

SHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 4/07/10

The meeting was held at the Boys And Girls Club Building. Board Members present were Ed Dison, Eric Messina, Judy Hood, Jodi Beekman, Jeanne Kennedy, Jeff Watson, and Pam Kantowski. The meeting came to order at 7:00PM.

There was a presentation by Teresa Myers from Kids on Kritters riding club for youth 18 and under at the P & M Arena. There are 5 different age groups. They have gymkhanas the second weekend of every month. Having fun on horseback and safety are emphasized. There are usually 30 participants a month and there were 24 last year that qualified for year-end awards. A youth needs to attend a minimum of seven gymkhanas to qualify to receive year end awards. They try to have ribbons for the winners and the year end awards are useful items usually made out of leather such as belts, saddle pads or breast straps for the horse. Since SHA made a donation last year she was making this presentation in hopes that SHA would make a donation again this year to support their club.

Comments from the general membership: none.

Trails Committee: The poker ride was on April 3rd. The participation was low but the ride went well with beautiful weather and a great dinner. The next ride will be April 17th on the Arizona Trail.

The SHA Store Committee: none. There is still no one to head this committee.

Road Clean Up Committee: The next clean up date is May 2nd from 8 AM to 12 noon. Allison went ahead and set the dates for the two road clean ups after that: Sept. 12 and Nov 7th.

Activities Committee: The Poker Ride and Dinner went well. There were 36 attending the dinner. Thank you to Ed's Home Maintenance for donating the food. The amount brought in was \$900 with 4 extra poker hands for \$20 and \$6 donation for The Black Stallion Literacy Project which came to a total of \$926 and there was \$40 for the Saddle Raffle, and \$30 for the store donations. The winning hand was won by Rita Kantowski and the low hand was won by Nicole Kantowski. Thank You to B and B Feeds for the donation of pellets for the winning hand of Poker.

The next subject brought up was the food bank for horses and other animals. It is called Whiskers, Wags and Tails. If a person is out of work and is having a hard time with finances and needs food for their animals – including horses- they just need to fill out the proper paper work. The people to contact for this are Allison Strathearn, Tuni House or Hoofs Feed store. Then when that person is able they return the favor by donating actual food for the animals or by donating money. This helps to keep the project continuing. Also any person can donate to the Food Bank at any time.

The Black Stallion Committee: April 16th there will be a second touch at the rodeo grounds and volunteers are still needed. There are also volunteers needed at the Horselovers Park session on April 9th.

Parade Committee: none.

Publicity Committee: none.

Competitive Trail Ride Committee: A committee for this has not been assigned as yet but it sounds like a good idea to follow up on and make plans for.

Equine Welfare Committee: There was a city meeting with Animal Control and the Environmental dept concerning a case where a boarding stable had unenforceable complaints filed with the city against them by neighbors in their area. A reasonable solution was reached.

There is another complaint that is against a horse owner in Apache Junction concerning a person that has a large number of horses on their property. Ed says he will look into this case to see what can be done to address the complaint and see if there is a major problem etc.

There is another case about a person in Apache Junction that lives on a small lot that is zoned GR which means they are allowed to have a horse. The present complaint is that the shade is not in compliance with the city regulations because it is too close to the property line and it will have to be set back. Ed says that he and maybe some other person can help in this situation by assisting in moving the shade back and then it will be in compliance with the city regulations.

News from Chip and the Arizona Horse Council: At their last session there were discussions about three topics: Lighting issues, Parking issues, and Maricopa County Fencing issues.

Lighting issues - - - This was a discussion regarding whether Queen Creek's facilities such as Horseshoe Equestrian Center's lights in that center meet the newer state law that requires lights to meet the "dark sky requirements" with the light having a shield over it that directs the light towards the ground instead of up into the night sky and being turned off by midnight.

Parking issues---The rules addressed many different types of facilities but not "horse facilities" so it was decided that they would probably fall into the category of a fairground type of facility. In that case the rule states that they must have a parking space for every 50 foot of show area or could use the number of seats in the seating areas to determine how many parking spaces there must be.

Fencing issues----At present Maricopa County is fining a particular stable \$13,000 in fines for putting up "temporary panel fencing". This case involved having large fees for permits and fines for not obtaining the permits and will probably go to court.

Website: There has not been any website entries for over two months and Edna Driscoll has not contacted the association about it. It was discussed. Then Jeff Watson made a motion to remove Edna from taking care of the website. It was seconded by Pam Kantowski and all members voted "aye". There were no suggestions about who might help the association out with the website.

Bylaws, Rules, and Conduct Committee: Tom Puklin suggested to Ed that to deal with the situation when an SHA member is openly or publicly making statements against the SHA association or members

that it should be addressed by a committee with a person sitting on the committee that is nonbiased (not an SHS member). There was a discussion about whether our bylaws allow a non member on a committee.

Treasurers Report: There is an income of \$1024, expenses of \$634 for a total balance of \$390. This does not include the income or expenses from the Poker Ride. There is \$2231.35 in the savings accounts. It was discussed and decided that we could donate \$250 to the Kids on Kritters riding club for youth. Eric Messina made a motion to donate to the club and Judy Hood seconded it. All members voted "aye".

Membership Committee: There are 106 renewals, 45 new memberships, for 151 memberships and 261 actual members. Membership committee also collected \$10 for the Black Stallion Literacy Project

Shot Clinic for horses: There was not enough interest in this. There was only one paid client and possibly three more that have paid. Eric Messina made a motion to cancel the plans to have the shot clinic. Pam Kantowski seconded it. All members voted "aye". The client who paid will have their check returned to him.

Ed mentioned that the "Free Nights Under the Lights" on Thursdays made it into the community paper for community recreation and activities. It begins May 6th from 6PM to 10PM.

Ed handed out a printed out 2010 calendar sheet and everyone made suggestions about setting up definite dates for some of the events that are planned throughout the year.

Eric Messina made a motion to adjourn and Jeff Watson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.