

## Meeting Minutes – 8/19/15

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Katie Yaranon at her lovely new home in Pilot Hill. Firstly, a big thank you went to Claudia for ordering and bringing the pizza, etc. for the meeting.

Katie brought up that our clinics this year have all basically been cancelled for lack of interest. Therefore, a questionnaire will be forthcoming for members to post what kind of events they would like DHA to sponsor.

The September 16 general meeting will be held at Claudia's ranch. There will be a barbecue where DHA will provide the meat for the grill and a speaker will be invited from Loomis Basin.

The DHA Board is currently working on liability insurance. This will be a new expenditure for DHA, so need to get feedback about fundraisers for the club. Even the mention of a farm tour or "club" ride was thrown out as suggestions for a fundraiser.

Jeff Horn from BLM joined the meeting and gave an update of some of the happenings at Cronan. It appears that the "sheep program" is working out well. One half of Cronan is already grazed. There have been 115 complaints though, some being dog concerns and animal welfare. There will be a rotation of grazing and spraying over the next few years. The Magnolia side will be sprayed with an anticipated new spraying machine next year.

He reported that there have been more events at Cronan this year, both at Pedro Hill and Magnolia. Some were unauthorized. Folks were encouraged to contact Jeff if a group does not have the necessary authorization for their event at Cronan.

He said there needs to be a protocol established for park emergencies (horses, etc.). He is working on the idea of having a couple of mobile vets available, and of course the sheriff as well for park entrance, etc.

He also said that the Trail Patrol needs to be revamped, and that would entail a separate meeting with DHA and BLM. He is looking for ideas; for one, a schedule needs to be established and specific defined duties need to be written up. Jeff left new forms with Katie for Patrol members.

He did give an overview of the "new trail" off of Magnolia where three miles of new trail and a 10' x 50' new connector bridge will be built. Work will start next spring.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.