

Moraga Horsemen's Association

April 2016

Calendar of Events

April 6 – EBRPD meeting regarding Sibley Park addition -check attached notice
April 19 – MHA at Kristin Ojala's 55 Castle Park Way, Oakland, CA 94611 7 pm – social time, 7:30 meeting.
May 7 – Breakfast Ride
May 17 – MHA at Ashley Tobin and Jim Watters'
June, July and August – MHA at the Arena
August 11to 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



[Yay! Green grass and a full reservoir☺](#)

MHA Meeting Minutes - 3/15/16

Attending:Lynn Miller, Linda Sanders, Gary Fend, Laura Fend, Colleen Brannon, Zette Thierry, Corinne Dutra Roberts, Betty Halliday, Karen Bottiani, Rob Harrison, Kristen Ojala, Shivani Rajan, Rachel Rezos

Minutes from Feb Meeting approved

President had nothing to report

Vice President's Report:

*22 members have submitted Liability Release forms and checks, 28 renewal checks have been received by the treasurer. It was suggested that a deadline for payment and paperwork be set.

*One or two pasture spaces may be available soon. Inquiries have been sent to people on the waiting list. Individuals wishing to move horses in must meet the set criteria. An activities list will be posted.

Treasurer's Report:

The general account contains \$13,674.99 and the pasture account \$21,536.34 as of March 1st.

Pasture Report:

The pasture is very wet! The grass is good but not great. There is no tall, lush grass as in years past. EBMUD says the Moraga pasture looks better than any of the others perhaps due to the weekly rotation of horses.

One or two spots may open to new horses depending on the quality of the grass and applicants meeting the necessary criteria. Next on the list is Kristen Ojala and Lynn Miller.

Laura reports that John Allen is doing very well one week post knee replacement surgery.

Old Business:

Ten people have committed to bringing their horses on the Jack Brook camping trip with others on a wait list. There will be room for additional tent campers but parking is very limited. Those who wish to may ride in for day use.

The Jerry Tindel clinic is scheduled for September 23rd-25th. Six people have committed to participating. There was some concern about filling the clinic because CMDTRA is hosting Jerry in June however that clinic is already at capacity with a wait list so we are fairly certain that we can fill the remaining spots in September. We plan to offer breakfast and lunch to clinic participants and auditors for a fee of \$15. Members will volunteer to prepare and bring food. We will need additional choices for breakfast other than doughnuts as they did not go over well last time.



The wildflowers are fantastic right now!

New Business:

A discussion was started in regard to the food booth and judges' stand. Both are in poor repair, particularly the food booth. A committee will research and meet to discuss the options: do we repair or replace and if so with what. The food booth has sentimental value but may be beyond repair. It was suggested that a pre-fabricated shed or a shipping container may be a good replacement. Kristen knows a reliable contractor that may be able to help. Jenny, Gary, Kristen and Larry volunteered to serve on the committee.

Kristen shared that the Skillman Horse Camp is in danger of being closed due to lack of use. It is a nice campground with excellent riding in the gold

country near Nevada City. The best way to keep it open is to use it! The number for reservations is: (877) 444-6777. To protest the proposed closure, call: (530) 265-5302. More details are available on Facebook.

The Breakfast Ride is scheduled for May 7th at 9am. Brunch will be a potluck enjoyed after the ride.

Laura Fend and Jenni Smith both attended a meet and greet at Terzetto's hosted by the John Muir Heritage Trust. The organization is hoping to acquire the Carr Ranch and preserve it for hikers and equestrians. They are holding a fundraiser on April 30th from 5-9pm at the Compania Farm, 2151 Camino Pablo, Moraga. Tickets are \$250/person. For more info, go to jmlt.org/gala2016.