

Minutes of TWHA Meeting 6/6/2012

Present: Kim Abbott, Morris Older, Susan Palo, Jane Binder, Lila Abdul-Rahim, Gary Fitts, and Marilyn Tersegge

I. Discussion before quorum arrived:

Lila will resend emails to Kim so we can restart the work on the taxes, incorporation

Ideas – amending the bylaws?

Reduce quorum to 1/3 of Board Members?

Board passed a resolution in past - ask for vote by email, Gary will find the Resolution.

Requirement that officers are required to attend certain number of Board meeting? 2nd meeting missed without prior notice, will get kicked off Board?

Who we are allowed to contribute funds to?

What memberships does TWHA want to maintain?

II. After Quorum reached:

1. Minutes

Moved to accept Minutes from last meeting with Morris changes – approved unanimously.

2. Treasurer - Kim

\$7111 balance

\$805 in TWHA trail fund

\$4444.00 Benefit Ride fund (the VoCal payment has been subtracted). Includes the Ivan Dickson dedicated amount from 2011 that has not been given out yet.

3. Membership – report by email from Page – 59 members currently, paid up.

4. Newsletter: Morris - will be given Adobe Creative Suite software; through V O Cal. Help for Morris - needs help writing newsletter, submitting copy, not necessarily using the software. Ideas: Long Riders guild story; Angel Horse – hospice wish fulfilled; meeting minutes; Trail tips; TWHA work day; EBATC picnic – Lila write story; Gary can write short article about urban legend that human beings are the best endurance animal - “Horsepucky” title of the article. Will get it out soon.

5. Marilyn: showed us reuseable shopping bags made from animal feed bags; a fundraiser from Diane Offutt; collects old feed bags; \$15 funds donated to Just Like New – pays for surgery for mostly cats and dogs. Ask our members to collect bags. Put collected bags with collected twine and they will get to Diane.

6. EBATC picnic-Morris- went well, everyone had fun, 19 horses from Bay laurel, Livermore, San Pablo, Tri Cities and Tri Valley, 3 bicyclists, 20 hikers. Georgia brought her rabbits.

7. Marilyn: CarnegieGeneralPlan.com – Re: 3400 acres near Livermore Lab; survey asking what people want to do with it. Friends of Tesla want people to give input -go to this website to respond. Dirt Bikers and off-road vehicles want access. Equestrians?

Aug 17-19 – Diane Offut and Marie Cerell co-hosting mystery trail ride at night. And other events. Concord Mt D Trail Ride Assn.

8. East Bay Hills Ride – Morris – need to get the word out – did not send flyers to the Mt. D ride. If you go to a ride, get the word out. Put in the packet if you can. Cooley Ranch ride?
9. V O Cal project at Joaquin Miller – this Saturday, around dinner time will give them the TWHA check – will tell the crowd here is \$3500 bringing total to \$12K that the ride has raised for V O Cal, part of the 150K total raised, including the signs in Redwood and the new fence around the seq arena, hope that people will volunteer and hike. Lila can make the presentation to VO Cal.
10. Wildcat Park Opening: almost done, applying finishes, paint stripes, then ready to open.
11. Gary: local stable stability -
Other local stables still have financial challenges.
City Stables - still processing bids, 3 in the running.
12. Trail Work and troughs – Steam Trains – needs to be cleaned – Morris will talk to Sergio about what is needed; unofficial trail on top of Arroyo is a possibility; get it done before the Benefit ride;

**Need to give Kim a few weeks notice so he can get insurance for any trail work day.
Submit to him reimbursement for trail work day expenses.**

Meeting adjourned.

