



**November 2019**

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**President's Message:**

Dear Members & Sponsors,

**Our 2109** year has wrapped up and I thank you all for your participation this year. We enjoyed a successful year and are already hard at work planning 2020.

**We gathered at Legends** for our Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet last month and had a great night! We enjoyed a wonderful dinner; I thank Cheryl Jensen for putting that together for us. During the night we got business out of the way and held our annual membership meeting and moved on to awards. Congratulations to our award winners! We also got to bid on some very nice silent auction items and with some friendly bidding wars, we made a good amount to put towards next year's awards program. Last but not least we elected our Board of Directors for 2020. I am very proud to introduce your 2020 Board. Returning are Steve Litzky, Carla Hagge, Heidi Thompson, Cheryl Jensen, Sarah Miller & Kim Jones. Our newest members are Stacey Halvorsen, Alan Oglesby & Jessi Jensen. I am confident that VCHA is in good shape in their capable hands. Retiring from the Board are Kit Simmie and Lynda Bell Jacobsen. On behalf of the entire membership, I cannot express enough our appreciation to you both for your dedication and time given to VCHA.

**New & existing Board members** have met to begin planning next year's events. Many ideas have been tossed around and although exact details have yet to be decided, look for some shows, some clinics, some practices and maybe some other fun events for 2020. We are also looking into the possibility of having some type of event after our shows to help defray the ever increasing costs of producing a quality cutting event. We'd love the membership's input on this, so if you have any ideas as to events, location, clinician or anything else, please feel free to reach out to myself or any board member.

**We are still accepting** applications for the Kathy Feickert Memorial Scholarship. If you know of a youth whose life has been affected by cancer, and has a love for horses, this could be a great way to help them. Please see the flyer/application in the newsletter and website for more

### ***President's Message Continued . . .***

information. We will be accepting applications and awarding monies for this until funds are depleted.

**As we move** into the holiday season, I'd like to take a moment to express my thankfulness for having a great team to work with this year and a great club to lead. I hope that you all can take a moment to be thankful for all the things we have to be thankful for --- family, friends, horses even a quiet moment to appreciate these things.

**I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.**

Warmly,

April Alianza

VCHA President 2019



### **2019 Board:**

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**Board meetings are at 6pm on the first Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted.**

**Location:** Mary's Pizza, N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma

**Members are always welcome.**

## **Awards Banquet/Annual Meeting**

We held our awards banquet and annual meeting on Oct. 19th at Legends in Santa Rosa. It was a fun evening with good food and friends. We had an amazing silent auction and a nice awards ceremony recognizing the top riders in each class, the end of the year high-point rider, and a couple individual awards. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our fellow members in their accomplishments and who participated in our silent auction.

We held our annual meeting and elections. We had three vacancies to fill on our Board and we are excited to welcome Alan Oglesby, Jessi Jensen and Stacey Halvorsen to the 2020 Board.

### ***Congratulations to:***

***Ross Hardester - Year End High Point***

***Paul Giles - Spirit of Vintage Award***

***Cassie Alianza - Most Improved Rider***



## **What Would You Like To See for 2020?**



**The VCHA Board would love to hear from you.**

*Do you have any new ideas that you think we should try for 2020?*

*Is there something that we have done in the past or are currently doing that you think we should continue to do?*

Vintage Cutting Horse Association wants to keep the sport of cutting alive in Sonoma County. We are looking to our membership for ideas, improvements, etc. on how we can make 2020 a great year and get members involved and participating.

**In the next week, we will be emailing a survey to all members asking for your opinion. We hope that you will take a few minutes to complete and return it. Please don't hesitate to email your suggestions to [vchacutting@gmail.com](mailto:vchacutting@gmail.com).**



# 2019 VCHA Calendar of Events

## February

6 Board Meeting

## March

6 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma

## April

3 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma  
6 Practice/Playday (cancelled)  
@ Wagon Wheel Ranch

## May

1 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma  
12 Practice/Playday  
@ Wagon Wheel Ranch  
18 Vintage Show #1 (cancelled)

## June

5 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma  
15 Vintage Show #2

## July

3 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma  
20 Vintage Show #3

## August

3 Vintage Show Make-up Date  
7 Board Meeting  
17 Vintage Show #4

## September

4 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma  
21 Vintage Show #5

## October

2 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma  
19 VCHA Awards Banquet  
Legends @ Bennett Valley in Santa Rosa

## November

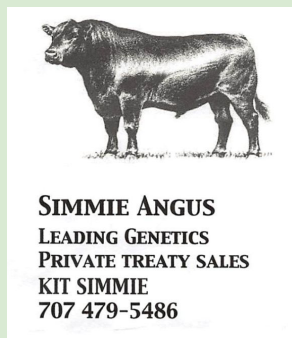
6 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma  
13 Show Committee Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma

## December

4 Board Meeting  
6pm @ Mary's Pizza, Petaluma



Thank you to all of our sponsors, your generosity is greatly appreciated.




*Randee Mascarenas*

*Ross & Emily Hardester*


## **Storage Location For Show Trailer**

We are looking for a covered or enclosed location to store our show trailer until next Spring. Do you have or know of a location that we could use or rent? Please send an email to [vchacutting@gmail.com](mailto:vchacutting@gmail.com) or call April Alianza at 707-338-0872. Thank you




## **Kathy Feickert Memorial Youth Award**

Do you know a youth who has a love for horses and whose life has been affected by cancer? We are still accepting applications for the Kathy Feickert Memorial Youth Award. Enclosed in the newsletter is an application and you can also find an application and more information are on our website at [www.vchacutting.com](http://www.vchacutting.com) on the Home Page under Announcements. If you know anyone who would qualify and benefit from this award, please pass the application on to them. We will be awarding monies until the funds are depleted.




## **Kincade Fire**

Unfortunately Sonoma County has been severely affected by another massive fire that ripped through our community. Thank you to all of the First Responders. We would also like to thank our members and their families who stepped up to help donate their time, services, financially, etc. It is a beautiful sight to witness our Community come together in a time of need. There are several Ag Organizations that are accepting donations and starting GoFundMe accounts for the members of our Ag community who were affected. If you were directly affected by the recent Kincade Fire, please let us know.



**Classified Ads -** Do you have something that you are looking to sell? Send your ad to [vchacutting@gmail.com](mailto:vchacutting@gmail.com) and we will post it in the next newsletter and on our website. Please remember to notify us if you sell your item so we can remove it from our publications.



## **Sponsorships**

As always, we are looking for Sponsors for our awards program. As show and award costs continue to increase, Sponsor donations are essential to the success of our program. Soliciting donations is a great way to keep businesses and other community members aware and active in our club, and its 35 year presence in our community as a successful Sonoma County non profit organization. If you would like to sponsor VCHA please feel free to contact any Board Member.

## **VCHA Board Meeting Minutes**

### Minutes October 2019 Board Meeting

The October board meeting was held Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Mary's Pizza in Petaluma, Ca.

President, April Alianza called the meeting to order at 6:38pm

Board members in attendance were: April Alianza, LyndaBell Jacobson, Heidi Thompson, Kim Jones, Cheryl Jensen, Sarah Miller and Carla Hagge.

Absent and excused were Kit Simmie and Steve Litsky.

Guests in attendance were: Bobby Giannecchini, Cassie Alianza and Kaylee and Bill Thompson.

**Consent Calendar:** April inquired if everyone had reviewed the September Board Meeting Minutes and if there were any changes to be noted. Being no changes, LyndaBell motioned to accept the minutes, Cheryl seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** LyndaBell reported for the month of September 2019:

September Income:

\$5,850.00 – September Show Income

\$200.00 – Sponsorships Randee Mascarenas

\$240.00 – Membership Dues

Total September Income: \$6,290.00

September Expenses:

\$4,789.79 – September Show Expenses

\$14.00 – Phone Bill

Total September Expenses: \$5,218.79

September Net Income: \$1,071.21

Bills submitted were:

Phone Bill: \$14.00

Skyline Tack Awards: \$1,688.05

Reimbursement for Carla Hagge (John O'Hara award pictures): \$297.28

Carla motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and pay bills, Heidi seconded.

**Unfinished Business:** It was noted that we still have funds in the KGF Memorial account to disperse so we need to continue to seek out recipients. Sarah said she continues to post on FB and includes a blurb in the newsletter. We were also going to post pictures of our two recipients on FB. We are still waiting for one of those pictures.

**Media Newsletter:** Sarah had nothing new to report. Let her know if you have anything for the newsletter.

**Insurance:** Steve was absent. Nothing new to report

**Nominating Committee:** April reported she sent the ballots out with the Awards Banquet invites listing all board members who are still available to serve. She also included a note requesting anyone who would like to serve on the board to contact her so she can add their name to the ballot.

**Show Awards:** Carla reported the awards will all be ready for the banquet with the exception of the tie Youth buckle. The Board voted on the Most Improved Rider and Sportsmanship Awards.

**Awards Banquet:** Cheryl will check if we need to bring a microphone for the banquet. April will get last years program from Stacey. Kaylee and Carla will announce the awards.

**Silent Auction:** Heidi encouraged everyone to bring auction items. She reported she has the bid sheets and will print up several copies. Carla will bring the Jay Palm & CHS Gift Certificates for raffle and to add to auction items.

**Sponsorship & Fundraisers:** Carla sent thank-you notes to Ross Hardester and Randee Mascarenas for their donations.

**Membership:** LyndaBell reported we received \$240.00 in membership fees in September. YTD we received \$2,615.00.

**Practice & Playdays:** Heidi suggested we have a cattle practice/clinic in November, weather permitting.

**Show Committee:** The board did a recap of the September show. All went well even though we had a small turnout. YTD Show Income was \$28,904.10. YTD Show Expenses were \$26,868.14. 2019 Total Show Profit \$2035.96 April recommended we have a Show Committee Meeting in November once we have our new board members to discuss a plan for 2020.

The board discussed finding a new home for our Show Trailer. It can no longer stay where it was. Somewhere with a cover would be preferred. LyndaBell will check with PRDC to see if

we can keep it there until we find something else and if there will be a charge for that. Sarah will put a blurb in the NL asking if anyone has a place for it.

**New Business:** Board members should arrive at Legend's for the banquet between 5-5:30pm to help set up. Our Joint Board Meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will invite any new board members to the November Meeting but the official changing of the guards will be at the December Joint Meeting.

Being no further business, LyndaBell motioned to adjourn the meeting, Cheryl seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Hagge – 2019 Secretary