

SHA General Membership Meeting 4/28/10

The general membership meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Club building. It was called to order at 7:00PM. Present were Ed Dison, Eric Messina, Jodi Beekman, Judy Hood, Jeanne Kennedy, Jim Foster, and Jeff Watson. There were three members present and one Guest speaker, Brad Steinke.

After the Pledge of Allegiance the first item of attention was to present a lifetime membership to Rodger Luth. Rodger has always been helpful to the association. He is always present on Free Thursday Nights for open riding at the rodeo grounds and prepares the grounds for riding and has helped the association in other ways in the past.

Secretary Report: No changes.

Treasurers Report: \$1024 Income. \$634 expenses. \$1310 in the checking account. \$2231 in the savings account.

Membership Committee: 106 renewals, 46 new, for a total of 152 memberships and 262 total members. We received a thank you card from Kids on Kritters for our donation. We also received a letter from the Desert Vista Elementary School thanking us for our contribution to and participation in the Black Stallion Literacy Project in their school. The Chamber of Commerce called to ask how they can help our organization and there was a discussion about this. There was also a discussion about having a booth at the Fourth of July Celebration.

Trail Committee: The last ride was April 17th on the Arizona Trail. It was a great ride with great weather and lots of flowers on the trail. Barb Houck says that they need a trail committee meeting at her house to plan the rides for the coming year.

Parade Committee: No parades coming up.

Road Cleanup Committee: The next road clean up will be Sunday May 2nd. Meet at the rodeo grounds at 8:00AM. Bring water and gloves.

Activities Committee: None.

Black Stallion Committee: Chip Wilson was not present but it was reported that there were 4 busses of children at the event and the second touch and the children enjoyed it.

Political Committee: None.

Website Committee: Edna Driscoll was able to take on the website again and she is handling it well and has all the past minutes and pony tracks loaded to the website.

Equine Welfare: Ed got a message to look into a case in Queen Creek.

The guest speaker for the evening was Brad Steinke with the Apache Junction planning dept for the 2010 ten year plan. He had presented to our association meeting 8 months ago about the beginnings of the plan and a follow up a few months later. He had a map of the city with the horse trails designated on it. The horse trails and bike trails are under the transportation plan. He wanted us to know that there is a grant for working on the downtown area right now.

He also wanted to encourage as many of our members to show up for the Open House they are having at the City Council Chambers to have an informal discussion about the Plan. They are inviting any written or spoken comments from the public about the ten year plan regarding housing, zoning, parks and rec, and transportation. They NEED input from SHA. The website is www.ajcity.net/2010generalplan. This will go to the public for city wide vote in 2011.

A motion was made by Jim Foster to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jeff Watson.