

Jane Huffstickler

to Juanita Rinche

Fri, Jul 4 3:07 F

minutes

Minutes
Annual Meeting
July 6, 2013
Ranch Pavillion

President Darrell Wolff called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. The association stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A board quorum and member quorum was confirmed by Vice President Jane Huffstickler. Board members present: Pat Barbour, Darrell Wolff, Jane Huffstickler, Yvonne Farrar, Juanita Rinche, Larry Woodruff, Doug Addington and Jean Koonce. Absent: Diane Smith. Jane Huffstickler read the minutes of 07/07/2012. Yvonne made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Juanita Rinche. Minutes approved.

Agenda approved as it was presented.

Regular Reports

- President's report – Darrell
 1. More break-ins have occurred. He suggested members ask who is here if they are unknown to us.
 2. Added security has been looked into. No specific action has been taken as options are being explored.
 3. John Ferguson asked what has happened in terms of break-ins. Pat Lawrence asked about the number of break-ins. No specifics were available at this meeting.
 4. The ranch host, John Lopez, is no longer living or working on the ranch.

Treasurer's Report – Juanita gave the report

- Total receipts as of the meeting date were \$34,969.17. Disbursements were \$21,877.63. The ending checking account balance was \$13,091.54. With the additional \$6,400.82 from the savings account, the total cash on hand came to \$19,492.36.
- Pat Barbour made the motion to approve the report and Larry gave the 2nd. Treasurer's report approved.
- The Annual budget was presented by Juanita. After changes were discussed a motion to approve as presented was made by Doug and a 2nd by Larry. The

budget was approved. The budget allocations changed for certain line items, but the total budget amount remained the same at \$19,200.

- The question was raised why the money for the picnic was being decreased. Discussion ensued about how there were no planned games or a band so there was no need for as much money as last year.
- Shirley Farley explained about Blanca's level of help. She could not continue to single handedly cover the picnic, games, and trophies as well as the band.
- Pat Garcia, Dan Lawrence and Denise Musquez volunteered to help with the next annual picnic. Comments were made about how the family atmosphere on the ranch is important and that the board and the members on the ranch need to do more to see the traditions of the picnic continue.
- It was commented from Dan Lawrence that the board needs to let members know well in advance that help is needed.

Board of Director Elections - Introduce candidates

- Shirley Farley, Jean Koonce, Yvonne Farrar, Joe Allred, Juanita Rinche, Darrell Wolff, and Diane Smith are on the ballots. Five of the seven will serve when elected. All candidates addressed the members with the reasons they wished to serve on the board for the next term.
- The question was asked by John Ferguson about the dues increase as printed on the ballots. He wished to have this discussed before the ballots were counted. John Ferguson stated that this issue should have been put before members before the day of the annual meeting and should be discussed. Juanita indicated that the vote on dues is often something that comes at the end of the annual meeting each year and that it gets no attention as a result.
- Eleanor added that the increase was minimal. Everyone should be able to afford the three dollars per year.
- Shirley Farley noted that much of our work is done by volunteers and thus they are doing the work for free. Without them, we do not have any way to get the work done.
- JW added that Jim Moss has paid for all his expenses to be trained and to carry out his duties. He, JW, also said he enjoys helping but we need more volunteers and three dollars a year is affordable.
- Pat Lawrence indicated that it is not about the amount of money, but about the procedure for the vote. There are certain numbers of people needed to change the rules. It requires a notice to the members.
- Pat Barbour said the vote is allowed by the rules.
- Darryl suggested tabling this to the open discussion section of the agenda.
- Shirley supported the board's decision and suggested we have a discussion about what is needed.
- Juanita asked the members to pay their dues before the end of the year so we would have more available funds.
- Joe mentioned that the vote is to meet the current HOA requirements by law. Voting yes or no is important so there is a record. 25 cents is a no pain assessment; the procedure is the issue. The board should look at the rules and see if we have the correct numbers of members voting to make a change.
- Dan Lawrence feels it is a by-law change.
- Darryl called for a short break. The meeting went into recess.

Picnic report – Darrell

- Picnic is at 6:00. It was asked that those coming remember to bring side dishes, personal plates and their own drinks.
- Thanks were extended to the volunteers for all they do for the Ranch.

Water report – Juanita presented Jim's report

- The report is on the website and has been posted on the Ranch pavilion board.
- Juanita read the numbers for usage. June posted 294,000 gallons and a well level of 26.5 feet.
- Water usage is down from last year. The recent rains likely have helped. Jim does not think we should have problems this summer yet we are in drought and we are all asked to conserve water.
- Motion to approve the report was made by Max Morgan and Pat Lawrence was the 2nd. The report was approved.

Volunteers' Report – JW Young

- Six pipes have needed repair. People have driven over some and cold weather has caused some others to need repair. Leaks have also occurred. JW mentioned that the pipes are close to the road so when folks drive off the road they endanger the pipes since they are close to the surface.
- The fence has been worked on. New pickets have been located to incorporate into what we already have.
- JW is still not convinced that the black surface being laid down is a good idea as it does not bond with our road base. JW explained to the members about the content of this material. We have a stock pile of road base here on the ranch. Ramiro has purchased some for his own personal use but we do not use ranch base for personal property.
- JW asked for help with the fence if people would like to volunteer.
- He was asked about the wood piles waiting to be burned. It was mentioned that the Flying J might not be happy if a flood comes and the wood floats down river. JW discussed how some has been burned already near Jane Huffstickler's property. JW assured more will be burned in the future when it is safe.
- Pat thanked JW for his work on the lateral lines. He put in a tremendous amount of work fixing our water lines.
- JW does not believe anyone has had to go without water this year.
- JW added that Ricky is almost finished his EMT training. Materials are needed and the boot is on the table for any donations. Again, JW asked for volunteers to help in our community or to make donations of clothing and other items but mostly warm bodies to help with various projects.
- Juanita complimented the volunteers including Emilio and Ronald Carlson on their help installing the water heater.
- It was mentioned that we might have a new candidate for ranch manager. Mark Guerra had positive things to say about the gentleman.

Old business – none

New business – none

Open Forum

- Denise volunteered her husband to do the BBQ again. She personally volunteered to help with the picnic – but not to be in charge. She will get in contact with those who wish to volunteer for games, trophies, and such.
- Pat Lawrence has asked that Jane Huffstickler be the board liaison for the members to get the picnic activities tasked for 2014.
- JW interjected that folks had helped get things ready for the event today and wished them to be thanked.
- It was requested that any new ranch host be tasked with helping with the picnic.
- Denise commented that the picnic traditions we have in place are good. We don't need it to be too specific. Volunteers can decide what will be done.
- Pat Lawrence mentioned that the trophies are important to folks.
- Max asked if dumping in the septic could be allowed. JW said no. Over dumping has been a problem in the past. Pat Barbour said that the contractors and state officials indicated that the septic cannot handle dumping. The report on that will be sought so that members can better understand the reason for the change.
- Having a ranch host was inquired about. Pat Barbour said it would be a board decision.

Election Report – Darrell Wolff

- Joe Allred – 83 votes
- Yvonne Farrar – 55 votes
- Juanita Rinche – 85 votes
- Darrell Wolff – 80 votes
- Shirley Farley – 30 votes
- Jean Koonce – 28 votes
- Diane Smith – 61 votes
- JW Young – 1 vote
- Dues increase – 81 votes
- No change in dues – 15 votes

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Huffstickler
Board Vice President

Frio Cielo Ranch Association
Proposed Budget for
2014 -2015

	2014-2015
Annual Meeting	350.00
Electricity	4,500.00
Insurance	3,200.00
Legal & Professional	1,200.00
Office Expense	700.00
Community Support -RWVFD	1,000.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Property Tax	1,000.00
Ranch Maintenance	2,400.00
Telephone & Internet	1,600.00
Water System - TCEQ	1,000.00
Water System - R & M	2,200.00
Annual Budget Total	\$19,200.00

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