

# MORAGA HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

August 2017

## Calendar of Events

**August 15** – MHA meeting/potluck at the Commons Park 6pm potluck, 7:30 meeting

**September 19** – MHA at Jackie Frost's

**October 17** – MHA at Laura Stetson's

**November 21** –MHA at Gayle's

## Jane Moorman

It is with a very heavy heart I report that Past MHA President Jane Moorman passed away last month. Jane was an amazingly brilliant, witty and tough woman. Although she only weighed 90 pounds (soaking wet) she could handle any horse, person or issue presented....and with a smile or smirk 😊

Words just can't capture her spirit.

She was the head of the psychology department at Cal until retirement. After that, you could find her on the trail.

Happy Trails, Jane!



Jenni and Supes checking in at Tevis!

(Hey, where's the tar weed?)

## MHA Meeting Minutes July 18, 2017

Members Present: Linda Benson, Gary Fend, Laura Fend, Ute Frey, Jacquelyn Frost, Rob Harrison, Mo Livermore, Heather O'Donnell, Shivani Rajan, Corinne Roberts, Linda Sanders, Penny Sinder, Jenni Smith, Laura Stetson

Guest Present: Alexandra Michaels

President Jenni Smith opened the meeting at 7:38pm. She announced that the decision had just been made that the Tevis Cup ride will include crossing the Middle Fork of the American River this year. The river will not be crossable prior to the ride due to high water levels, but the river volume will be held back during the actual ride.

June Meeting Minutes: A question came up because the June minutes stated that the Dog and Pony Show event had been cancelled, while the event was still listed in the June MHA news Calendar of Events. It was clarified that the event has in fact been cancelled for this year, because of the bridge situation. Laura Fend moved to accept the minutes, and the motion was seconded and passed.

**President's Report:** Jenni stated that she needs a volunteer to handle the club's insurance. She nominated Gayle Jackson to handle this. Gayle was not present and therefore could not object to her nomination, but Laura Fend stated that she had checked with her, and Gayle is willing to do this. Progress on the bridge has been delayed because of the fact that ATT has lines going over the affected area, and Sprint has lines underground. The underground lines make the rebuilding of the bridge more complicated. The anticipated date for having a functional temporary bridge has been pushed back to November.

**Vice President's Report/Membership:** VP Kristin Ojala was absent, but sent a message that she had nothing to report. Alex Michaels, who has recently moved to this area and is working with Xenophon, has applied for membership. Laura Fend moved to approve Alex's application for membership, and this motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Harrison reported that there is \$14458.78 in the MHA general account, after paying for the PO Box rental and taxes. The Pasture Account currently has \$27156.05.

**Pasture report:** Laura Fend reported that we had hoped to spend some of the money in the pasture account to build a new fence in Little English, for "metabolically challenged" (underweight or overweight) horses. The person that she had arranged to dig the post holes for this project developed appendicitis, and did not show up. She is back to searching for someone to help with digging the post holes. Ute will ask a landscaper, and it was also suggested that NextDoor may be good resource for finding help with this. There is a new horse in the pasture. He is a five year old named Zuko who is owned by Alex Michaels, and he is currently using Laura and Gary Fend's empty pasture space.

**Old business:** The possibility of trying to reschedule the breakfast ride was discussed (the ride planned for earlier this year was cancelled because of the bridge closure). However, this might involve a lot of trucks and trailers parking on Augusta Drive, if members trailered in for the event. So far the neighbors in this area have been very supportive of club members parking in this area to walk in to the pasture, but we don't want to do anything to cause friction with them. Members agreed that we should wait to reschedule a ride.

**New Business:** It is hard to come up with club events due to the bridge situation. Members should think about events that we want to do next year, once the bridge is rebuilt. The local 4H club was looking forward to participating in the Dog and Pony show, and may want to help out with similar events in the future. The driveway/road in from Canyon Road in to the pasture has been graded, but EBMUD still needs to deal with the potholes.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting from Laura Fend, seconded by Shivani and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm. Next month's meeting will also be at Moraga Commons, on August 15th.

Minutes submitted by Linda Sanders



Jenni and Supes on their way to a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish. Not bad for his first 100 mile ride☺