



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

Members present:

Amalfitano, Barbara	Jenny Sathrum
Doug Cruger	Sherry Pennington
Judy Fiedler	Sandy Shaffer
Sandy Gonzales	Dwayne Severn
Mark Kukuchek	

Old Business:

- Board Member Elections for 2010-The following people were confirmed for office as there were no multiple nominations.

President and Trails Advocate - Mark Kukuchek
 Vice President and Trail Care Coordinator - Doug Cruger
 Secretary - Judy Fiedler
 Treasurer - Sandy Shaffer
 Events Coordinator Committee - Barbara Amalfitano
 Membership Committee Chair-Diane Carter
 Newsletter Editor - Jenny Sathrum
 Historian-Open
 Sunshine Rep. – Sherry Pennington

President's report:

- BVH Board, by majority vote authorized Mark to send a letter of support to Sweetwater Civic Association to help apply for a grant that will close the dirt part of Proctor Valley to thru traffic and convert the vacated road to a multipurpose trail. A copy of the letter is included with these minutes. San Miguel Ranch Road will remain open.
- The installation of the bridge at Sunnyside Stock Farm is finally getting somewhere. A large crane has been brought in and it looks as though they are waiting to pour the foundations. Completion is still on track for Dec 31,2009.
- Bonita Fest Parade—the fund to help put on the Bonita Fest parade for next year has a small amount of donations in it at this point and they don't expect to receive much more. The fund is far short of the about \$30,000 that will be needed to hold a parade. BVH has decided to not donate to the fund at this time. However, individuals are welcome to donate personally to the fund. If the parade is not funded any donations will be used to fund the Bonita fest proper.
- Sweetwater Community Planning Group accepted our priorities for the Park Land Dedication Ordinance Monies. It will now go to the County Parks planning group.

- The Board agreed, by majority vote, to spend up to \$400 for a laptop computer. Doug will look for a sale. It will be used for slide show presentations at events, Board meeting minutes, registration for events, etc.

Treasurer's report:

- We spent \$746.04 last month of which \$623 was for insurance. We do have a credit for event coverage that we can use in the future from the insurance company.
- Club account balance is \$3515.89
- We are in discussions with the Bonita Museum for next year's meetings. The charges will be \$10 for each meeting and \$2 instead of \$1 for any persons over ten. The board agreed, by majority, vote, to continue to use the museum for monthly meetings and accept the rate increase for next year.

Trail report:

- There is a Community Trail Clearing Event on November 21 at 9 a.m. behind the houses on the east side of Degen Drive. We will be picking up trash and doing some trimming. Bring your friends and come help for a while. This event is sponsored by BVH and County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department.

- Maryanne Vancio the County Trails Coordinator and Mark went on a "ride" through Bonita looking at some of our trail issues.

The issues:

- Improve the trail footing with road base at the seasonal mud pit on the trail through the Sweetwater Authority property adjacent to the vernal pond area.
- Remove the palm tree from the easement on the East side of Proctor Valley Road just South of the intersection with Jonel Way so that trail users can use the road easement as a pathway (County DPW)?
- Work out a trail easement to allow unlocking and use of the horse gates on the County Water Authority property on the East side of Proctor Valley Road just South of the intersection with Jonel Way
- Improve the water crossing with rock base or a bridge in Bonita Meadows on the trail from Proctor Valley to the Bonita Highlands.
- Check the trail map for an official easement at the corner of Wild Oats Rd. and Country Trails Rd. where someone has posted private property signs. Trail improvements are also needed here.
- Improve the water crossing with rock base or a bridge at the low point of the Ames ranch trail from Central Ave to San Miguel Road.
- Reduce the height of the step over horse gates at the entrance of the Ames Trail at both Central Avenue and San Miguel Road.
- Determine the trail alignment of the trail crossing at the old stock pond on the new SDG&E trail.
- She is very busy and we need to keep working with her to get these things done.

Membership report:

- None, Membership Committee Chair on vacation.

New Business:

- For next year's membership renewals, Doug will create a form on the computer. Paper renewals and applications will still be available.
- Trail Trials will be held on February 20th – rain OR shine. Chula Vista Mounted Patrol will partner up with us again this year. The theme will be "Bonita's Wild West." If you would like to be a judge, please let Mark know. Judges do not need to be a member of BVH.
 - Reservations were made at the Summit for two campsites. The Gazebo has also been reserved. Barb and Mark went to Outback and Outback has agreed to cater our event again at \$8 a person. It was suggested we have ribs and chicken and we are all in agreement. First rider out at 8 a.m. from the Summit Park Campground—**Rain or Shine**. The release form will be preprinted on the

back of the flyer. This will save a lot of time. Pre-registration: \$35 for members; \$40 for non-members. Payment on the day of the event will be \$45. It will be \$15 for extra meals. It was suggested to give out prizes instead of ribbons. Mark is challenging everyone to get a donation to be raffled off. Please let us know if you have something new to donate.

- Jenny will design a logo for t-shirts and Doug will do the research on a company to house the logo.

Next BVH meeting: **Holiday Party POTLUCK** –
Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 at the Bonita Community Center next to the library
BVH Club will provide ham and rolls. ***Please bring a dish to share!***

Poker ride in Jamul on November 14, 2009; \$25
Meet there. [See enclosed flyer](#)

[**Club ride**](#) - November 15, 2009 - Rancho Penasquitos
Meet at Rancho Penasquitos staging area at 10:00 a.m.