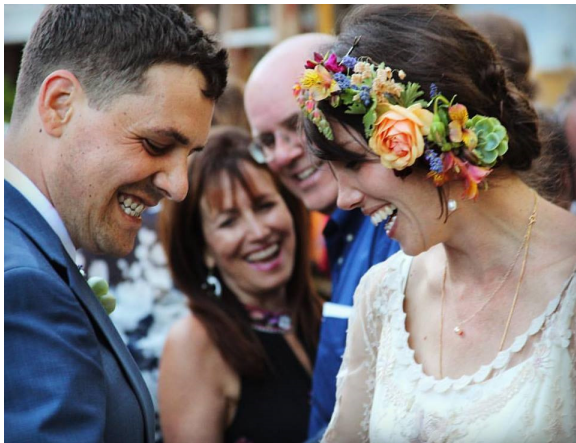


MORAGA HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

June 2017

Calendar of Events

- June 20** – MHA Potluck/meeting at The Commons Park in Moraga (corner of St. Mary's Rd and Moraga Rd. 6 pm for potluck (bring a dish to share along with your own plate and utensils), 7:30 meeting
July 9 – Pasture meeting at 4 pm
July 18 – MHA at Moraga Commons
August 15 – MHA TBD
September 10 – Dog and Pony event
September 19 – MHA at Jackie Frost's
October 17 – MHA at Laura Stetson's
November 21 – MHA at Gayle's



Congratulations to Shivani and Daniel 😊

MHA Meeting Minutes May 16, 2017

Members present: John Allen, Gary Fend, Laura Fend, Ute Frey, Gayle Jackson, Kristin Ojala, Shivani Rajan, Linda Sanders, Jenni Smith, Laura Stetson

7:54pm: Jenni Smith called the general meeting to order and thanked Kristen for hosting the meeting and for dinner and beverages. Gayle moved to accept last month's minutes without

revision and this motion was seconded by Shivani and approved by the membership.

President's Report: Jenni announced that the Board of Directors approved the revised pasture guidelines at the board meeting immediately before tonight's general meeting. The newly approved pasture guidelines will be sent out to the general membership by the President.

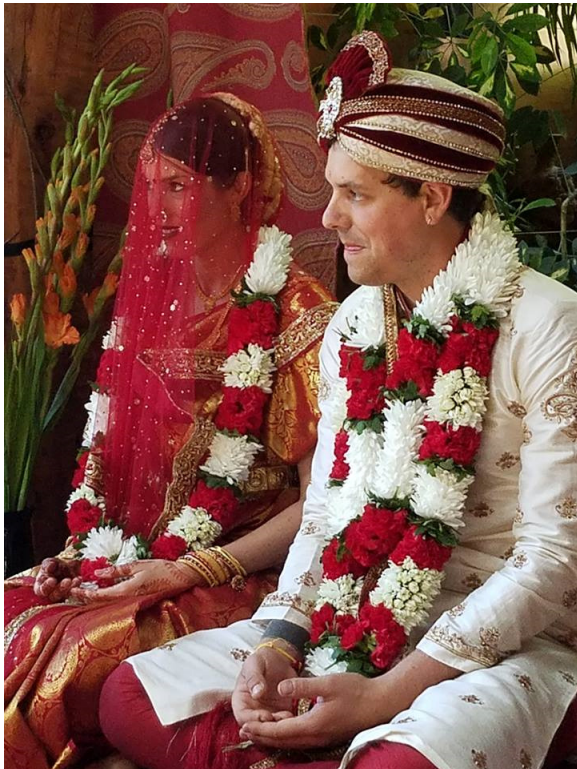
Vice President's Report: Kristin reported that an email was sent out to all non-paid members after last month's meeting. She has received one more renewed membership. An anonymous donor present at the meeting generously opened his wallet and paid for another board member who had not yet paid. MHA has approximately 35 members total this year. This number is down from the membership numbers in some years past. There was a discussion of whether or not it is a goal of the club to increase general membership. The general consensus was that a larger membership would not necessarily be desirable.

Treasurer's Report: In the general bank account the club has \$14,476.88 The pasture account balance is \$25342.23 The Treasurer should notify the Pasture Manager when anyone's pasture rent is overdue, so that the Pasture Manager can remind people. It is too confusing when people are paying for other people's pasture spots, everyone needs to pay their own rent.

Pasture Report: Laura Fend says that the pasture has lots of food, and lots of ticks. Stories about ticks in conjunction with dental exams and packages of chicken were enthusiastically shared and reminisced about.

Old business: Laura Fend had a meeting with Kerry from EBMUD, and discussed with her the

previously planned MHA Dog and Pony Show (community outreach event). In light of the Moraga bridge being closed at this time, Kerry offered that the club could still have the event near the corrals at the end of Camino Pablo. That venue has water, but no power. The disadvantages of having the event at this location were discussed: since the event would not be held at our pasture it would not be as effective in terms of public relations, and we could not have demonstrations such as the vaulters. Even though a temporary bridge may make the pasture accessible by the proposed September date, it is hard to plan ahead for the event without knowing for certain. Kristin said that she is not willing to serve as chairperson for the event under these circumstances, so at this time no plans are being made to have the event this year.



Bridge closure update: Shivani said that an email sent to Canyon residents stated that authorities hope to have a temporary one lane bridge functional in 2 months. At the current time bikers and hikers can avoid the closed bridge by parking on Augusta Drive (in Moraga) and walking in, which takes about 20 minutes. Pasture members can also drive to the pasture from the Oakland side, by driving past the Valle Vista staging area, moving the traffic barriers, and driving all the way into the pasture.



All weddings need disco balls hoisted into the sky by a crane!

MHA members who wish to trailer in to ride the loop trail can park a trailer at the end of Camino Pablo, to access the trail.

New Business: Kristin announced that Kenilworth stables in Oakland (at Redwood Rd. and Skyline Blvd) has space available for horse

trailers, if anyone is looking for a place to keep one.

Since we can't easily have the summer MHA meetings at the pasture because of the bridge closure, a decision was made to have the June meeting at the Moraga Commons Park.

At 8:24pm there was a motion by Jenni to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Gayle and passed by the membership.

Minutes submitted by Linda Sanders.

MHA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes May 16th, 2017--7pm

Board of Directors present: John Allen, Gary Fend, Kristin Ojala, Shivani Rajan, Linda Sanders, Jenni Smith.

The meeting was called to order around 7:20pm. Kristin made a motion to accept the final version of the revised Pasture Guidelines as proposed by Jenni Smith. Shivani seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by a majority vote of the board. Changes to the guidelines were briefly discussed: pasture applicants are being evaluated earlier in the application process, there are more specific requirements for wait listed individuals, and any exceptions to the requirements or guidelines must be approved by a vote of the Pasture Committee members.

The Vice President will follow up with people currently on the wait list to fill current pasture openings. EBMUD currently allows 16 horses in the pasture, and the amount of grass available in the pasture is currently good.

Minutes submitted by Linda Sanders.