

PEACEFUL VALLEY DONKEY RESCUE, INC.
Board of Trustees Meeting
San Francisco, CA
August 08, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by Chairman Mark Meyers

Board members present: Mark Meyers, Amy Meyers , Michele Halfmann, Josh Meyers , Zac Williams, Vicki MacKenny, Jack Yanez, Debbie Foley, Dr. John Roueche, participating by via phone: Scott Jewett, and Kevin Elliot others present for meeting were; Katie Williams, Stephen Halfmann, Fred MacKenny and Stacie Roueche.

Vicki made a motion not to read the minutes from the last Board meeting, Michele 2nd motioned carried; minutes can be read on the forms page online.

Executive Director Mark Meyers presented his Annual Report.

Old Business: During the 2016 Fall Trustee meeting, improvements to our adoption program were discussed. The ideas implemented helped to improve the adoption quantity dramatically. For last 3 years our ratio donkeys coming in versus going out has improved.

New Business: Meeting was opened with a discussion of 2016 actual expenses vs. budget.

Payroll has doubled but we have also doubled our staff numbers to cover all of our National and International projects.

The dirt work to improve the roads leading to the new building put us over budget

We have 10 years left on our mortgage on the San Angelo, TX facility

Our financial situation is good, our reserves are high and we look to have a strong end of year with the Calendar Campaign, Donkeys of the Caribbean Campaign and the Burro Buddy booklet.

We purchased a 6 seater golf cart for Texas ranch to improve our tours, needs no approval from Board under \$10,000.

We went to a color code shirt system on the Texas Ranch to make things easier for the visitors and to identify different aspects of the staff, working very well.

New building: Medical/Quarantine barn is in its final stages of completion.

The Old Quarantine barn will become our new adoption training facility

The old medical bay will be for new weanlings and orphans.

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Ryan Nealey will be on the island for 2 years

The cost of care per donkey is \$60 a month, Mark is working on a sponsorship program for the Statia donkeys, and during his next trip to the island he will take pictures of all the donkeys for this project.

We have a 2 year contract that has yet to be signed by the Statia government.

No one on the island is willing to work, very hard to get things done.

Green Found said they would take over in 2 years, but have signed no contract stating this.

We will be changing from avid chips to RFD ear tags for the island donkeys.

We are still trying to get the Jacks on the island castrated; trying to get the vet there to get us the drugs, have gotten nowhere on this.

Death Valley, Ajo Arizona and the Mojave National Preserve Projects : Ajo Wild Burro Project the BLM is removing themselves, PVDR will be in control now. 600+ Burros on the Mojave, Death Valley has 2,000+ donkeys and Ajo is an unknown quantity at this point.

We will only haul the wild jacks to Texas; at a cost of \$1,000 to rescue and \$600-\$1,000 to capture. It would cost prohibitive to haul them all here. PVDR is looking at millions of dollars over the next few years for all three Wild Burro Projects.

Mark proposes we develop the 13 acres given to PVDR by Fred and Joan in Scenic AZ for the Death Valley, Ajo, and Mojave projects. He also proposes to send Madison Nealey and her husband Kyle there for at least 2 years to run the new facility PVDR-West. Kyle will be coming on board in September for training on how we do things, he is a licensed CDL driver.

We will begin by water trapping, we will need to find someone local to handle this, Mark, Zac and Jack will be making a trip out there Sept. 5th to map out the situation.

There is a no tolerance for donkeys in the National Parks that is why we are now involved. No tolerance meaning they will start killing the donkeys to get them out of the Parks.

Open to discussion:

From Utah the Coottor family will be contracted to help with the capture of the donkeys, we will have a holding area for tagging, vaccinating and medical checks.

Richard Newell is trying to find us help with capture also
Scott asked about the money end of things, could possibly cost 2.5 million dollars over the next 5 years, \$400-\$600 per donkey \$10,000-\$13,000 per day contractor costs.

Seattle Area Foundation has called, they have a donor that is very interested in our Wild Burro Projects.

Explore historical grants, we will need new equipment for this project, we all agree we can handle it.

Mark motioned we create a Wild Burro Advisory Board of new people for a different prospective, not to make policy just suggestions, hire a PR firm Kevin 2nd motion all in favor of advisory board motion passed.

We now have to have coggins on all the donkeys on the Texas Ranch all donkeys going out and all coming in.

We would like to have 2 meetings a year 1 being Face to face alternated between Texas and California.

Zac motioned we alternate meeting sight and do a once per year face to face Trustee Meeting and do the Symposium every other year, Jack seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.

Vicki suggested we alternate the meetings by letting the satellites host them so we can see all of the PVDR facilities. We will discuss this further at the symposium in Oct.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 am.

Minutes submitted by:

Michele Halfmann
Secretary
Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue