

Moraga Horsemen's Association September 2016

Calendar of Events

September 21 – MHA at Ashley Tobin's
7 pm social time, 7:30 meeting*

September 16-18 – Jerry Tindell Clinic

October 16 – Pumpkins and Ponies in the
Pasture

October 18 – MHA at Larry and Laura's

November 15 – MHA at Karen and Rob's



Rachel and Zevon at Jack Brooks Campout

Jerry Tindell Clinic Date Change

Please note that we had to change the date of the clinic to September 16 through 18! Email me at lifend@pacbell.net if you are interested in auditing the clinic. Email Susan Brewer if you would like to participate with your horse.

***MHA meeting is on a Wednesday this month**

Minutes for August 16, 2016

Members attending: Gayle Jackson, Rob Harrison, Betty Halliday, Kristin Ojala, Jenni Smith, Linda Sanders, Laura Stetson, Linda Benson, Rachel Rezos, Karen Bottiani and Corrine Dutra Roberts

No presidents report

Treasurer:

Rob reported as of July 31 the general account had \$13,532.51 and the pasture account had \$24,031.18

Pasture:

The feed quality is down as expected for this time of year.

EBMUD has notified us that the neighbors living behind Tharp have expressed concerns about the pasture not being grazed down enough for fire mitigation. EBMUD will likely pay to have Goats RUs come in to eat the weeds the horses can't. A wild land biologist would determine where the goats would graze. They could take care of the teasel problem and allow pasture members to continue with their solarization project, eventually reseeding with native grasses. It was suggested that the club may want to pay for the goats to eliminate teasel in other areas. The topic will be voted on at the next pasture meeting.



Zette and Ruby thinking of fishing at Jack Brooks

There is a water pipe that has been broken by EBMUD the last couple of years

as they grade the fire road. It isn't buried deep enough to protect it. Suggestions were a larger, metal pipe sleeve. (editor's note.... We replaced the pipes about 20 years ago at 3 feet deep. The graders remove so much soil each year there is no way we can stop this.....EBMUD is aware of the problem)



Old Business:

A decision is still pending on the Mad Dog Saloon.

The Jerry Tindell Clinic has 8 confirmed entrants. There is room for 4 more. Laura F said should would ride if people volunteered to help with the lunch. Karen and Rachel will help Saturday and Sunday.

Kristin will be sending out an email to MHA and TWHA members so they can sign up for shifts at Pumpkins and Ponies

The old financial records are still up for grabs. We will keep anything related to taxes or insurance but the rest will be destroyed unless somebody claims them. Members will have one week from the publication of this newsletter to speak up.

New Business:

Kristin reported back on the EBMUD public hearing allowing bikes on 10 miles of trails scattered throughout water

department land. The majority of the speakers were anti-bike. TWHA's position is not anti-bike but pro-safety. The public has until September 1st to send comments to the board regarding this issue. Editor's note: There was an article in the paper that stated that the King's Canyon Loop Trail will be open to bikes. This will definitely have an impact on MHA.

There is a general agreement that the MHA port-a-potty is gross. It apparently gets heavy use and abuse from non-members who use the trails. MHA pays to maintain it. A motion was approved to put a combination lock on the gate with the general membership combo....and a sign reminding hikers that there is a public restroom at the Valley Vista Staging area.

Gail, Colleen, Zette and Rachel had a great time camping at Jack Brooks. The campground was half-empty and quiet. The trails were beautiful and peaceful, no dogs or bikes.



Gary and Frosty enjoying the Tahoe Rim Trail

The next meeting will be at Ashley's house on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21st instead of the usual 3rd Tuesday. This will allow members to attend Dee Rosario's meet and greet for his 2016 run for EBRPD Board.



Kristin and Lanni pulling ribbons at the Tahoe Rim Ride.