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TWO BOARD VACANCIES FOR 2021

Submitted By: Pam Gaston

There will be two SHA Board Vacancies this coming year of 2021, are you interested in becoming a Board Member and are you willing to work hard with the remaining SHA Board? If you are, you need to get your Biography done, submit it by August 1st, and run in September of this year.

The two vacancies are as follows:

Secretary (third in Command) – You will need to have a background on the computer, making certificates, sending out cards to people who are sick or injured, contacting other agencies by email or letter and taking minutes at every meeting. It is a BIG JOB and Bonnie Wells has done an excellent job. I know Bonnie will assist you as you start out and work with you when you run into problems.

Director at Large – You will need to have a background in working with people and being interested in what SHA is doing because your vote will count in everything SHA does. You are a support person and work in your own way at assisting with whatever needs to be done. Connie Cazier has done an excellent job and I know she will help you with whatever she can.

Both positions require meeting attendance of all SHA Board Meetings which are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. You will also be required to attend every General SHA Membership Meeting which is the third Wednesday of January, February and March. This all takes place at the Girls and Boys Club in Apache Junction. Your help in creating, planning and organizing on behalf of SHA is very important and your ability to work well with others is needed and welcomed. You represent SHA!!

Please come and work with us!! We would love for you to join us!!

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Remember:

The board meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Apache Junction Boys & Girls Club at 1755 N. Idaho Road.

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Bio for position of Director at Large:

My name is Sharna Watson. I moved to Apache Junction in 1980. I have been involved with horses since I bought my first mare when I was 15, with money I earned babysitting. I compete in the dressage ring on my pure-bred Arabian gelding, Comet. I have 2 nice trail horses, a Morgan mare named Mona and a BLM gelding named Hondo. I have numerous other equines including 2 miniatures, a pony, a burro and I even have a miniature Zebu cow. I have served on the board of SHA in the past positions of Membership Chairman, At Large and was part of the parade unit for several years.



The Arizona Trail

The Arizona Trail has been hit hard this year with closure due to wildfires. On October 10, 2020, the Arizona Trail will be Hosting the annual Arizona Trail in a Day. The concept is to hike, bike or ride a horse by numerous individuals in each section that the entire trail is covered in one single day event. Thus, the entire trail will have had at least one person on it within a twenty-four-hour period.

If you are interested in this event, please go to aztrail.org and sign up for a section. Please note, multiple people can do any listed section. As for SHA, we will not be hosting a section this year. Let us know if you tackle this event and send us some photos!

We will be anxiously awaiting your experience. You can even send in a write up to the Chairman so that it can be placed in the Pony Tracks with your pictures.

Darryl Cross
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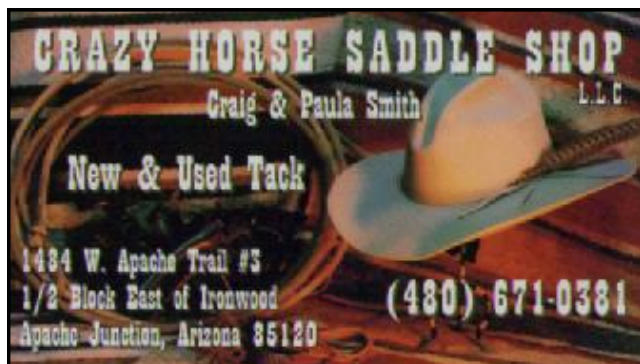
Darryl Cross for Chairman of SHA

Hi Everyone, my name is Darryl Cross and I am your current Chairman of SHA. I have been honored to serve in this capacity and truly appreciate all your support. This year has been especially difficult with the COVID-19 virus ruining our planned events. I hope everyone has remained healthy and that we can get back to a normal life soon.

Please accept my request for your vote to continue as Chairman. Please also accept my endorsement of our current board members that are staying on. We have all worked great together over the last several years. As for Bonnie Wells and Connie Cazier, Thank You for your service and dedication to SHA. You are appreciated for all the hard work you two have done with this organization.

We have two board positions that will be getting new faces. So far, we have 3 applications. If you are interested in running, please let us know. Thanks again for all your support.

Darryl Cross



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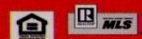
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The Superstition Horsemen's Association Board Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2020

"SHA Celebrating 40 Years"

SHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES of June 3rd, 2020/PANDEMIC

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the SHA Board Meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting started at 6:50 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Barbara Houck, Bob Diroff, Peggy Wilson, Bonnie Wells and Connie Cazier. Other members who were present were: Bev Dougherty, Cathy Diroff, Road Cleanup Director, Sheila Shattuck, Program Director, Susan Goeldner, Historian, Jackie Cross, Editor of the Pony Tracks and Chip Wilson.

SECRETARY – The Secretary's minutes from May were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for them to be accepted and Barb Houck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

TREASURER – The Equine Welfare Account currently has \$840.19 in it. The Checking Account currently has \$3705.64. There was a deposit of \$125...\$75 for advertising and \$50 (\$20 for membership and \$30 for donation.)

MEMBERSHIP – Barb reported there are 85 memberships and 108 individual members.

POLITICAL – Cathy Diroff, Bob Diroff, Kim Preston, Beverly Dougherty, Chip Wilson and Robin Barker attended the Supervisor Meeting. Cathy Diroff spoke to the Supervisors about dumping if it is opened. It was voted to move forward with the road, grade it and chip seal it. The City's alternative was voted down. The County said they would be responsible for policing and taking care of garbage on the roadway: therefore, the road will be opened at Jacob Waltz and Mountain View and Lost Dutchman will go through all the way.

EQUINE WELFARE – There is no report except the quarantine for the Salt River Horses regarding VSV...Vesicular Stomatitis.

PARADE – The Young Parade is still being planned. The date for the parade is July 18th. People can come as early as the 16th and stay at the Cazier's until the 20th. Please contact Connie Cazier. The Payson Parade will be on August 22nd. The Fox 2 group campground has been reserved from August 20th at 2 pm, until August 24th. Even if you are not riding in the parade, come on up and camp out with us.

SHA STORE – Ann Adkins was absent.

ROAD CLEAN UP – Cathy had no report at this time.

HISTORIAN – Susan is working on the yearbooks and she is up to 2010. She commented about our loss of rides. Sheila volunteered to lead rides if the membership wants it.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Sheila is planning on riding the trails the Forest Service say are non-existent. She will take notes and look for ways we can improve those trails. Sheila suggested we still have the campout in August even if the rodeo is cancelled. Randy Helm is scheduled for the January Membership Meeting and Kelli of Animal Krackers, in February.

OLD BUSINESS

Pony Tracks – We are sending out the Pony Tracks to Payson to Payson Feed and Pet.

Crazy Horse - Paula Chiodo-Smith has current Spring Dog and Horse Shots. If you give your own shots, go to Crazy Horse to purchase them.

Camp out – July campout will be in Young and the August campout will be in Payson.

Fortieth Party –Cathy Diroff mentioned waiting on the party for the snowbirds. It was suggested that Veteran's Day, November 11th, will be the presentation night and the 21st be the picnic. Sheila will check with the music for the 21st, Darryl will contact the Boys and Girls Club, and Jeanne will check with Prospector Park. Moving this back will allow more members to attend. Two members of the current

Board will leave at the end of their term leaving the Secretary's position and a Director at Large open for the next election so many members will be working on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions – Bob made a motion to give SHA the information regarding the opening Jacob Waltz and Mountain View. Jeanne Kennedy seconded it. All were in favor.

Electric Bicycles – Discussion ensued regarding E-bikes on horse trails. The opinion of the Board is E - bikes would be a disaster to one track trails open to horses and hikers. Darryl is going to make a statement against E-bikes on behalf of SHA. Darryl encourages SHA members to write a short statement against E-bikes. Letters from individuals carry more weight and all of you are encouraged to send them. An email blast will be sent out regarding this.

Board Member Vacancies – Pam Gaston will write up an article regarding the two vacancies on the Board.

July Board Meeting – Pam Gaston made a motion for a July Board Meeting by Teleconference. Barb Houck seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting will be on July 1st.

Coffee with the Candidates – On July 2nd, at 2 pm, VFW Post 7968, behind Gringos, you can meet and greet the candidates. Chip Wilson is running for Mayor and Darryl Cross is running for a City Council Seat.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Peggy Wilson seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

SHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF August 5th, 2020/PANDEMIC

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the SHA Board Meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting started at 6:52 pm. Board members

of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Barbara Houck, Bob Diroff, Peggy Wilson, Bonnie Wells and Connie Cazier. Other members who were present were: Bev Dougherty, Sheila Shattuck, Program Director, Jackie Cross, Editor of the Pony Tracks and Chip Wilson.

Secretary: Pam Gaston made a motion to approve the minutes from June and Peggy Wilson seconded it. All were in favor. There was no meeting in July.

Treasurer: This is the financial report for June and July. The Equine Welfare account has \$840.19. The checking account has \$3705.64. Activity for June included an expense at Office Max of \$55.91 and stamps at \$7.75 for the Pony Tracks. There was no report or activity in July.

Membership: Barb Houck reported there are 85 memberships and 108 individual members.

Parade: There is nothing to report regarding parades as all parades thus far have been cancelled.

Pleasant Valley Days: Connie Cazier reported there were 3 riders at The Pleasant Valley Days and everyone had lots of fun. There were plenty of floats and over 200 ropers at the roping. It was a great weekend.

Political: The voting for the Apache Junction City Council seats has been decided. Candidates who were elected were Tess Nessar, Kelly Gremmel and Braden Biggs. Our own Darryl Cross came in fourth place. A request also has been given to the AJ City Council to allow Sea Storage Containers on an acre of land. Planning and Zoning became involved and voted this down.

Equine Welfare: Chip Wilson received a call late at night about a donkey roaming the streets. Chip and Peggy went out and the donkey had been put it into a neighbor's fenced in front yard for the night. The next day Chip and Peggy took their trailer and tried to load the donkey and found little to no success. They started inquiring and found the donkey

belonged to Maria Jones at The Good Shepherd Rescue. They walked the donkey down to Maria Jones and it is back home safe and sound. It was recommended that chains be placed on the gates to prohibit another escape.

Program Director: Due to Covid 19, everything in the next month has been cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections: Discussion ensued about the election process and the use of an interactive ballot that would be easy to use for all SHA members.

Welcome Back Event: Due to Covid 19, this event has been cancelled along with the Corn Hole Tournament. The election will be online only.

Bios: All returning SHA Board Members have been asked to submit their bios to Jackie Cross by Sunday evening.

AZ Trail in a Day: Connie Cazier spoke about the Arizona Trail in a Day Event on Oct. 10th. Darryl is going to write up the article regarding this event for the Pony Tracks.

Membership Application: A suggestion was made to put a new application in the August Pony Tracks as well as the September Pony Tracks also. It was suggested that Kara also change this application on the SHA Website.

Fortieth party: Discussion ensued about the SHA Fortieth Celebration regarding where and when.

Boys and Girls Club: There is a new Director of the Boys and Girls Club and she is very receptive to SHA sharing the space for SHA Board Meetings and SHA Membership Meetings.

A BIG SHOUT OUT!! A big shout out to Beverly and Ron Dougherty took their golf cart out in the heat and did a road cleanup on our SHA Lost Dutchman section. It took them two and a half hours and they picked up 4 big trash bags of trash. A special thank you from Road Cleanup Chairman, Cathy Diroff and from all of us from SHA for your great work. You are appreciated!!

NEW BUSINESS

Campout: Pam Gaston made a motion for a campout to be held at Houston Mesa Campground on October 16th-18th. Barb Houck seconded it. All were in favor. Discussion ensued. Pam Gaston will write the article.

Covid 19: Discussion ensued about Covid 19 and how SHA will continue to go forward with who we are, what we stand for and how we are going to stay productive.

Christmas Party: A suggestion was made to combine the Fortieth Party with the Christmas Party and instead of all the gifts that people bring or give donations to help folks in need. Discussion ensued.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peggy Wilson seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Pam Gaston for Vice-Chairman

Pam Gaston is a native Arizonan who was born in Flagstaff, Arizona, and lived there for 22 years. She has always had a passion for horses and has worked with and ridden them since she was two. Pam enjoys all animals and currently owns three dogs, eight horses and two cats. She lives in Waddell, Arizona, in the far West Valley and also has a home in Star Valley, Arizona, where she usually spends her summers. She has been a member of SHA since 1997 and enjoys helping people learn about horses and standing up for the rights of horses and folks who work with them.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our 2019-2020 membership count is holding at 85 memberships, including 108 individual members. Our fiscal year will be ending October 1. So, that means it's time to start planning on your renewal. Your SHA membership is important to us. We continue to be a strong force in maintaining horsemen's rights and privileges in our area, and our numbers reflect the support of the horse community. And of course, we're a friendly group enjoying lots of horse-related activities and establishing good friendships. We want you to stay with us.....and include a friend! Please fill out the renewal application form included in this Pony Tracks issue, or in next month's newsletter.

Electronic voting for those with email addresses

All of you who have email addresses and are receiving notices and Pony Tracks online will receive an electronic ballot by email. The instructions of how to operate that ballot are included in this Pony Tracks. If you are not receiving the Pony Tracks by email or notices, please let Pam Gaston know so she can change your incorrect email address to the correct one so you can vote. You may contact Pam at rrr97w@msn.com or 602-320-3185,

Here's how online voting will work for members who have provided SHA with their email address.

1. You will receive an email entitled "Your Invitation to Vote in the Election: SHA Board Election" from SHA via noreply@electionrunner.com. It will tell you when the voting period is and give you a Voter ID and Voter Key.
2. Click the button that says "Click Here to Vote".
3. Enter your Voter ID and Voter Key on the webpage to open the ballot.
4. Fill in the ballot.
5. Click "Submit Ballot".
6. Confirm you want to submit the ballot.

Note: If your membership includes multiple people using the same email address, the ballot system can send multiple emails to the same email address, and each email will contain its own Voter ID and Voter Key. But each member needs to use only one Voter ID and Voter Key to submit their ballot.

A BIG SHOUT OUT!!

A big shout out to Chip Wilson who is running for the Apache Junction Mayor and made it past the Primary Election. Chip has made it into the final election in November against Robin Barker and has the opportunity to serve Apache Junction and the horse community as Mayor in 2021-2022. Please wish him well and congratulate Chip!!

Please read: We are not having an SHA Election Meeting nor a Corn Hole Tournament due to COVID-19; therefore, all voting will either be done online or by mail in September. The following people are running for the SHA Board:

Darryl Cross - Chair

Pam Gaston - Vice Chair

Shirley Righi - Secretary

Jeanne Kennedy - Treasurer

Barbara Houck - Membership

Peggy Wilson - Director at Large

Chris Larson - Director at Large

Sharna Watson - Director at Large

Bob Diroff - Director at Large

Jackie Cross - Director at Large

The Director at Large Position can only take 3 candidates out of the 4 candidates who are running so it is pertinent that you decide who will be serving SHA.

Happy Trails!!

Chris Larson for Director at Large

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Chris Larson has been a long time equine advocate who understands it is important to protect and prevent the abuse of horses through education, investigation, rescue operations, and the dissemination of information to the public. She also believes it is important to protect and preserve AZ Trails so they remain open to equestrians and hikers and provide a positive experience as they explore the beauty of our great state. Chris is a strong supporter of Arizona values and scenic lands.

Chris' horse experiences range from trail riding, boarding, training, showing, and managing a stallion breeding service. She is currently a judge for Wilder Rose Obstacle Trail Rides and a member of the East Valley Back Country Horsemen. Chris is also serving on the irrigation board protecting the water rights for her community. In Chris' professional life she served as a 911 Dispatcher for greater than 30 years before retiring from Mesa Police department.



SHA CAMPOUT AT HOUSTON MESA HORSE CAMPGROUND

On October 16 – 18, SHA is planning a campout at The Houston Mesa Campground. Your reservation for this needs to be made personally by you at Recreation.gov. We will not be using the group site as it is closed due to Covid, but rather individual sites only. You will arrive on October 16th and leave on the 18th. On the 17th, at 9 am, those who want to will have their horses ferried up to the Pine Trail Head for a three to four-hour ride. Please bring a snack and plenty of water. When the ride is completed, you and your horse will be ferried back to the Houston Mesa Campground.

On Saturday evening, we will socially distance ourselves and eat together but we will not have a potluck; instead, we will eat our own food that we prepared for dinner. If campfires are permitted, we will sit around the campfire, roast a few marshmallows, have s'mores, and have some great conversation.

There is nothing planned for Sunday morning at this time. The camping shower house is closed due to Covid 19, but the bathrooms are open and there is water for you and your horses.

We hope you will join us for a great time of riding and conversation. If you are interested in coming and **want your horse ferried** to the Pine Trail Head, please **RSVP by October 1st** to Pam Gaston, 602-320-3185 by text or call or email rrr97w@msn.com.

Peggy Wilson for Director at Large

Peggy Wilson is once again running for one of the three positions for Member at Large. Peggy has been a longtime member of the Superstition Horsemen Association, since 1992, and has been very active in supporting rights and privileges of horse ownership. She has also been very involved with the city when a horse or donkey gets lost.

She has returned the animals to their proper homes and has been involved with rehoming animals that are no longer wanted or abused. She has and will continue to represent the horse community in our area, and with your support will continue as a board member. Please consider her when casting your ballots for these positions open on the governing board of the Superstition Horsemen's Association.

The following people that are listed below do not have a current email address listed with SHA; therefore, these members will be sent a paper ballot in their issue of the Pony Tracks in August, and they will be required to fill it out by hand and send it into the SHA Mailbox. Those people are:

Pearl Agard
Bill Bailer
Lorie Futch
Raymond Graves
Alice and James Wallace
Simone Wilber
Lorraine Hughes
Carolyn Krall
Julie Martin
Marnie Reynolds
Anne and Edward Skala
Shirley Sova

You will mail in your ballot to SHA, PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ 85117. Please have your ballot postmarked by September 23rd, 2020.

VOTING IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE SHA BOARD

The August Pony Tracks will have biographies of all the people running for the Board. Please read those biographies and have an idea of who you would like to see on the SHA Board and who you think best represents SHA. There will be no election meeting due to Covid 19 and no Corn Hole Tournament either.

This year SHA will vote completely by mail and/or by internet with an interactive ballot. If you choose to vote by mail, please be sure to mail in your ballot with a post mark of September 23rd. You will mail it to the SHA P.O. Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ, 85117, and Bev Dougherty will pick up the ballot and keep the tally.

We are still working on obtaining a viable interactive ballot that will suit the needs of all of you who want to vote electronically for the SHA Board. We will keep you posted as to what we find and how it will work. If we do not find anything that fits SHA voting procedure, we will all be voting through the mail. This will be determined by the end of August.

Please bear with us as we venture into uncharted waters and electronic ballots. We trust you are well and being safe in these uncertain times.

Happy Trails!!

Shirley Righi for Secretary of SHA

Horses have been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. I recently retired and would like to become more actively involved in assuring equestrians' interests are met. I would like to be considered for the position of Secretary.

Shirley Righi

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Bob Diroff for Director at Large

I'm Bob Diroff and would like to work with the SHA board for another term. My wife, Cathy, and I have been in horses nearly fifty years. (So that's where the money went). I do enjoy helping with events and wherever I'm needed. The board members are very dedicated and I would like to be a part of the team. I would appreciate your vote.

BIO - Barb Houck

In 1986 we moved to Apache Jct. From Minnesota. We joined SHA that same year and I've been an active member ever since. I've served on the board for many of those years as secretary (long ago), member at large, and membership chair. I led SHA trail rides for many years. I've ridden and owned horses most of my life and was involved in showing for a number of years. I was a 4H horse project leader in MN on the county and state level. Now my main focus is trail riding, "natural horsemanship", and obstacle competition. I am dedicated to and involved in promoting, implementing, and maintaining open space and trails. I am also a member of SALT (Superstition Area Land Trust), the Arizona Trail, Back Country Horsemen, Pinal Partnership, assisted in the planning of the new Peralta Regional Park, and participate in trail maintenance with two or three groups. I enjoy working with SHA and assisting with decisions and policies affecting the equine community, and I look forward to many more years of continued participation.

Jackie Cross for Director at Large

My name is Jackie Cross and I am running for Director at Large in the upcoming election for SHA. I am your current Editor of the Pony Tracks and since I generally attend the meetings, I thought I would consider an actual vote amongst the board. I know that it has been a difficult time for everyone this last year with the pandemic that has dictated our every move. I would like your consideration on the upcoming election, to give me that voice on your behalf. I enjoy being part of this group and hope to continue with the betterment of our western lifestyle along with the rights of horses. I have been a member of SHA for several years now and look forward to continue to be!

Important Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER – GENERAL ELECTION for LOCAL, STATE and NATIONAL Leaders.

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION!

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd which will all take place as conference calls unless Covid restrictions are lifted. Under normal circumstances they are held at the Boys and Girls Club on North Idaho in Apache Junction. The Board meets promptly at 7pm. anyone is welcome to come and hear what they are working on and planning for the yearly events. You may volunteer to assist with upcoming events or be part of a planning committee!

NOTE: DUE TO COVID – 19, ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE BY TELECONFERENCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN IN TO THEIR DISCUSSION. IF YOU DO CONNECT, PLEASE MUTE YOUR MIC.

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