

Moraga Horsemen's Association February 2016

Calendar of Events

February 8 - Installation Dinner

March 15 - MHA at Gayle Jackson's

April 19 - MHA at Kristin Ojala's

May 7 - Breakfast Ride

May 17 - MHA at Ashley Tobin and Jim Watters'

June, July and August - MHA at the Arena

August 11 to 15 - Campout at Jack Brooks

September 20 - MHA at Linda Sanders'

September 23 to 25 - Jerry Tindell Clinic

October 16 - Pumpkins and Ponies in the Pasture

October 18 - MHA at Larry and Laura's

November 15 - MHA at Karen and Rob's



Throwback February© Jamie and Finny

MHA Board of Directors for 2016

Congratulations to our newly elected officers!!

President - Corinne Roberts

Vice President - Jenni Smith

Treasurer - Rob Harrison

Secretary - Rachel Rizos

Sgt at Arms - Gayle Jackson

Members at Large - Jamie Fend and Kristin Ojala

Thank you all for stepping forward to keep MHA going!

These fabulous new Board members will be installed on February 8th at Michaels Restaurant in Moraga. At that time we will also be thanking our outgoing Board members. Please be sure to RSVP to Corinne!

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Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016

Attending; Gary Fend, Larry Hunt, Jamie Kirkland, Laura Fend, Kristin Ojala, Laura Stetson, Lynn Miller, Linda Sanders, Gayle Jackson, Karen Bottiani, Rob Harrison, John Allen, Ashley Tobin, Betty Halliday, Lisa Gillett, Linda Benson

President Report

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM at the Fend's home.

Minutes from November meeting submitted for approval, Gayle moved to accept, Laura F. seconded that emotion, club passed.

John noted that the main activity of the night is to approve the nominations for the 2016 board. He added - with some emphasis - that additional nominations could be made from the floor at this meeting.

Slate as proposed by nominating committee;

- Pres - Corinne
- VP - Jenni

- Treasurer – open
- Secretary – Rachel
- Sargent at Arms – Gayle
- Members at Large – Jamie, Kristin

Vice President Report

So far we have 12 people who have renewed to date for 2016, three are people who joined post-September 2015 and got 2016 memberships as a result.

Lisa Gillett is in attendance and will rejoin tonight.

Treasurer's Report

Club has a balance of \$13,374.02

Pasture has a balance of \$21,116.17

At the end of the year the utilities bill is paid out of club budget and then pasture pays the club its share.

Pasture

Wet and muddy. Grass is growing; we need a little more sun to keep it going strong.

Spaces will likely open up in the pasture. We are down to 13 horses in the pasture. The Fends gave up Whiz Kid's space. If the grass continues to grow and is healthy there will be spaces opening up in approximately June. Three spaces are possible.

Corinne sent out the activity chart and reminded candidates that they need to remain active in the club to be considered for a space.

Kristin inquired as to how many activities are required to be considered. Laura explained that three are required, and the Christmas party counts as one!

New grass plugs! We planted two plots (one in English and one above the arena). Karen commented they can be seen from space with the orange snow fencing we used.

Old Business

Christmas party – all commented that it was fantastic.

Installation dinner is Monday February 8 at Michael's in Moraga. Starts at 6:30.

New Business

Jack Brooks camping in San Mateo – August 11-15. Gayle has reserved the camping space. Amenities include a large campfire ring, 48 horse pens, highline posts, showers, bathrooms, hot/cold water, refrigerators, microwaves, and electricity. Wine and beer are allowed, but sadly no hard liquor. Apparently noo sports are allowed on the grass. A potluck was discussed and encouraged. Four or five people have said they are going to come for sure, then a handful have said they might make it. Gayle is awaiting commitment from a total of 10 (horses).



Jerry Tindal clinic – Laura has been in contact and we have a myriad of options in April/May/August/September. Club discussed and decided that August/September would probably be best. Laura will follow up and check on Labor Day weekend as our first choice, August 20/21 as second choice.

Judy Lazerus – a long time MHA member who started Xenophon. Her husband recently passed away.

Kerry Ridgeway passed away this month as well. He used to be head vet at Oakland Hills Ride and was fondly remembered.

General Discussion

2016 Slate of Officers

John asked for any nominations from the floor for any of the positions. It was noted that we need a treasurer... Rob nominated himself to be treasurer! General applause ensued. Laura officially nominated him, Linda seconded, all approved.

John again stated the slate (including Rob). Kristin made the motion to adopt the slate as stated. Gayle seconded. Discussion asked for – none forwarded. Club approved.

Positions are active beginning March meeting.

Karen moved to adjourn. Kristin seconded. Meeting adjourned.



Dr. Kerry Ridgeway

Head vet at Oakland Hills Ride 1999

The world lost a most amazing man, vet, friend, humanitarian and mentor this last month. I feel fortunate to have spent time with him and gleaned just a tiny bit from his brilliant mind and knowledge of horses.



JERRY TINDELL CLINIC

September 23, 24 and 25

MHA will be hosting a clinic for Jerry Tindell's Horse and Mule School at the MHA arena on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

We need at least 8 participants to make this work, and 12 is the maximum number of riders allowed. Participants must enroll in all 3 days. Auditors are welcome any or all days.

MHA will provide donuts and coffee in the morning and lunch at noon. We will also host a potluck dinner Saturday evening. The cost will be \$450 to Jerry for the clinic, and \$10 to MHA for food. Guest horses that stay overnight at MHA will also be charged \$10 per night. The cost of auditing is \$35 to Jerry and \$10 to MHA for food.

Entry forms will be sent out in the next month or two.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating or have questions. I would also love to have some help with the food and such☺

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