

Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council  
Minutes of our General Meeting, November 2, 2011

This meeting was held at the Woody Creek Tavern with a social hour from 5-6 and presentations from 6-8. Over 30 were in attendance.

New Members

New members are Cortney Souki, Linda Hayes, Whitney McCarthy and PJ Jonas. Stephanie Brown is the new membership chairman.

Fisher Creek

Jim Sorenson reported that BLM has asked RFVHC to adopt the Fisher Creek Trail and to help with the maintenance of the trail. It is a pleasant, easy trail which does not need much clearing. BLM would like RFVHC to watch for dogs, pick up trash, monitor and report wildlife sightings.

Youth Program

Susan Gibbs has offered to put a group together with the Buddy Program – invite five kids and buddies to be with a horse. A member is needed to coordinate with the Buddy Program – Lisa Flynn said she has done similar programs with at-risk youth and said she would do it.

Molly Robison with Wind Walkers Therapeutic Riding said volunteers are needed Tuesday through Saturday. Wind Walkers 963-2909.

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers

Presenters Scott Gordon, Clark Addington, Helen Carlton, Jason Pooler led discussion about how can the Council can become more involved with RFOV – one way is RFOV's Project Selection Committee – letting RFOV know what trails need work. There is not much horse enthusiast involvement in RFOV and they would like us to contribute by monitoring trails as well as help with trail improvement on the ground.

Website Volunteer

Visit the website! It can be used for horse activity–related networking. Someone is needed to update the website.

Open Space and Trails

Gary Tannenbaum from Pitkin County Open Space, John Wilkinson from the Snowmass Town Council and Hunt Walker from the Town of Snowmass have been involved in finding ways to provide more effective ways for hikers, cyclists and horseback riders to have sufficient trails in the Snowmass area. TOSV owns an area called Upper North Mesa, 2500 acres north and west of Horse Ranch Development. They have been working on connecting that area with the the current trail system and the Droste area. Their report is finished and this is the first public meeting in the long-term planning process. They want feedback to create a management plan this winter and build trails next summer. They handed out a map showing what exists now.

TOSV, Aspen and Pitkin County applied to the State for a trails grant. Whether the trails on North Mesa will be for equestrians only is under review.

Acupuncture in the Treatment of Colic

Dr. Louise Shuman gave a presentation on colic and handed out information about winter nutrition for horses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM