

Merced Horsemen's Association  
Board Meeting  
January 13, 2010 Minutes- APPROVED VIA EMAIL VOTE See Attached

**Called to Order:** by President J. A. Thomas at approximately 6:40 p.m.

**In attendance:** President: J. A. Thomas; Vice President: Tony Aragon; Secretary: Carol Suggs; Treasurer: Bill Suggs; Directors: Karen Camp, Michael Conley, Arnie Kiil, Lisa Krogh, Jennifer McCulloch Members/Guests: Kathy Amos, Bill Banducci, Sally Kazensky, Karen Kiil, Karen Lopes, Donna and Leigh (New Members) and NorCal Reps: Vern Serpa and Sean Sinclair. Caretaker: Dennis Friesen. **Absent:** Director: Brett Weaver.

**Welcome:** Thomas welcomed the new board members and officers and also welcomed guests.

**Minutes for November 2010.** Motion made by Krogh to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by A. Kiil. Motion accepted and moved.

**Committee appointments:** The following members were appointed to committees:

<b>Membership Chair:</b>	Kathy Amos
<b>Scholarship Committee:</b>	Kathy Amos, Karen Camp
<b>Advertising/Marketing Chair:</b>	Lisa Krogh, J. A. Thomas
<b>Newsletter Chair:</b>	Carol Suggs
<b>Kitchen Chair:</b>	Open
<b>Facility Rental Chair:</b>	Arnie Kiil
<b>By Laws Update Committee:</b>	Kathy Amos, Tony Aragon, Michael Conley, Carol Suggs
<b>Nominations Chair:</b>	Arnie Kiil
<b>Membership Dinner Chair:</b>	Open
<b>Awards Dinner Chair:</b>	Open
<b>Christmas Party Dinner Chair:</b>	Open
<b>Work Day Chair:</b>	Dennis
<b>Insurance Chair:</b>	Open

**Correspondence:** San Joaquin Range Riders Newsletter; Letter from NorCal inviting the president to January 22 meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** B. Suggs reported that as of December statement that the General Checking: \$2,724.18 Savings: \$5,809.67; Scholarship fund: \$1,208.37. He reported that he met with the Accountant today and that after paying the bills the balance in checking is now \$350.00 +/- and we have several bills to have paid including \$1,400 +/- for the re roof of the caretakers residence & upcoming taxes. B. Suggs also stated that per the accountant in past years the majority of memberships come in March so we should see our balance go up, however we will need to transfer funds from savings in order to meet these obligations. Discussion between board. Motion was made by McCulloch to transfer \$2,500 from savings to checking to pay our obligations and to have the Secretary type up the minutes and send them via email to the board for a vote so that final minutes can be ready to go to the bank. Part of this motion was also that the final minutes be taken to the bank to reflect the removal of Maria Moore and Lisa Krogh and any other signers on the account and to appoint the following people to be the only signers on the account:

J.A. Thomas, President ~ Tony Aragon, Vice President ~ William J. Suggs, Treasurer

Motion was seconded by Conley. Motion accepted and moved.

**Caretaker Report:** Friesen reported that the roof is done and submitted bill to Treasurer for payment. He reminded the board that the tractor and water truck are both in need of maintenance. He called the county about our road needed repaired and didn't get a good response; we may have to patch or fix? Conley suggested having members call the County about the road. Friesen also stated that we need to get the front gate fixed. Discussion about making it a sliding gate instead of a lifting gate, Thomas stated that he knows a gate guy and will call him for an estimate.

**New Business: President's Award:** Krogh stated that we had ordered a buckle for the outgoing president. McCulloch stated that Krogh had fronted the money for this. Krogh stated that in a conversation she had with C. Suggs it was discussed that this should be a general fund expense not just a personal expense from the board. Discussion was held. Jennifer McCulloch made a motion that Krogh be reimbursed for the purchase of the President's Award from the General Fund, motion was seconded by Conley. Motion accepted and moved. **Possible Arena/Grounds Rental:** A. Kiil reported that Golden Valley may be interested in renting the area for an Arabian Nights Dinner show. Price was verified at \$400 for arena + \$200 for clubhouse. Date to be determined, A. Kiil to follow up. **NorCal Jr Rodeo:** Serpa spoke about having the rodeo again, June 4, 2010, Saturday. Discussion about running barrels & poles Friday nite. Banducci is to be the chair for the

event; McCulloch will chair the Friday night Barrels & Poles event and will get info to NorCal several months prior so they can let their members know. Amos to chair the kitchen. Serpa requested that a little work day be done prior to tighten up the grounds, he mentioned the buckling chutes and some squirrel holes that need to be plugged and make sure porta potty's are taken care of, may need pumping mid day. Serpa stated that this is his last year and that Sinclair will be taking over and asked that in December of this year can we contact Sinclair about our January meeting date (Nor Cal PO Box 619 Oakdale, CA 95361) so he can attend. **High School Rodeo:** Serpa reported that the rodeo is slated for May 7, Saturday and most likely will be at Oakdale, but if not he will contact about having it here and he will be able to let us know by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Merced County Fair JR Horse Show:** Lopes stated that this show will be held June 11 and was already approved by the prior board. She expects about 25 riders and with parents and spectators we might have 75 total people there. C.Suggs will chair the kitchen that day. **Tack Swap:** Thomas mentioned previous tack swap and that he would like to have it the same day at the Jr Fair Show and would contact member Melony Reed to see if she would chair as she had previously chaired the event. **Merced Rodeo Queen Contest arena use:** C. Suggs to contact Tom and Amanda to see if they need to use the arena this year. **Arena or Banner Advertising:** McCulloch stated that she may have some vendors that would provide their own banners and pay for advertising space. It was discussed that the rental for space is \$150 year for arena signage but they have to provide their own signs. Krogh has a lead on who could do the signs. Discussion of not having signs all over the grounds but having them located in the arena. Discussion of placement of a Merced Horsemen's sign at 59 and Nevada Street if possible.

#### Tentative calendar for 2011:

Monthly Board Meetings to remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

At Risk Kids Day will be slated for spring, Amos to get a hold of Wendy Wedemeyer for a date.

Discussion of having an open house day for the public and when to have it, date was undetermined; Amos suggested that this be held at the beginning of the year as a membership drive. No one came forward to chair.

Discussion was held of combining the November Awards Dinner with the Christmas Party and it was agreed to do so.

Discussion regarding open sorting. No one came forward to chair.

Discussion about insurance for open events, day fees. C.Suggs reminded the board that we need someone to be the insurance chair. No one came forward to be the insurance chair.

Thomas would like to chair an EXC Race, date to be determined.

Discussion on cattle, Thomas may have someone to do a weight gain deal with us on cattle, will research and report later.

Banducci stated that he will contact a cattle supplier as well to discuss cattle use.

Conley brought up fellowship, riding, trails and parades. Discussion on insurance for those types of events. Discussion also about how to let new members know about riding areas and trails.

#### Tentative Events:

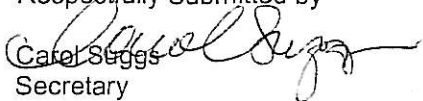
March 5:	Gymkhana in the morning, Dues Dinner in the evening
March 12:	Gymkhana rain date
March 26:	Work Day
April 2:	Gymkhana
April 16:	Gymkhana
April 30:	Gymkhana rain date
May 7:	Possibly HS rodeo, if not Gymkhana
May 21:	Gymkhana
June 3:	Poles and Barrels at night (open event)
June 4:	NorCal Jr Rodeo (outside event)
June 11:	Merced County Fair Jr Horseshow and Gymkhana (outside event)
June 18:	Gymkhana
June 25:	Gymkhana
August 6:	Cutting, Stock Horse and Reining Show (open event)
September 3:	Gymkhana rain date
September 10:	Cutting, Stock Horse and Reining Show + Pre Futurity Practice (open event)
September 11:	Versatile Ranch Horse Show (open event)
October 8:	Cutting, Stock Horse and Reining (open event)
October 30:	Club Challenge

**Old Business: Brochure:** Thomas discussed brochure and putting some at the visitor's center, getting us exposure in the free horse trade newspapers and asked if we wanted to spend \$70 for this years Horseman's Directory. The Board suggested passing on the expense this year and concentrating on whatever free advertising we can get. Thomas mentioned his discussions with the president of the Mariposa Mountain Riders and doing some joint effort marketing of which he will report on later. Thomas also discussed the membership drive. **Timers:** McCulloch has reported on going problems with the timing lights and stated that she really needs working equipment. She described the efforts that have went into trying to get

the lights working. She mentioned that although new may cost about \$495.00 but that a laser system would be double that. She feels that a laser system would be the best for the club. A. Kiil mentioned looking in to getting a sponsor to cover the cost of the equipment. McCulloch stated that Wendy Gavette had a quilt that she would be willing to donate to a raffle for a new timing light.

Motion made by Kiil to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9: 00 p.m. seconded by Camp, Motion accepted and moved.

Respectfully Submitted by

  
Carol Stiggs  
Secretary

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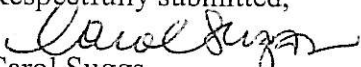
To Whom this May Concern:

An email vote of the Merced Horsemen's Association Directors was taken in order to get the minutes approved for January 13, 2011 so that new signers could be added to our bank accounts and that old signers be removed and so that appropriate transfers can be made.

The following votes were received:

Motion to approve the revised minutes for January 13, 2011 as emailed to the Board and Officers on January 20, 2011 was made by Karen Camp and seconded by Jennifer McCulloch. Ayes: Arnie Kiil, J.A. Thomas, Lisa Krogh No reply (on revised minutes): Michael Conley. Abstain: Brett Weaver. Motion accepted and moved.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Suggs

Secretary

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