

Meeting Minutes: 2/21/18

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Katie Yaranon. The current Board members for 2018 were introduced, with the addition of Karen Viani as the new vice president and Jaci Crowley as member at large. Everyone introduced themselves and then Katie gave an overview from January's minutes. The highlights are as follows.

An important topic for DHA and equestrians alike is to stay focused on the ASRA (Auburn State Recreation Area) new general plan. The Kruger's will be in attendance at the California Trails Conference in Rohnert Park on March 27-29 to represent the equestrian community. There is also a website for those interested in following the status (watch for link). Any available information will be forwarded to Pam so she can blast out to the membership. Everyone realizes that we are up against a big bicycle contingency, and we need the full support of the equestrian community.

Parking at Cronin continues to be a big problem, and one of Katie's main undertakings this year will be to find a compromise whereby cars and rigs can "share" the available parking at Cronin. There was extensive conversation on the subject. Jeff Horn of BLM will be at the general meeting in March, and members were encouraged to attend the meeting to also find out about the connecting trails between Magnolia and Cronin. As a reminder, folks were advised to contact Jeff regarding any potential hazards on the trails.

It is to be expected that social media will encourage more people out of the area to seek new trail options, and thus it is beginning to impact even the parking situation at Magnolia as well. Members were reminded that another source about riding trail concerns would be Mike Renaldi who holds periodic town hall meetings at the Cool Community Center. The next meeting is March 7, but date hasn't been confirmed.

A few events of interest were announced (more than I will list here) and members should watch for e-mail blasts from Pam with dates and other details about events of interest. Pam will add Dave Meanor to the DHA distribution list so information can be distributed to their club as well. Important to note that there will be a booth at the March 18 tack sale fundraiser at Loomis Basin, where a representative will be with membership forms available to hand out.

Katie quizzed members about advertising in our DHA directory and if they would also like the ad placed on the DHA website. Members were favorable about the idea to do so and Jon Saunders will place them on the DHA website.

Katie went over the 2018 calendar and some changes were noted. It was first announced that the Acorn Creek grand opening is scheduled for May 4. DHA will bring its banner to display at the opening ceremony. Good to know that DHA is on the trailhead plaque. There will be no horses allowed that day, but DHA members are invited to show up that day to go on a hike.

It was announced that the play day will be June 3 at the Seducente Ranch in Pilot Hill. If the weather is predicted to be hot, then the clinic will start earlier. Ron has volunteered to lead a trail ride from their ranch to the trails. Ron and Leslie also graciously offered to open their home for the holiday party in December.

Another calendar event is that the June 20 general meeting will be held at Dru Barner. Cindy Twyman was "persuaded" to spearhead the affair, which would include a barbecue where DHA provides the meat & utensils and members will bring potluck items to go with the menu. It was suggested that perhaps a guided ride could be structured before the meeting by someone who knows the trails. All the particulars will be blasted to the membership prior to the June meeting.

Also, Cindy brought up the subject of horse camping at Sly Park sometime this fall (September?). She said that perhaps DHA could pay to reserve the park depending on the number of people interested in camping. Cost would definitely be a big consideration contingent on enough confirmed members who would camp. It would definitely be doable if we could identify the number of those interested.

Margretta Dahms also wanted to alert folks that anyone interested in riding at Dru Barner needed to be aware that they are having a control burn in the park right now. Could be a real safety issue.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

All the best,

Charlotte