

Moraga Horsemen's Association
November 2018

Calendar of Events

*****November 13** - MHA meeting at Jackie's

7 pm social time, 7:30 meeting
1722 Wood St, Alameda CA 94501

December 9 – Holiday Party at The Rajan's

*****Please note the date change**



MHA Board Nominations for 2019

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of officers for 2019. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the meeting on the 13th, and voting will occur at the January meeting.

- President: Laura Stetson
- Vice President: Shivani Rajan
- Treasurer: Ute Frey
- Secretary: Corinne Roberts

MHA meeting minutes

10/16/18

Members present: Laura Fend, Gary Fend, Laura Sanders, Ute Frey, Gayle Jackson, Linda Sanders, Shivani Rajan Hetschel & Elsie Bulling.

New members: Helene & Lela Longenbaugh. Ute kindly stood in for President Jenni & VP Kristin who were not able to attend.

There were an insufficient number of members present to meet a quorum, so no motions were passed.

Meeting called to order at 7:37
Thanks to Gary and Laura Fend for hosting!

Per Jenni: no Presidents report
Per Kristen: no Vice President's report.

We welcomed our guests, Helene and her daughter Lela (friend of Elsie's), and answered their questions about becoming members. Helene found out about MHA at Pumpkins and Ponies a few years ago. She rode horses frequently as a child and was leasing a horse locally for a time. She's interested in possible future pasture membership. Lela has experience in eventing, and is currently exploring hunter jumper at North Peak.



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Happy Thanksgiving!

Treasurer's Report:

Pasture account: \$27,910.34

MHA account: \$10,812.32

\$756 was paid for demolishing the old food booth. Ute reports that our PG&E bill went up by ~\$3 /mo, probably due to the little refrigerator in the tack room and/or the new fence charger.

Pasture Report:

The food booth removal was a successful project! Thanks to all for the huge team effort (especially Scott Carr and Steve Mazaika with their comprehensive and invaluable contribution of machinery and skills!).

Kerry of EBMUD wrote to Laura F. that we have time to submit a bill for this work to be included for EBMUD's 2018 fiscal year, which is great news. Laura will be submitting those documents to her shortly.

It appears that EBMUD plans to connect electricity from the judge's booth to where the food booth once stood. Before we move the herd to Bridgeside, we'll have to hook up the water line to the trough there. The area around the food booth also still needs to be dragged with magnets to capture loose nails & other hoof-harming-hardware.

Kristen has decided to return Holly to her breeder as of 10/13. We'll miss her sweet face and wish her a good future! This brings the current number of horses in the herd to 13.

Horses are grumpy with lack of food; thank goodness for quince-soccer!

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business

A nominating committee meeting will be held on Thurs. 11/15 @ 6pm at Laura Stetson's home. We'll nominate board members for 2019 & propose a calendar for next year's events. Pipe up if you'd like to be a part of the committee! So far volunteers are: Laura S., Ute, Gary & Shivani (and Jenni as current president).

Ute spoke to a friend who works for EBMUD about making signage explaining more about who/what MHA is. These would be posted at the pasture and language will most likely be pulled from the MHA website (contact Ute with any input).

A short discussion ensued about revamping our Christmas party routine to keep it fun and fresh. Ideas were:

-Have a smaller table of high quality raffle items (so the raffle part doesn't go on for as long but still is an effective fundraiser)

-Have a separate, donation-based table for all other items (i.e. used tack)

-Add in a White Elephant or Secret Santa element, gifts under \$20?

To be discussed further at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Submitted by Shivani Rajan Hetschel

