

TWHA Board Meeting Agenda

7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 5 2012

Home of Lila Abdul-Rahim, 5351 Lawton Ave, Oakland (510-527-4821)

Present: Lila Abdul-Rahim, Gary Fitts, Ute Frey, Morris Older, Susan Palo, Jenni Smith

• Minutes--Ute, Lila

Ute corrected and resubmitted August and October minutes

Need to ratify by email

• Treasury--Kim

Kim not present, but he presented Treasurer's report via email. Balance as of 12/6/12:

TWHA	\$6,866
Trail Fund	\$805
East Bay Hills Ride	\$6,086
Total	\$13,757

• Membership—Page

Not present

• Newsletter—Morris

East Bay Hills Ride special issue completed and delivered

• EBATC/CHSA—Marilyn

Not present

• Member survey--Ute

Agreed to conduct two surveys: the first to focus on member/rider interests and favored activities, the second on trails quality, access, safety, etc. Both to be sent to all East Bay riding associations. Ute and Jenni will redraft the membership survey.

• Trail Work Day—Morris

No updates

• Update on legal status

Kim, Lila—no updates

• EB Ride Finances--Morris

Attending board members approved proposed distribution, board to ratify by email

Raised \$12,973 in 2012

Proposed 2012 Distributions:

TWHA \$1,500

MHA (Metropolitan Horsemen's Association) \$1,500

Bay Area Ridge Trail 5,000
Volunteers for Outdoor California 3,250
Ivan Dickson Program 1,750
Concord Mt Diablo Trail Ride Association 500
Total 13,000

All donations to VoCal and Ivan Dickson go straight to East Bay trails work. VoCal also provides kitchen for ride.

MHA for hosting ride at Sequoia Arena

Bay Area Ridge trail for partnering and to improve trail access

• **EBRPD master plan meeting**

Gary, Susan, Page—no update

• **Annual Meeting Plans**

1. Voting slate for January general membership vote. Board will continue as currently constituted with the following exceptions:
 - New member: Diane Ollis—Is she willing to be membership secretary or, if not, secretary (minutes)?
 - Morris Older for Treasurer and delegate to EBATC when in session
 - Lila Abdul-Rahim, member at large, in absentia
 - Susan Palo leaving the board—thank you ☺
 - Need to appoint a trail work day coordinator
2. January General Membership Meeting logistics
 - Speaker secured: Clair Thunes, equine nutritionist, owner of Summit Equine and affiliated with UC Davis teaching hospital. Disclaimers that she runs a business. She will also offer discounts for members present
 - Advertise on BAEN, get word out to other clubs, need invitation (Gary)
 - Lila to cook, needs help
 - Eventbrite registration (Gary)
 - Need two people to sort membership fees from dinner tickets (Becky?)
 - Projector screen (Eric Schroeder)

• **Holiday Party**

all set

• **Ideas Parking Lot:**

Is TWHA an advocacy or a volunteer organization?

What major projects could we initiate and support?

- Suggestions included human water, shelter, and better shade trees at Es Anders camp.
- Trail improvements on Lower Vollmer, Quarry, Big Springs and Skyline Trail in Huckleberry Preserve
- Facebook page for TWHA (would it help to engage younger members?)
- Is it sufficient/okay to have 20% of membership be active?

- **Next Meeting**

6:00 PM Monday January 28 2013, Fern Cottage, Kennedy Grove, 6530 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante

After that, Wednesday 7:00 PM February 6 2012, Home of Gary Fitts, 1121 High Court, Berkeley (510-847-0003)

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