



JUNE 15, 2008

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Treasurer Ginny Rench
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Board Members:
Craig Stevens
Marlee Vanderbeck
Ann Smith
Diane Lovett

ANNUAL MEETING PRODUCES NEW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS. An estimated 30 plus people attended the Annual Meeting at Pate's ranch in Middle Verde on May 10. Members and guests enjoyed a short ride, arriving back at Pates in time for a great lunch provided by the club. Milt Pate gathered \$74 in raffle tickets for some nice gifts. Many thanks to the Pates for hosting the annual meeting.

At the meeting called to order at 1:00 P.M., President Ginny Rench introduced a proposed slate of officers for the 2008-2009 year: Steve Harris President; Nancy Allbright, Vice President; Jenny Bellows, Secretary; Fran Whetten Treasurer; and Past President Ginny Rench. Board Members proposed were Craig Stevens, Marlee Vanderbeck, Ann Smith and Diane Lovett. The membership unanimously voted to accept the slate as presented.

Ginny then introduced Tim Lawrence of Tread Lightly Barefoot Trimming. Tim presented a very interesting program on the benefits of letting your equine go barefoot rather than using iron shoes. He recommends every 4-5 weeks for trimming. He uses and recommends Renegade boots if horses are tender or going to be in a lot of rocks. He said when he rides, if it's 15 miles or under he generally doesn't boot up. Tim can be reached at 928-567-6783 There is a DVD available (ask Tim). Also there is a website, azhoofrehab.com, that has more information on barefoot trimming.

BOARD OKS TRADE IN OFFICER'S POSITIONS. At the Board of Directors Meeting on June 5, it was unanimously voted to accept a request from Fran Whetten to be relieved of the Treasurer's job. Ginny Rench offered to trade positions with her and the Board agreed.

ANNUAL MEETING RAFFLE ITEM A GREAT GIFT. One of the raffle items at the meeting was a \$25 gift certificate from Golden Bone Pet Products in Camp Verde. Diane Lovett was the lucky winner and reports she had a wonderful time in their store and a difficult time deciding what to select. The store is a treasure trove of pet items of every kind. Owners Nadia Caillou and Angela Windolph are thanked for their generosity. The store is at 564 Main Street, Suite 111 in Camp Verde, phone number 928-567-5555.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER. Welcome new member Lin Johnson of Mesa.

HEADS UP WHEN OUT RIDING. Three of our well-known club ladies were out casually riding one afternoon a couple of weeks ago. They noticed a lone coyote following them, which in of itself they didn't think too much of. Then the coyote got closer, going toward the dogs that were with them. The coyote actually tried to attack one of the dogs. The gals ran it off a couple of times, but it kept coming back, getting closer and closer to the dogs. Never did it call to any "buddies" for help, it was all alone in this, which is also unusual. Everyone agreed this was very rare behavior for a lone coyote. There have been several reports of rabies in wildlife this year, so just be aware when you are out with your dogs.

DEERPASS TRAILHEAD RIDE ENJOYED. A group of 9 riders led by new member Connie Koff enjoyed the ride that led to lunch by Oak Creek and back to the Trailhead for cold drinks to cap off a real nice ride and day. Two ladies from the Rio Verde Roverettes drill team group joined in today's ride and it was good to have them.

"HAPPY WANDERERS" A NEW GROUP? Seems we have a new group splintered off the club. Nancy Allbright, Craig Stevens and Ginny Rench had a super ride from the gravel pit off of Cornville Road. They decided to just ride and see what they could find and it ended up to be a fun, enjoyable ride.

FUTURE HOPE EQUESTRIAN RIDE WINDY. Seven riders braved high winds on this Thursday ride to Pecks Lake and back. Without the wind, the ride would have been even better, lasting about 2 ½ hours.

CLUB MEMBER FRAN WHETTEN AN "UNSUNG HERO". Our own Fran Whetten was named by Yavapai County as May's "Unsung Hero" for her tireless devotion to mapping trails with her GPS and submitting them to the County's MIS Department for mapping. Most notably, Fran has GPS'ed large sections of the Sheep Trail that VVHC has worked on for years to complete from Phoenix to Flagstaff. She has also been busy working on local trails and has been invaluable to the mapping efforts for Yavapai County trails. Fran was presented with a lovely bowl of flowers by Yavapai County Supervisor Chip Davis and a certificate from Stephen Welsh, MIS Director. All of this was done on radio at the KVRD station and you can see and listen to it on their website myradioplac.com.

All animals except man, know that the principle
business of life is to enjoy it – Samuel Butler

NEW FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS ADOPTED. At the Board of Director's meeting on June 5, the Board voted unanimously to ask for a \$5 donation from non-members who ride with us or attend a club event, after the first time. It was stressed that the club welcomes guests to ride but wants them to join and help support the club if they are going to continue to ride and attend activities.

RIDE RATINGS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. It was noted by the Board of Directors that ride ratings have been left off the ride descriptions. It was agreed that rating the rides is an important safety issue and trail leaders should always include the ride rating for the newsletter "Schedule of Events". The statement, "IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE RIDE, CALL THE TRAIL BOSS" should also be in the ride description. Below is the official rating guide:

HELPFUL HINT - Wash an old de-wormer tube and put some apple juice or corn syrup in it and "worm" your horse as a treat and good de-worming training.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- JUNE 21 Cultural Center Ride. In the saddle to ride at 8:00 a.m. Bring snacks and water. Ride is about 2 ½ to 3 hours. RATED A 2 ½. Beautiful Sedona scenery with rolling hills and some rocks. Call Ginny at 928-634-9354 for information and to tell her you will go. ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS CALL THE TRAIL BOSS.
- July 4 JOINT POTLUCK WITH CAAHA. Ginny and Steve Rench are hosting a 4th of July Potluck at their home on Penny Lane in Cottonwood. Ginny says y you can see the fireworks from the Fairgrounds. Hotdogs and burgers and drinks will be provided by the clubs. Bring a dish to compliment the menu. Festivities will start at 6:00 p.m. – be sure to bring your lawn chairs. Call Ann Smith at 928-301-7588 for information and to reserve your place, by July 1.
- JULY 19 Bill Grey Road Ride. In the saddle at 8:00 a.m. Bring snacks and water. RATED A 2. Call Craig Stevens at 928-639-1867 for information and to tell him you will go. ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS CALL THE TRAIL BOSS.
- AUGUST 9 Grief Hill Trailhead ride. In the saddle at 8:00 a.m. Bring snacks and water Up Cherry Wash, RATED A 2. Call Elaine Eaton-McCants at 928-567-3219 for information and to tell her you will go. ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS CALL THE TRAIL BOSS.
- SEPTEMBER 12-14 Prescott Frontier Days 11th Annual Trail Ride. Applications due by July 20, 2008. Ride will be at the Prescott Horse Camp. \$160 per person. For applications and information write P.F.D. at P. O. Box 2037, Prescott 86302 or call Mary Borgen at 928-776-1120.

ANY MEMBERS WHO CAN'T MAKE SATURDAY RIDES or want to ride other days, we have a group that meets regularly during the week to ride. Contact Fran Whetten at 928-634-6495 or Ginny Rench at 928-634-9354 to find out when and where they are going. This group usually emails back and forth and would be glad to add you on. These rides are not official club rides and often are exploratory.

We are putting events on the schedule as far ahead as possible so they can be put on your calendar. If special events come up or you need reminding, we will email all of those with email and call others. Please remember to check your email for our messages.