



**Bonita Valley Horsemen
General Membership Meeting
April 7, 2010
Minutes**

Members present:

Amalfitano, Barbara	Malouf, Jessica
Carter, Diane	Sathrum, Jenny
Fiedler, Judy	Shaffer, Sandy
Halterman, Cindy	Severn, Dwayne
Gonzales, Sandy	Souza, Bette
Kukuchek, Mark	

Old Business:

- None

President's report:

- Jessica Malouf who is with an adaptive and therapeutic Horsemanship program called Bonita Equestrian Therapy for Heroes (BETH) gave a presentation. They are in need of support for their riding program which benefits veterans. These are veterans with PTSD and amputees, etc. It is a 10 week program that is completely funded by donations. Riding a horse simulates walking and if you take someone who can't walk it works to improve motor memory. They are requesting help in the way of donations/sponsorships, fundraiser, volunteers, etc. The cost of each 10 week session per Veteran is \$600. If you are interested in volunteering or donating funds or equipment, please call 619-885-7994. Any help is appreciated. The program is on Friday's 9:30-12:30.
- It is time to use our Mud Fund. We are targeting the last weekend in April for delivery of road base and installation on the trail behind the Lucky 7 ranch. The park will provide a truck and trailer load full and so will we. We need another \$100 in donations to meet the \$400 goal. Donations were given at the meeting to achieve the goal.
- The Southbay Expressway filed for bankruptcy. However, all the trail abatements still seem to be on track with no impact due to the reorganization.
- Manure management seminar is still open for discussion and needs a champion to continue. It will help to educate people on how to compost manure. Mark is actually selling his and making money. We should set a date in either July or August and open it to the public.
- We will be relocating the Cougar J Trail and making a drainage crossing at the foot of the Mary Augustine Trail to the toll bridge...more to follow.
- We have opened a gate and are creating a Tieber Trail Annex by Dairyart Road; fencing to be installed by another volunteer group.

Treasurer's report:

- \$4768.84 in account.
- We are now officially members of the Civic Association

Trial Maintenance Report

- Changing trails. Across from the Tieber trail extension next to Dairy Mart Road. Church group is helping.
- Opening the trail across from Lucky 7.
- Buy tie strips to fix the blue tarps up at the ballfield on the fences. These tarps flap and scare the horses.
- Round pen down at the Summit. What is going on?
- Becketts – need trail cleared down there. Getting shaggy.

Membership Report:

- Tried to get the Community Center for our Membership Appreciation BBQ. They have another event on the 2nd, so the new date is Tuesday, June 1st from 6-9:30.
- If you join BVH, you will get a free Bonita Valley Horseman coffee mug.

June 1st Membership Meeting and Dinner Planning:

- Hot dogs and chili.
- Room has been booked
- Booked Equestrian Dental specialist
- Bonita Equestrian Therapy for Heroes to do a 50/50 raffle.
- Maximum \$150 for food
- Sandy G. to do a cake from Costco

New Business From Members:

Water Pipe was drained again and destroyed some of the Tieber trail.

- Speed traps are back on San Miguel Rd. and has slowed down traffic some.
- A donation to the California Trails Foundation conference was discussed but not approved.
- June 5th La Mesa Parade. Betty Souza will be riding and looking for other members who want to participate, call her at 619-997-6108 if you are interested.
- American Competitive Trail Horse Challenge at the Summit this weekend. They do rides all over the U.S. You must belong to their club to participate.
- ETI, (Equestrian Trails, Inc.) are also at the Summit and will ride to the steel bridge on Saturday at approximately 9:30. This is a nationwide club.

**April 17, Bonita Valley Exploration Ride
Meet at Sunnyside at 9:30**

Next BVH meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the Bonita Museum