

Spring Board of Trustee Meeting 5/26/19

Meeting was called to order 9:30am by Mark Meyers

All Trustee Members Present: Mark Meyers, Amy Meyers, Michele Halfmann, Jack Yanez, Zac Williams, Dr. John Roueche, Kevin Elliot, Scott Jewett, Josh Meyers, Vicki MacKenney, Debbie Foley.

Zac Williams motion we dispense with reading of the last meeting minutes as they can be found to read on our pvdrforms page. Vicki MacKenney 2nd motion; No discussions: motion carried

Meeting began with Mark making a motion to add more seats to the board of Trustees, by adding Jessica Anselment and Jake Meyers. By adding these two, we will still be in compliance of the by-laws 6 paid members 7 unpaid members. Michele 2nd the motion

Discussion: Scott feels we should limit the number of board members we have as to come unproductive, Mark feels we should not limit ourselves because we are not sure what the future holds and the many directions PVDR is going. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting, so the By-Laws can be amended if need be. Motion carried

Jessica Anselment and Jake Meyers now hold a voting seat on the Board of Trustees of PVDR.

Workers Comp. insurance we currently have is dropping us due to the many facets of employees working out of State. We are in discussion with Texas Mutual to figure out how to insure us with workers comp.

Financials 2018:

990 audit went well no discussion:

Audit Amy, all went very well this year again.

Financials discussed and explained, Mark motioned to accept the 990 & Audit of 2018 Kevin 2nd motion, no discussion: Motion carried

New project Mules: Lost Meadow Mule Refuge

The Mules will be marked as their own entity, under PVDR, we will be attending events to raise awareness and to gain a following in hopes the Mules can

sustain themselves without pulling money from PVDR donkeys. In conjunction with Mules, we are in need of another tilt shoot. The original shoot is need at PVDR-West for the Wild Burro Project, leaving PVDR-Central with no way to trim the Mules and Jacks. Mark motioned we purchase a new tilt shoot specifically made for the larger Mules and donkeys we will be working with, he predicts this shoot to cost \$35,000. Josh Meyers 2nd the motion we allot \$35,000 for this new shoot. No discussion, Motion carried.

A new tilt shoot will be purchased;

Wild Burro Project

To date 150+ Wild Burros have been captured, soon we will have to hold off on capture due to weather. We will be signing a contract with China Lake for capture next year.

Tracking Collars: Needed 10-15 collars per region in the Wild Burro Capture Project, at \$2,500 per collar est. cost \$200,000. These will be the largest burro tracking project to take place. UC Davis, specifically Eric Davis will be in charge on the academic/research of this project, we will also be collaborating with the BLM on this project because it benefits all of us. Mark will be speaking with the Glide Foundation in hopes to get a grant to help fund this project.

Mark motioned for \$200,000 for this project Kevin 2nd discussion: Dr. John ask what is the time frame, Mark will begin fund raising this project immediately, we are hoping to launch this project in the fall of 2019, after discussion motion carried.

\$200,000 will be given to the tracking project

A motor cycle was purchased for Wild Burro Project to save the wear and tear on the tucks due to treacherous road conditions. There was no need to vote purchase did not exceed \$10,000.

Olancho: 144 animals rescued 6 euthanized per the vet on sites recommendation. We were only the facilitators of operation Inyo County was lead law enforcement on project.

Adoptions need to keep increasing, to facilitate this increase we will be reaching out to the horse community for donkey companionship to horses. Mark, Jessica

and Karra attended a horse event is a huge success; we will be doing more in the future.

Plans are in the works to get Jessica in San Angelo, she is needed here on sight to help with day to day operations.

Facility Improvements:

Central region: we are adding tin around north end of our paddock covers to provide a better shelter for the donkeys, new fencing around field surrounding the new medical barn, also we are in need of water storage tanks to collect rain off new medical barn.

East: Land clearing is almost complete, new shades are up,

West: New buildings are up look great, shades and new pens are up.

Australia: Powers that be in Australia have contacted Mark in regards to the donkey population in Australia. They are decimating the donkeys in Australia due to lack of education. They have asked Mark to come in and help to inform, educate and come up with a plan to help the donkeys of Australia. Mark wants to take Mike Brown, go to Australia and film a movie to help educate the population not only in Australia but other areas as well. He was not asking for PVDR to fund this mission. Scott felt it was important and directly in line with the mission of PVDR. Scott motion PVDR send Mark and Mike to Australia Kevin 2nd motion, no discussion; motion carried.

PVDR will pay Mark and Mike way to Australia and all expenses related to this project.

Next Meeting will be in VA to see the new facility. Looking at first week in Oct. 3-7th

Meeting adjourned 11 am.

Michele Halfmann
Cooperate Secretary

