

Moraga Horsemen's Association

August 2018

Calendar of Events

August 21 – MHA potluck dinner and meeting at the Arena
Dinner at 6, meeting at 7:30

September 18 - MHA meeting
October 16 – MHA meeting
November 20 - MHA meeting



OFF TO OPENING – "Chuck" Lance at the reins of his buckboard led the olden days entourage to the opening of The Cookhouse in Moraga Saturday. His passengers are Joan and Russell Bruzzone. For more photos and a story of the unusual opening of The Cookhouse at 1012 School St., turn to page 26.

A little blast from the past. Chuck and his wife, Kemi also used the horse and buckboard to grocery shop during the gas shortages in the 70's 😊

MHA Meeting Minutes July 17, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm
Thank you, for hosting us, Pasture!

Members present: Gary Fend, Laura Fend, Ute Frey, Kristin Ojala, Shivani Rajan Hetschel, Laura Stetson (there was an insufficient number

of attendees at this meeting to reach a quorum, so no motions were made).

Jenni was not able to make the meeting so Kristin acted as President in her stead.

President's Report

Per Kristin, Jenni had nothing to report.

VP Report

Kristin accepted her second space as of 7/1. There are currently no others on the waitlist other than Shivani that are eligible for a space at this time. Fourteen spaces are currently occupied. Several new members joined this Spring; Kristin & Laura will ensure that the roster & newsletter recipient list is up to date.

Treasurers Report

MHA acct.: \$13,625.78

Pasture acct.: \$27,728.64

Ute mentioned that a comparative analysis of our income and expenses (EBMUD lease, insurance, taxes, PG&E, general improvements, etc.) over the past 3-5 years would be beneficial. We could use this information in planning for worst-case scenarios/catastrophic events so that we have a baseline of what the minimum dollar amount in our accounts should be. Ute also noticed that some bills were substantially higher this year than last year. Property tax, for instance, was \$29.10 in 2017, but \$140.70 in 2018. She plans to look into this further with the help of Gary, Laura and Gayle. Shivani will submit a receipt for the \$45 paid to Sean of Canyon for his very good weed whacking work a couple weekends ago.

Pasture report

It's slippery-slidey and treacherous on the dry grass!

Laura expressed some disappointment in EBMUD's management (or lack thereof) of trails and fire roads this year. She stated that a fire truck would not be able to get into our pasture

due to roads not being graded and several downed trees. We've heard that there's a new supervisor in the chain of command who is less interested in this kind of maintenance. Talk of being a squeaker wheel ensued; though Laura F. mentioned that we've already been pretty squeaky.

Pasture work that we're focusing on right now is teasel, weed whacking star thistle, fence tightening, electric fence maintenance & coyote brush.

Kristin would like to organize a workday around Sept 22-29 to chip the piled coyote brush. We're hoping Corinne's friend who will be taking wood from the old food booth will trade us use of his chipper.

A note on the outhouse—we're only cleaning on demand now, so please let Laura F. know if it's getting full/needs to be cleaned.

Kristin's new horse is slated to be introduced to the herd around 8/17-25!

Old Business

Dog & Pony Show: Kristin (and Shivani) took notes during the event on what to do/not do in future. It was decided that the D&P Committee should meet to further discuss these observations, but in short:

Low attendance was attributed to:

--Most families already out of town for 4th of July weekend by July 1 (possible other times suggested were late June, late August before Labor Day or mid September after Labor Day.) We'd like to ask people with little kids for their thoughts on timing, too.

--Needed to have marketed the event on more online parent networks

--Air quality warnings that day discouraged attendance

Laura Stetson suggested that we send thank you notes out to vendors/exhibitors to acknowledge and encourage return next year (we all liked this idea).



Kristin and Lanni checking into Tevis☺

New Business

Kristin is going to Tevis!! Wish her and Lanni luck!

Fire preparedness plan for pasture will be revisited next Pasture meeting. We're planning to ask Kathy Campbell (past MHA pasture member and fire fighter) to come out and work on that with us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Next meeting at the pasture on Aug. 21

Respectfully submitted,
Shivani Rajan Hetschel
(covering for Jackie).