

Meeting Minutes – 9/16/15

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by President Katie Yaranon at Claudia Gibbens' ranch. A big thank you went to Claudia for hosting the "barbecue" meeting.

Katie briefly went over last month's old business. At next month's general meeting, a questionnaire will be distributed to members to get input about what future DHA activities they would like to see.

Right now, DHA is working on getting additional liability insurance for DHA, and Katie hopes to resolve the matter by the end of the year. Even though DHA is under the GDRD umbrella, DHA still needs liability insurance (costing \$400-600). GDETF had already pulled out of GDRD and has its own liability insurance. Katie requested that if anyone has information to offer, to please contact her or another board member. Jon Saunders recommended talking to Jerry Scribner on the subject. Katie will contact Jerry for further discussion on the issue.

As a member of GDRD, DHA does have the use of the Recreation conference room. Should the need arise, it was discussed whether the Grange would be an available option should DHA need a meeting room. Steve Lenheim said he can check on the cost to rent the Grange for meetings.

A combined holiday party with GDETF was discussed. GDETF has already hired a good band from the Grass Valley area. The planned date would be Saturday, December 5. It was questioned whether the Grange has been reserved for that date. A vote was taken whether members were in favor of a combined party. All voted in favor of a combined holiday party.

Katie announced that November is election month this year. However, none of the Board members' tenure is up this year.

Katie solicited the members for fundraiser ideas this coming year. There were several ideas such as a ranch tour, wine tour, relay race, cattle penning and having photographs taken for a calendar.

Regarding the Trail Patrol, there are changes coming down from the BLM. DHA's mission will be changing in that regard. There was the question of what exactly spurred BLM's changes in policy, etc. DHA should consider its presence on the trails to perhaps to be more 'user friendly' providing safety information, etc. DHA may need to redefine its mission to possibly consider projects that will assist the BLM. One project might include bringing water down to the staging area. Ann Blankenship suggested talking to the ASRA trail group. A Trail Patrol meeting is scheduled Oct. 5 to discuss various issues.

A motion was made and seconded by members to donate \$300 to help with the needs of rescued animals due to the devastation of the wildfires. Claudia will be in contact

with Edna of Laughton Ranch as the liaison for DHA. GDETF has also made a donation to help with critical supplies, etc., for both area wildfires. It was also noted that donations are being solicited to provide much needed saddle pads/blankets for the donkeys in Haiti. Pam Greer will send a blast to DHA members about collecting any old saddle pads/blankets that folks no longer need.

Katie also mentioned the new trail being constructed between Magnolia and Cronan. It should be completed by next spring.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.