

**August 24, 2017**

4:00 – 6:10 pm

**Meeting Place:** Newfield Conference Room  
4 Waterway Ct.  
Spring, TX 77380

**Attendance:** BOARD MEMBERS – Jimmy Dotson, Patrick Flaherty, Nel Somarriba, Todd Bryant, Chris Osborne, Gary Packer, Connie Goers, Martin Evans, STAFF – MG Tindall, Sheila Greaver, ON PHONE: Bob Marlowe, Kathy Tabor, Bob Zincke GUEST: Virgil Yoakum, Brooke Westall

Absent: Nancy Kosh, Peggy Boyce, Mike Maher, Denny McGuire, Joey Vest

**4:05 pm Call to Order/Opening Prayer** – Gary Packer

**4:06 Prayer** – Jimmie Dotson

**4:08 pm – Approval of July Meeting Minutes: Chris Osborne – motion, Patrick Flaherty – second – approved**

- Request to see the “Follow Up” list for the October board meeting that we are keeping

**4:16 pm – Virgil Yoakum shared the information on the 25+ acres that are being offered to Inspiration Ranch.**

- Background on Larry Johnson and his desire to support the ranch. 560 acres overall that were set up as horse property for the public
- Virgil will meet with Montgomery Trace for the removal/approval of any restrictions that would disrupt our efforts
- Virgil left us with various maps and Montgomery Trace Restrictions
- Discussion on follow up once Virgil left. Very generous offer and wonderful people to work with
- Connie will head up a team to look into the pros and cons of the property as well as going through the restrictions that are currently on the property from Montgomery Trace subdivision
- Patrick will work on a press release (this was put on hold in lieu of the Harvey flooding)

**4:54 pm – Board Self Assessment – Brooke Westall**

- 11 of 13 board members participated
- Some highlights: board are more engaged when we share stories and have education series/speakers
- We will look for more information from Governance on several of the questions (encouraging communications, annual review/expectations of attendance and giving)
- This exercise was a valuable experience and Governance will look into future surveys and annual assessments
- MG will distribute a copy of the survey results to everyone not in attendance

### **5:36 Financials – MG, Nel**

- The question was asked of the need to approve the financials monthly. MG will look to see what the Bylaws, but suggested that we might want to continue this for the purposes of grant applications. The question of “How often does your board review your finances” often comes up or we are asked to present our most recent approved financials. For now we will continue to approve financials monthly.
- The question was also raised of how we can show on the Financial Report what the projections are for the rest of the year. There was some discussion that the column marked YR 2017 Projections is actually our budget, not a projection. Sheila’s report does show any items that were projected but not received. It was agreed that if we feel like there are any significant adjustments that this would be reported during the financial discussions.

### **5:46 pm – Questions and vote on reports and committees:**

#### **a. Development - Sheila**

- See attached report
- Board members were encouraged to purchase tables for the gala asap
- Discussion on the fact that the financial YTD was removed from this report as it is repetitive to the financial reports presented by Nel. Sheila will continue to keep reporting on any major changes or concerns for year end projections

#### **b. Gala Update – MG**

- Currently have \$101,000 in sponsorship, \$42,000 in admissions
- We have surpassed last year’s sponsorship numbers!

#### **c. Flash Report - MG**

- We are wrapping up summer lessons
- Current Wait list is 35

#### **d. Nominating**

- Michelle Little from Waste Connections has expressed interest in being on our board.

### **5:58 pm – President’s One Page Report**

- Staff has done a great job of preparing for Harvey – now we wait and pray
- Please review Safety Manual draft and be prepared to discuss at October board meeting

### **6:05 pm – New/Old Business**

#### **a. Conflict of interest signatures**

#### **b. Did everyone do their head shot at Mindy Harmon?**

### **6:10 pm – Closing Prayer– Patrick**

*Minutes respectively written and distributed by MG Tindall in lieu of Michelle Bellaire, Executive Assistant, email: michelle@inspirationranch.org*

**Board Approval** \_\_\_\_\_