Moraga Horsemen's Association November 2016



Calendar of Events November 15 – MHA at Karen and

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7 – social time, 7:30 meeting 1648 Springbrook Rd., Lafayette **December 11** – Holliday party at Shivani's



Kids loved roping at P & P

Minutes for MHA meeting October 18, 2006

The meeting was called to order 7:30 at Laura Stetsons. Larry Hunt prepared homemade pizzas for all[©] Members present: Laura Stetson, Larry Hunt, Ute Frey (who is renewing her membership), Karen Bottiani, Rob Harrison, Lynda Deschambault, Shivani Rajan, Daniel

Hetschel, Gayle Jackson, John Allen, Betty Halliday, Jenni Smith, Guests: Shayna Zucker came to the last meeting;,DeeRosario, who is running for the EBRPD Board,and Heather O'Donnel, a horsewoman from Moraga and friend of Jennis is interested in joining MHA and getting on the pasture wait list.

President's report: Jenni is filling in for Corinne, so no report.

Treasurer's report: Rob reported that the General Account has a balance of \$12,221.42 and the pasture account has a balance of \$24,616.33. We just paid for our insurance, \$1,443, with another \$30 extra for the Tindell Clinic.



4H goat wanted to decorate a horse shoe ©

Arena and Pasture: Laura mentioned the parking area at the arena got pretty messed up from the rain, combined with LOTS of traffic at Ponies and Pumpkins. We asked Dee for his professional opinion about using straw or chips to cover. He said either was good, perhaps chips are better. Since we have straw left from the even, we will spread it in bare patches for the winter.



Ute was a great roping teacher

Old Business: Ponies and Pumpkins was held in the rain, and the crowds of people were a big surprise! Lots of cute rain coats and boots© There were mixed

messages about the 4H group. Although the kids and animals were great, we heard that the adults drove with no regard for safety or the well-being of our road, and were rude. Perhaps we need to rethink our partnerships or have better communication about responsibilities going into it.

We had quite a bit of left-over food and pumpkins. If you would like to buy a pumpkin, there are several in the barn still. Laura took the majority of them to Xenophon for them to sell for their profit. About a third of them (20ish) sold the afternoon they arrived!

We still need to address the Food Booth. Gayle said she would call for a committee meeting with John on the committee.

New Business: Karen will call for a Nominating Committee to meet at her house about a week before the November meeting. Please let Karen know in advance if there is a position you would like to run for.

The Holliday Party will be on Sunday, December 11 at Shivani's house at 5 pm.

Gary moved to adjourn at 8:38



Emily wearing one of Shivani's awesome face paintings

Pumpkins and Ponies in the Pasture – 2016

By Gayle Jackson

It was a dark and stormy day..... however the intrepid MHA members held the Pumpkins and Ponies event anyway. And the intrepid attendees also came! We had close to 100 people show up. An extra attraction was the Lamorinda 4H club came and brought a pig, goats, bunnies, etc. We were unable to have the arena events unfortunately, however still had roping, face painting and horseshoe and pumpkin decorating. No one (except club members) minded the mud, even people wearing flip flops and no jackets. Thank you to Kristin for heading up the

organizational committee and for Betty for bringing the "Little Men" for the pony petting! A special thanks to John Allen who was master of ceremonies, Rob Harrison and Corinne who had the tough job of parking directors on such a muddy, wed and cold day. Thank you to all who helped make this event happen and worked out in the cold and wet weather working the craft tables and face painting and the food. We are still waiting for the final tally, hopefully we will have a nice little donation for Xenophon. Feel free to make a contribution to Xenophon to bring the tally up.

