

Moraga Horsemen's Association Newsletter, November 2006

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Tentative Calendar of Events for 2007

January

- 4 MJHA meeting
- 16 MHA meeting/election

February

- 1 MJHA meeting
- 20 Installation Dinner

March

- 1 Junior/Senior Potluck
- 10 Xenophon Gala
- 20 MHA meeting

April

- 5 MJHA meeting
- 17 MHA meeting

May

- 3 MJHA meeting
- 5 Arena Clean-up
- 12 Breakfast Ride
- 15 MHA meeting
- 19 Hairy Horse Show

June

- 5 MHA meeting, Special date
- 7 MJHA meeting
- 9 Oakland Hills Ride
- 30 Playday/Volunteer Party

July

- 5 MJHA meeting
- 17 MHA meeting
- 28 Battle of the Barns?/Tevis

August

- 2 MJHA meeting
- 11-12 Overnight Ride
- 21 MHA meeting

September

- 6 MJHA meeting
- 9 Dinner Ride/Hosted by Fends
- 18 MHA meeting

October

- 4 MJHA meeting
- 16 MHA meeting
- 21 Arena Clean-up
- 27 Xenophon Horse Show

November
1 MJHA meeting
20 MHA meeting

December
15 Christmas Party

MHA General Membership Meeting
October 17, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President, Zette Thierry at the home of Wisti & Brian Nelson. In attendance: Zette Thierry, Wisti Nelson, Julie Gularte, Lauren Harrison, Karen Bottiani, Betty Halliday, Marianne McKay, Heidi Koch, Linda Ostman and Malcolm Mendelson. Official greeters and entertainment provided by Daniel Nelson and King Shane Nelson.

Membership Report:

Tracy Ostman is interested in joining. Her mother, Linda Ostman, paid her dues. Tracy will fill out the Membership forms and hopefully bring them to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Marianne handed out and discussed the club's Profit & Loss Statement by Event. Our big fundraiser was the Oakland Hills Ride but all events have been well attended and beneficial to the club. She then handed out and discussed a Profit & Loss by Class. See attached. Net Income for the General Membership account to date is \$4591.34.

Junior's Report:

Heidi Koch told us about the Draft Horse Classic that many of the Juniors' attended up in Grass Valley last month. A great and worthwhile show for the whole family. The MJHA October meeting was held at the Grace Anne Carrick's house. Stephanie Koch discussed the various board positions and read about the duties of each office. They will have elections at their November meeting, which will be held at the Kochs.

The MJHA Holiday Party is planned for December 3 at Morgan Landess' home.

Arena, Pasture & Trails:

Linda Ostman and Suzanne Allen did a tremendous job cleaning up the Mad Dog Saloon to make it presentable for upcoming events. Thank you Linda and Suzanne.

Kate Hunter donated an ice chest to the Mad Dog. Thank you Kate.

The Halloween Ride and Arena Clean-up day is scheduled for October 21 at 9 am. There will be another announcement arriving via email soon. This is one of your last chances to volunteer at an event this year. Come on out in costume to enjoy the ride and hang with your horsy friends.

At the last Pasture Meeting, the group elected Laura Fend to be the Pasture Manager and Karen Bottiani to be the Assistant Manager. No new horses will be introduced to the pasture until next Spring. Water pipe replacement projects have been completed. There is a pasture work day scheduled for October 22 at 9:30.

Old Business:

Battle of the Barns: MHA was invited to the Martinez Horsemen's meeting to accept our Reserve Champion ribbon and trophy. Heidi Koch was presented with a beautiful plaque with a picture of the MHA team. They also awarded a gift certificate for a one year membership to their club for a member of the MHA Battle of the Barns team. It was decided to give the one-year membership to Heidi so that she can continue her work in bringing the equine community closer together. Heidi is already a member of MHA and San Ramon Valley Horsemen's Association.

We then discussed where to put the trophy along with the many others that are hidden away in member's closets. An idea to put the trophies in a case in the Moraga Library or Moraga Community Center (the Hacienda) was put forth. Linda Ostman will ask her friend about these places. Any additional ideas are welcome.

Dollars for Davis: Karen announced that there is still time to make a donation. So, please, please, please send in your money. We will decide how much to donate to Davis at the next meeting.

50th Anniversary Bash: Zette announced that it was FABULOUS! Thank you to the organizers.

On another note, many people RSVP'ed for the party that did not show up. Therefore we had TOO much food leftover. In the future, if you RSVP for a party, please come or cancel early so we don't waste. We don't want to have to charge people if they don't show and didn't cancel.

New Business:

The MHA Holiday Party is scheduled for December 16 at Zette's house. For those of you who haven't been there, carpooling is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. She lives on a steep hill with **NO PARKING!**

We are looking for volunteers to be on the Nominating and Calendar Committee. If you are interested, please contact Zette.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12. The next meeting will be at Dave & Marianne McKay's house on November 21.

Respectfully submitted,
Wisti Nelson
Acting Secretary

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2 Horse Slant Load Trailer

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