



**Bonita Valley Horsemen
General Membership Meeting
March 4, 2009
Minutes**

Members present:

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| Amalfitano, Barbara | Haltermann, Cindy |
| Carter, Diane | Kukuchek, Mark |
| Cruger, Doug | Sathrum, Jenny |
| Fiedler, Judy | Severn, Dwayne |
| Gonzales, Sandy | Shaffer, Sandy |
| Gove, DJ | Schmacher, Linda |

Old Business:

- February minutes approved.
- Trail Trial was a success. It went better this year, but there is room for improvements. There were 57 riders. They started at 10:30 and ended about 3:30. This was too long. Both clubs (BVH and CVMP) made approximately \$1000 after expenses.
- Below is a chart of those things that went well and those things that went not so well:

| Good | Bad |
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| All prizes were donated | Too long |
| Free Advertising | Accident |
| Plan for accidents to skip obstacles | No supervision at campground night before (rowdy; need someone there) |
| Signage was good | Water crossings too easy? |
| Judges were friendly | Need "last rider" plan (drag) |
| Not "evil" muddy | Score sheet explained at judges meeting |
| Lucky with weather—look at dates for next year | Figure out lunch break for judges |
| Caterer was excellent | Need more tables |
| Good breakfast/snacks | Need more food |
| "Assist riders" on horseback | Last 4 riders need to go out earlier |
| Radios were good! | Judges need 1 st aid kit |
| Dress rehearsal ride for judges | Judges need to wear badges |
| | Coordinate rules between BVH and CVMP |

- Tax Exempt Status: The state requested a change to our Articles of the Association. Revised Articles of Association were presented, discussed and voted on and were accepted. Sandy will mail the original document, signed by the Board to the State.

President's report:

- The new bridge at Sunnyside Stock Farm is moving along. Vegetation removal was accomplished before nesting season. However, news sent out to boarders at the Stock Farm said the project has been put on hold and the projection completion date is Spring 2010.
- We are in the planning stage for at least one fundraiser this year (poker ride, fun ride, BB, etc. The bridge at Sunnyside Stock Farm was to be used but we will have to discuss a different location and make a decision on which fundraiser to hold.
- The SWA trail out east is a “mud pit” and is in bad need of repair. Trail Patrol is attempting to work with SWA to fill in holes with surplus material by the reservoirs.
- Tieber trail has been repaired.
- After the muddy season, trails will need better footing in some spots. Road base makes the best repairs. Gene Ames gave us some material which we used to make repairs down by his ranch.
- Mark wants everyone to consider other projects we can take on. Any suggestions would be great. The following items were discussed:
 - Repair bridge at Briarwood, (unless the Boy Scouts want to take it on as an Eagle project).
 - Loading ramp for placing manure in dumpster at Summit Park.
 - Donation of paper to rangers at the summit.
 - Ongoing road-base fund for repair material
- The park has been very good about lending us equipment to make repairs. When asked what they needed, they said the refrigerator in the pavilion needed replacement. John Carroll has offered his old one. It has been installed in the park and is very much appreciated.
- Please solicit donations (money or items that can be raffled at our events) from businesses, friends, ranch owners, etc. to help.

Treasurer's report:

- Balance at \$3,600.
- Donation for special project will be put in to the general fund because trail has now been repaired.
- Need to keep approximately \$1500 in reserve for miscellaneous expenses.
- Sandy made up a form that needs to be filled out when requesting reimbursements so there is back up in case of an audit.
- Trail trial money has been reconciled and profit split with CVMP after the meeting. .

Trail report:

- Doug finished taking down his tree.
- Work party on 3/21, tentative location is to work the trails in the SWA area East of the park.

Membership report:

- July membership dues notices.
- Plan a Member Appreciation BBQ to be held at the Bonita Museum or Library at June meeting. Make it more of a social meeting. Diane will plan this activity with Barbara's help. Start at 6:00. People can swing by and park their horses. Bring a friend and pay your dues. Raffle is also planned during the meeting.
- Jenny will work on a design for t-shirts and hats. Doug will find a vendor to make them.

March 14 is the Emerald Ranch ride.

This ride is in Bonita.

Meet at the Sunnyside arena.

We will leave from there at 9:00 a.m.

New Business:

- Contact number for BVH in magazine needs to be updated. Barbara will have it updated.
- Board voted to have matching fund for repair materials. If someone donates money, we match it up to \$300. Mark and Jenny will work on flyers.

Next BVH meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at the Bonita Museum