Secretary Notes: There were no changes.

Treasurers Report: Income of \$566.00, Expenses of \$1,545.17 with \$1,536.22 in the checking account and \$1,931.25 in the savings account for a total of \$3,467.47.

Membership Report: 101 renewals, 35 new memberships for a total of 136 memberships and 240 members. Judy wanted to remind everyone that membership is for a whole year until after six months has passed and then they can pay half price for the remainder of the year and this is written on the membership application.

For advertising we have a new advertiser – Ace Hardware in Apache Junction.

Old business/new business:

The Lost Dutchman State Park: It is on a lease set up with the State Parks Department and the State Parks Department is considering closing the Lost Dutchman State Park. If they decide to let this go it would go back to the BLM. Right now State Parks and Apache Junction are having discussions about how to keep it open and running. There was a discussion about this among the SHA members.

The next business discussed was the Free Nights at the Rodeo Grounds. Last year it was around \$500 for the association to pay to have Thursday nights for open ride at the rodeo grounds. Ed proposed that he thought local businesses could sponsor the Free Nights and not have any cost involved for SHA. Jeff Watson made a motion for Ed to look into having businesses or persons share in sponsoring the cost of the rodeo grounds for Thursday Free Nights from May to August. Pam Kantowski seconded the motion. All present voted "aye".

Horse Health Clinic: It is going to be on March 6th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the rodeo grounds. It appears that this is being well organized at this point with two different veterinarians there for presentations and question and answer sessions, a farrier present for Q and A and two trainers there for presentations and Q and A sessions. Jim Foster will have at least four of his horses for demonstrations

as needed by the vets or the farrier. It was decided to keep the cost down for the people attending and have a simple lunch of hamburgers, chips and sodas. It was decided not to have any vendors present.

The shot clinic date has not been decided but signup could be at the horse health clinic and there would be a better idea of the date at that time.

Poker Ride: It will be on April 3rd. The activity committee will take care of the barbeque/lunch.

The Lost Dutchman Days: We will have a booth all three days – Feb 26th, 27th and 28th. Membership and the SHA store will be looking for volunteers to sit at the booth. Our signs say “donations” for the water, soda and other items. We will have the saddle raffle there to sell tickets.

Apache Junction future development: Jeff Watson says that the G and G Consultants are doing a video to promote Apache Junction and he thinks that it would be a good idea for Bev Hansen to approach them to have some shots of horse activities or horseback riding in that video. They are having a meeting at the college on Apache Trail in rm # 444 from 6 to 8 PM.

Budget: As requested, Jeanne Kennedy brought financial printouts from the last two years and there was a discussion about the cost of things we have participated in the past, what our ideas are for the future and how to have a better idea of the financial needs for events. There was a discussion about how to set up a budget to meet these needs as they occur in the future.

Jeff Watson made a motion to adjourn and Jim Foster seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.