

Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue  
Fall Trustee Meeting Oct 15, 2016  
San Angelo, TX

Meeting called to order by Executive Director Mark Meyers at 8:00 pm

**Roll Call:**

Trustees present: Mark Meyers, Amy Meyers, Michele Halfmann, Zac Williams, Jack Yanez, Josh Meyers, Scott Jewett, Debbie Foley, Kevin Elliott, Dr. John Roueche

Not present Gina Lea

**Old Business:**

Minutes from last meeting were not read, to save time. All trustees had access to the minutes via email.

No other old business was brought forth.

**New Business:**

Mark Meyers confirmed that Gina Lea was stepping down as a Trustee, Gina had been a volunteer for the Rescue for many years and her service was greatly appreciated.

Amy Meyers put forth a motion that Vicki MacKenny be given the newly vacated seat on the Board of Trustees, John Roueche seconded the motion, no other nominees were brought forward. The vote to add Vicki MacKenney as an unpaid Trustee was unanimous. Vicki MacKenney who was present accepted the position and joined the other Trustees.

Executive Director Mark Meyers put forth the motion to have his entire executive staff remain in their current positions. This included:

Amy Meyers	CFO
Michele Halfmann	Secretary
Jack Yañez	VP of On-Site Operations
Zac Williams	VP of Off-Site Operations

Kevin Elliott seconded the recommendation.

The un-paid Trustees voted unanimously to retain all officers in their current position.

The committee of un-paid Trustees chaired by Scott Jewett gave the committee's review of Executive Director Mark Meyers' performance in his duties. The committee found that Mark Meyers exceeded the levels of expectation that were placed upon him. The committee voted unanimously to retain Mr. Meyers as Executive Director.

Mark Meyers made a motion to add another unpaid Trustee Board member.

Jack Yañez seconded the motion.

The vote failed 9 against, 2 for. PVDR will continue with 11 board members

Mark Meyers brought into the minutes the purchase of a 2016 Ford F350 to replace the 2011 Ford F350. At the time of purchase, all Trustees were informed of the need and all voted unanimously by email. The vote was verified with all present.

Because Mark Meyers has the Board approved ability of spending up to \$20,000 without prior Board approval he put forward the purchases that were made in 2016:

185 cubic foot manure spreader by ABI	\$11,000
32' 20,000# flat bed trailer by PJ	\$9,000
Rawhide Portable Corral System	\$10,500

Discussion was opened as to why these items were needed and beneficial to the rescue.  
All Trustees approved of the purchases.

Amy Meyers shared the organization's current financials, 2015 990 and 2015 Audit.

Liabilities include \$237,582 mortgage to Art Schaefer Trust  
Total reserve fund: \$527,033

Jack Yañez reported on the current status of the ranch.

Zac Williams reported on the guardian program which began in 2015. The program is only in Texas and doing very well with people on a waiting list.

Zac put forth the motion to build an additional guardian pen in order to train an additional guardian donkey. The cost would be under \$3,000.

Amy Meyers seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Jewett was recognized by the chair. He motioned that PVDR should have a Release of Liability agreement signed by all guardian adopters should one of our donkeys kill livestock.

Vicki MacKenney seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Zac Williams presented the Sanctuary Project along with its costs.

He then motioned to continue the Sanctuary Project at the same level for 2017.

Scott Jewett seconded the motion.

Motion Carried unanimously.

Donny Raymond presented the International Operations, especially the issues on Statia.

PVDR is still suppling almost 100% of the feed with little to no local cooperation. The foundation that is supposed to see to the day to day operations is under funded and doing little to correct their situation.

Donny Raymond motioned that the international project be funded \$50,000 to continue the Statia project into 2017.

Jack Yañez seconded.

During the discussion Scott Jewett and John Roueche expressed concern that we are creating a welfare state in which we may never to be able to stop. There was also concerns that if the locals were not giving proper care to the donkeys it would bad reflection on PVDR. Mark Meyers offered to travel to Statia and help the local foundation with fundraising in hopes of making them self sufficient.

The motion passed: 9 for, 2 against

Mark Meyers presented the Ajo Wild Burro Project in Arizona.

The project was seconded by Amy Meyers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Meyers presented the Budget for 2017.

Motion seconded by Kevin Elliott.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Halpern", is written over a circular stamp. The stamp contains some illegible text and a central emblem.