

# Moraga Horsemen's Association

## December 2018

### Calendar of Events

**December 9** – Holiday Party at The Rajan's  
6 pm Details to follow



### Minutes for MHA Meeting

**11.13.18**

Members present: Elsie Bulling, Kara Bulling, Ute Frey, Jackie Frost, Kristin Ojala, Shivani Rajan Hetschel, Jenni Smith, Laura Stetson, Liz Strauss  
Guest: Colleen

#### President's report:

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by President Jenni Smith, and she thanked Jackie for hosting the meeting. Jenni asked if any changes were needed in the October minutes. No changes were proposed for either month. Ute motioned to approve October minutes, Laura S seconded; the October minutes were approved without discussion.

Jenni did not have anything new to report.

**Vice President's Report:** Kristin introduced Colleen, who was interested in becoming a new member. Colleen has a child in school with Elsie, and two children currently in horseback riding lessons.

Treasurer: Ute reported that the club account balance is \$10,730.72 and the pasture account has \$28425.72, with no major deposits or withdrawals since the last meeting.

**Pasture Report:** Jenni reported Laura's stead: the annual EBMUD meeting regarding capital improvement projects and requests (removing invasive species, fencing, and replacing a gate) is happening on November 14. Kristin has a request out for a quote for a landscaping company to regularly work on the pasture to remove invasive species. We are also concerned about the flammability of the spreading coyote brush and other fuel.

**Old Business:** the Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec 9 at the Rajan-Hetschel home. Ideas to update the

party: high-end silent auction table, then a swap table with a donation jar. Shivani posed the idea of doing a White Elephant exchange, and she will send out details for both the White Elephant and the potluck with the party invitation.

Regarding putting together a Dog & Pony or similar event in 2019, Kristin clarified that we need a leader to organize this event to start the planning process. Since the Dog & Pony event, Kristin has received feedback about both why it would be good to continue the event and reasons why it may benefit the club to not do this same kind of event for the future. Kristin suggested that if we do an event again, we need to be very focused on our mission and audience. Jenni reminded the club that EBMUD does like to see community outreach, and it is in our best interest to keep them happy. Ute added that community events help breed general goodwill around equestrian use of trails – it may be worth it to focus our events around this specific objective. Above all, understanding the cost and benefit of doing these events is important. Liz asked if an endurance clinic would be a good draw – Jenni mentioned a few ideas that have been brought up in the past: healthcare basics, in-depth education with professional partners, clinics, treasure hunt rides, etc. However, there is limited time and energy to put on these events, so the club relies upon members to bring up these ideas for discussion and to provide the work hours to make them happen. Shivani asked the question of whether our event is meant to be for community outreach or fundraising – this is not clear. Additional discussion pegged for early 2019



**New Business:** Jenni introduced the new slate of officers for 2019:

Laura Stetson = President,

Jackie = VP,

Ute = Treasurer,

Kristin = Secretary,

Jenni = Past President,

Shivani = Sergeant at Arms/Marketing at Large,

Corinne = Member at Large, another at large member will be procured by next meeting.

Kristin motioned to approve, Ute seconded.

Discussion: Laura S clarified the 5 work hours.

Motion approved with none opposed.

Ute asked about the signage for the pasture fencing.

Can we ask EBMUD to help us with signage? Jenni agreed to ask in her upcoming meeting.

Kara asked if there was any kind of plan in case of fire or other disasters. Jenni explained that there isn't anything official because any plan is made difficult by our restricted access (both in person and with trailers). Kristin asked if it would be reasonable to ask EBMUD's permission to park trailer(s) to assist with evacuations in case of emergency.

Shivani asked if EBMUD could fix the main gate dragging. Jenni offered to get a quote from her handyman to fix this and get back to the club.

Shivani moved to adjourn the meeting. Laura S seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Submitted by Jackie Frost



Elections for officers will take place at the next meeting, January 15, 2019