

## SHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 1/20/10

The meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club building. It convened at 7:05 PM. There were 20 members present. The board members that were present were Ed Dison, Jodi Beekman, Jeanne Kennedy, Jeff Watson, Jim Foster, and Judy Hood.

There were no changes of the Secretary minutes.

Jeanne Kennedy presented the Treasurers report. The income was \$1949.00. Expenses were \$494.69. The cash balance in the bank is \$4562.18.

The Membership committee report by Judy Hood showed 31 new memberships, 100 renewed memberships for a total of 131 memberships and 231 members.

The Black Stallion Committee: Chip Wilson reports fewer schools are participating in the Black Stallion Program this year. (Desert Vista, Eisenhower Elem in Mesa, a preschool in Phoenix and 2 other schools.) On Fri. April 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a "second touch" at the Rodeo Grounds. There will be 4 learning stations and there is always a need for volunteers to help.

Political: Bev Hansen was present and had no new reports to make.

Pony Tracks: Mardi Devolites gave a short report and mentioned that she will be writing articles for the paper for SHA.

Website: The new webmaster will be Edna Driscoll.

Rules and Bylaws Committee: They are still in the process of setting up the committee.

New business/old business:

There was a discussion about the clinics that SHA is planning on having about horse care and first aid. The tentative dates are March 6<sup>th</sup> for the informational clinic and March 27<sup>th</sup> for a shot clinic with prepaid reservations.

SHA will be having another saddle raffle with the saddle being donated by Crazy Horse Tack.

There is a group of members that have planned a clean up of the Arizona Trail from the Picket Post trail section northward. People who are interested can meet and park at the Happy Camp Rd at 10:00AM. The date will be Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Addendum: Because of rain and bad weather conditions the date was actually postponed until Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.)

Jeff Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jim Foster seconded the motion.

The meeting then continued with two speakers - David Fern from Apache Junction Public Works Development and Ed Gawf from G and G Consulting who is working with Apache Junction on planning for Apache Junction future development. They reported that Apache Junction has shown a strong interest in keeping the community open and available as an equestrian community. The first step was to obtain input from the community to plan bike trails and walking trails in the city and horse trails that are near existing stables and would tie into already established trails. There could even be traffic lights buttons at intersections that are at horse height. The second thought was to possibly have an area set up for visitors to bring their horses to a parking area for their trucks and trailers and get out and ride in the city or out to the trails into the mountains. This would also allow unique opportunities for certain market and retail sales development. After those plans are finalized there would be the task of implementation and promotion. The speakers invited input and questions from the members present. There is a website that is being developed with all the information that the consulting firm has compiled. It is [www.downtownaj.com](http://www.downtownaj.com). Brad Stenke then spoke briefly about the new law for front yard and fencing issues. He said that law will stand as is at present.