

PEACEFUL VALLEY DONKEY RESCUE, INC.
Board of Trustees Meeting
San Angelo, Texas
October 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 8pm by Chairman Mark Meyers.

Roll call of Board members:

Present were; Mark Meyers, Amy Meyers, Jack Yanez, Michele Halfmann, Zac Williams, Jessica Anselment, Deborah Foley and Scott Jewett.

Proxy for Dr. John Roueche was Scott Jewett

Proxy for Joshua Meyers was Jacob Meyers

Proxy for Kevin Elliot was Jessica Anselment.

Absent: Vicki Mackenney

A quorum was present.

Reading ion the Minutes from last Board of Trustees Meeting.

Amy Meyers motioned that we do not read minutes from the last board meeting as everyone has a copy and can read them on their own, Jake Yanez seconded

Discussion: No comments were offered

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Amy Meyers, CFO:

Amy detailed the financial handouts explaining our current assets and liabilities.

PVDR purchased two new pickups. One to replace the 2016 that burned in a fire on the interstate in Oklahoma. This pickup was purchased using the insurance money received from the accident. A second pickup was purchased to be used in our Wild Burro Project. This purchased was voted on by email prior to purchase. All members present gave their verbal acknowledgment of that vote.

PVDR's current surplus fund consists of the following

\$332,000 in deposit account

\$165,000 in brokerage account

\$225,000 in fundraising account

Zac Williams VP Off-Site Operations:

Guardian program: The adoption fee for the guard donkeys will be increasing from \$200 to \$300. The guardian program is doing very well there is a waiting list that goes into mid-2018. Zac is hoping to use some of the jennets from the Wild Burro Project as new guardians, as we are running out of guard donkeys on the Texas ranch.

Zac Williams motioned we continue the guardian program for 2018, Amy Meyers Seconded
Discussion: Scott Jewett asked why the program wasn't extended past Texas, Zac explained that this is still a pilot program and while it has been successful, it is still not 100% reliable and we must be able to take back any donkey that does not perform its duties.

Vote: Motion was carried unanimously

Grazing leases: There are 16 leases on 22 properties with a total of 1,182 donkeys. The Missouri Lease will be closed in Sept. 2017, it is just no longer feasible to travel that far twice a year. As of Nov. 1st we will be bringing our senior donkey's home from their lease in Brownwood and replacing them with some of the vision impaired mini geldings. Projected budget for 2018 is \$236,110.

Zac Williams motioned to approve the 2018 budget, Jack Yanez seconded

Discussion: No comments were made

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Jack Yañez VP Operations:

PVDR currently has 14 full time employees, 2 part time employees.

Our PVDR-West team is as follows: Madison Nealey will be facility manager and head trainer, Kyle Nealey will be in charge of all heavy transportation and Blaine Yañez will head up our capture program.

Ryan Nealey is on the island of Sint. Eustatius.

All donkeys being brought into our San Angelo, Texas facility will be required to have Coggins prior to arrival or within two weeks of arrival when otherwise impossible.

PVDR is switching from AVID subcutaneous microchips to RFID ear tags. Ear tags cost \$2.00 per tag, AVID chips cost \$8.00 per chip and the failure rate on Avid chips is too high. As of Oct. 2017 all incoming donkeys will be ear tagged.

Yard is running smoothly, gearing up to start the new PVDR West.

Mark Meyers Executive Director:

International Operations, St. Eustatius: There are 74 donkeys on the island, at an average feed and water cost of \$60 per month, per donkey. A \$50,000 budget was approved for a 12 month operation on Statia in October 2016, the operation cost has exceeded that cost \$50,000 due to the need to keep PVDR personnel on island to ensure the well being of the donkeys. Mark was able to raise the funds to cover the overage.

Mark proposed a sponsoring program in which donors could sponsor a donkey and receive a picture and be able to name that particular donkey. The program would pay for a substantial amount of the ongoing expenses.

PVDR has a two year contract with the Island Government that has yet to be signed. March of 2019 will end the two year period from when the contract was originally drafted, PVDR does not have an exit strategy at this time. Ryan feeds the donkeys 7 days a week; PVDR would like Green Found Foundation to take over the feeding on the weekends to see if they are capable of taking care of the donkeys. This project has not gone as planned, the people on the island do not care about the donkeys, it is extremely difficult to get anything accomplished on the island.

Mark Meyers motioned that we approve a budget for an additional \$100,000. Michele Halfmann seconded

Discussion: The majority of the Board expressed concerns about the project and our inability to control costs, labor as well as the general disregard for our work on the island by the locals and the government. The majority felt that putting the weekend feeding on GreenFound and measuring their success in three months was a better use of PVDR resources. Mark argued that these donkeys are under his personal protection and that all donkeys should matter, not just those in our own country.

Scott motioned for a three month extension instead of twelve. Debbie Foley seconded.

Vote in favor of three months: Amy Meyers, Scott Jewett, Zac Williams, Jack Yañez, Jessica Anselment, Jacob Meyers, Debbie Foley

Against three month extension and in favor of twelve months: Mark Meyers and Michele Halfmann

PVDR will revisit the Sint. Eustatius project in January 2018.

Mark S. Meyers Executive Director

PVDR West Project: Madison and Kyle Nealey will be moving to Arizona to manage the PVDR-West facility. Blaine Yañez will be joining them to head up the capture and trapping of the donkeys. There is not an exact number of donkeys at this time. Fencing for 13 acres where the donkeys will be housed will cost \$12,000, also need a tub and working chute area for processing and medical treatment at a cost of \$12,500.

Motion made by Mark Meyers to approve the cost of fencing and tub and chute, Zac Williams seconded

Discussion: no comments were made.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Mark purchased a travel trailer at a cost of \$ 20,500 for the PVDR West project. The trailer will be for Blaine and other ranch hands to stay in while working the PVDR West project. The costs was below Board required approval. The Board unanimously approved Mark's purchase. Wild Burro Project: Aside from the training facility expenses the capture costs are currently unknown. Mark plans on performing a recon of the entire Death Valley National Park to establish wild burro numbers. Once a plan has been made, the Cattoor Family Contractors will be used to perform the actual captures. Typical costs per season can range as high as \$50,000. Costs will be addressed to the Board once a plan has been made.

PVDR will not go public with Wild Burro Project until approved by Mark. Jessica Anselment will handle the press release when the time comes.

Jack Yañez was recognized and showed the RFID ear tag that PVDR has been using on Statia as part of our contract obligation. He motioned that all of PVDR's donkeys should be ear tagged in lieu of the Sub-Q microchips currently used. The current system has a 10% across the board failure rate and a 30% failure rate with whole jacks due to fighting. Zac Williams seconded.

Discussion: Mark Meyers explained that with the eventuality of the donkey hide trade making its way to North America, any donkey with a yellow ear tag will clearly be a PVDR owned donkey and could not be legally sold. An advertising campaign in monthly publications used by the livestock and auction trade could easily notify these people that the ear tags indicate an illegal sale. A "bounty" could be placed on any donkey coming in to an auction with an ear tag. Easily verified with our online data system as being one of ours.

Jake Meyers said that the tags reminded him of auction animals that are typically sold for food.

Amy Meyers agreed but confirmed that PVDR could rewrite what an ear tag really means when it comes to donkeys.

Vote: Motion carried Unanimously.

Mark Meyers distributed his 2018 Budget and explained each line item amount. Total budget for 2018 is \$2,533,225

Mark Meyers motioned for approval of the 2018 budget. Michele Halfmann seconded.

Discussion: Jacob Meyers asked if the budget was based on the current year's numbers or was assembled from zero? Mark explained that while he relies on current expenditures, each year's budget is build from zero in order to justify each expense.

Vote: motion carried unanimously.

Next Donkey Rescue Symposium: 2017 symposium was a bust, Mark and PVDR staff were very disappointed in the lack of participation from many of the Satellites. Out of the 22 current satellites only 9 attended. Mark is done with future symposiums; he formally excluded himself from any future planning. Scott suggested we put together a committee to work on the symposium to figure out a better plan. Jessica Anselment, Michele Halfmann and Kim Millikowski from CTST volunteered to be on this committee.

The next meeting will be planned around our ability to tour the new training facility.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Michele Halfmann

Secretary

Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michele Halfmann", is written over a circular stamp. The stamp is faint and contains illegible text, likely an official seal or logo of the organization.