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Wild Horse Owner's Association

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Meeting Notes from a Town Hall meeting held with owners in regards to horses. Meeting held at the WHOA office on 08/17/08. I have listed below the topics that were brought up and any actions that have been taken to address the topic.

1. Attending properly to sick horses and or injured horses. Properly feeding horses that cannot compete with other horses. **ACTION. We have hired a well trained stables supervisor that has a ton of knowledge in regards to horse health and injury prevention. She has reviewed the horses and has taken the proper steps to move the horses to areas that provide a better way of life for the horse. She has also ensured that skinny horses are being cared for daily to ensure proper nutrition.**
2. Keeping water troughs clean. **ACTION. We have scheduled cleanings for the water troughs every other Friday. We have several owners that are assisting us in cleaning and have been a great help. We are still working on ways to be more proficient with cleaning the troughs.**
3. Fair and equitable application of rules. **ACTION. The stable supervisor has enforced all policies and will continue to do so in the day to day operations.**
4. Add fish to water troughs. **ACTION. We have used goldfish in the past and we will continue to do so.**
5. People in small pens should be responsible for their own water troughs. **NO Action at this time**
6. Improve Feed quality. **ACTION. We have always searched high and low for quality feed. Over the past 6 months or so finding feed was very hard. We will always search for the best feed on the market.**
7. Better maintenance of proper herd. Get rid of horses that are not good for us. **ACTION. We are in the process of reviewing the herd and we will be holding a silent auction for owners to bid on horses that we want to pull of the string.**
8. Sponsorship program for horses that have served the ranch well in the past but are no longer able to perform daily as needed. **NO action had been taken at this time.**
9. Save money by purchasing larger quantities of vial shots. **ACTION. The stable supervisor is working on this program. She has found several ways for us to save money and even earn cash back from certain retailers.**
10. Develop Ranch horse's web site group. **ACTION. We have added Stable News to John Foottit's web site. I plan on having the same posting on our web site soon. When you click this link owners will be able to review stables rules, the**

- Jr. Wrangler program, and I will be posting monthly on topics such as news, silent auctions, operational changes, and so on.**
11. Rodents at the barn. **ACTION. This is always a problem. We are working on it.**
  12. Light switch should not be on the other side of the tack room. **NO action has been taken at this time.**
  13. Updating the events on line. **ACTION. Our office will update events every month. This task has been assign to a single person in order to ensure completion.**
  14. Better Marked trails. **ACTION. The stable supervisor and owners are working on new signs. The have painted several and will be placing them in the outback soon.**
  15. Using school programs like internships to help train our staff and assist in the education systems for local schools. **NO action has been taken at this time.**
  16. Better communication and more meetings held with horse owners. **ACTION. On the web site I will set up meetings for owners to attend in regards to horses. I will also ensure that the meeting is placed in the event schedule on our web site. I will give owner 4 weeks notice and I would only ask that owners wanting to attend please e mail me and RSVP so that I know haw many to prepare for.**
  17. Communication by e mail for horse owners. **ACTION. Horse owners that would like to have regular e mails can do one of the following. Please send me you e mail address and I will update you on the stables and or sign up on John Foottits web site at [r-wildhorseranch.com](http://r-wildhorseranch.com) and each time his site is updated you will receive an e mail on the update.**
  18. Increase assessments. We need to increase assessments so that we can afford to upgrade several areas of the ranch to include the stable areas. **ACTION. The Board of Directors will review assessments every year. The will be reviewing assessments for 2009 in OCT or NOV of this year.**
  19. Build more horse paddocks. **ACTION. We have created one new paddock so far and we have plans on creating another one with the nest few weeks.**

I want to thank the owners that attended this meeting and gave us great ideas and solution to issues we are always faced with. As you can see we have started on several of these ideas and we will continue as time will allow. We will not be able to perform on every idea but we are reviewing and implementing all that best serves the association and the horses. Thank you again and I hope to see all of you soon.

Regards,  
Brian Craig  
Ranch Manager