



October 17, 2018

**Notice of Annual Meetings for  
The Rose Bowl Riders (RBR) and Rose Bowl Charitable Organization (RBRCO)**

@ RBR Clubhouse (4750 Oak Grove Drive)

Date: Wednesday November 14th, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given for the annual meetings of RBR and RBRCO at the date and place noted above. The following business will be transacted:

**1. Election of Slate of Directors**

Candidates

*(2 year terms expiring November 2020)*

Vice President: Ashley Roberson

Treasurer: Shannon Griffin

Director-at-large: Anna Armstrong

Director-at-large: Suzy Goodwine

Director-at-large: Alice Rossiter

**2. Meeting and Election of Rose Bowl Riders Charitable Organization** (see attached insert)



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## ***Annual President's Letter***

### ***Dear Members:***

Driving into our oak studded driveway on a recent weekend, I was impressed to see a line of parked cars extending outside of our gates, reflecting all the people attending a schooling show at Rose Bowl Riders. Inside the gates was a flurry of activity: beautiful horses gleaming with shampoo and show sheen; sparkling, polished tack; and dozens of competitors from very small children to older adults, all dressed in show attire. Some competitors were nervously getting ready and others - relief and satisfaction evident, colorful ribbons hooked onto belts - were walking around attending to horses or thoughtfully helping their peers get ready for another class.

On any given Saturday, or really any day from Tuesday to Sunday, the scene at Rose Bowl Riders is similar (minus the show glitz). Riders of all ages and abilities come to take riding lessons and to learn and practice horsemanship. Volunteers help clean and maintain the facility and can be seen dragging the arena, gardening, raking, sweeping, picking up manure, emptying the trash, painting, and a host of other projects.

This past summer, I met a local scout leader (at a ceremony celebrating a young man who earned his Eagle Scout award at Rose Bowl Riders) whose middle school aged daughter had recently started riding at our club. The gentleman raved about the overwhelmingly positive experience his daughter was having in our lesson program. Her parents could already see a newfound confidence in their daughter as she learned to handle, care for and ride horses, not to mention the inner joy that comes from connecting with these noble animals. Like many parents, the father was also grateful for the comparative affordability of Rose Bowl Riders.

These vignettes exemplify the purpose and tradition of our venerable club, existing in the Arroyo for nearly 75 years. We are united in our love of horses and our appreciation of the value they bring to our lives, and for many of us, the lives of our horse-loving children. Our volunteering ethos contributes to a sense of community and extends access to horses to a wide and diverse group of people in an otherwise prohibitively expensive sport. Collectively we ensure that our horses are well cared for, exercised regularly, and thriving in a natural, outdoor setting in close but safe contact with their herd-mates. Our love of nature and commitment to sustainability allows humans and horses to coexist within an environmentally sensitive area. Finally, we are dedicated to constantly learning; to become better riders, horsemen and horsewomen, and environmental stewards through lessons, clinics, competitions and educational programs.

Your board has been hard at work this year advancing various projects and priorities to fulfill the club's mission of connecting people to horses and nature and to achieve the goals outlined in our strategic plan. This work would not be possible without our active and committed membership, nearly 200-strong. Thank you!

I am honored to be both a member of Rose Bowl Riders and your president, and look forward to enjoying another fun and rewarding year at our club.

Happy Trails!

*Ingrid McConnell*