



**January 2019**

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President's Message:

Dear Members & Sponsors,

Happy New Year – it is always refreshing to look forward to a new year, spring is right around the corner, hopefully you can get some “horse time” with the weather and gradually lengthening days.

It is my honor to have been elected by the Board as your President for 2019. We have a strong and dedicated Board and I am looking forward to working with them in my new role. I am pleased to introduce you to your 2019 Board: Returning members are–Vice President Heidi Thompson; Treasurer Lynda Bell Jacobsen; Secretary Carla Hagge and members Steve Litzky & Cheryl Jensen. Please welcome new members this year - Kim Jones, Sarah Miller and Kit Simmie (Kit is dusting off her Board hat and returning after a hiatus) We have already met, and I am confident that we will continue in the footsteps of prior years with a well-run club and provide equally well run Mini Series, Play Days and other events for our members to enjoy and participate in.

I would like to take a moment to give a heartfelt “Thank You” to our outgoing president, Stacey Powers, who came back as President for 2018. Her wisdom and expertise are invaluable, and I am thankful for her guidance. We hope to see Stacey enjoying her horse more in 2019!

Your Show Committee has had the first of a few planning meetings, and plans are firmly underway for this year's mini-series. Based on the last couple of year's shows, some changes will be made, keep an eye out in the newsletter and our website – we will let you know when these changes have been finalized.

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. Plus, 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 myself or any Board Member.

I am looking forward to a fun and successful 2019.

Warmly,

April Alianza

VCHA President 2019

## **2019 Board:**

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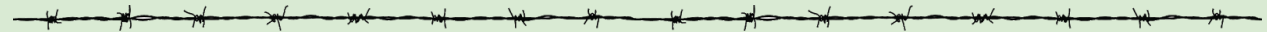
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Board meetings are at 6pm on the first Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

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

Members are always welcome.



## **LOOKING FOR SPONSORS**

VCHA relies heavily on support and donations from our members and sponsors. We are asking all VCHA members to actively seek sponsors from within the community to help us with our awards program. We have several different levels of sponsorship and each come with a variety of benefits for the sponsor. Donations may be tax deductible as VCHA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you have any questions or would like a sponsorship package emailed to you, please email [vchacutting@gmail.com](mailto:vchacutting@gmail.com) or ask any of our Board members for more information.



## **Website:**

Remember to check our website [www.vchacutting.com](http://www.vchacutting.com) and follow our Facebook page for current events and information.

## Shows/Playdays

The 2019 show season preparation is under-way. We are planning to host 5 shows this season at PRDC (weather permitting). Prior to the start of the show season we will be having a few play days to get some of the rust off and have fun with our fellow VCHA members. All levels are welcome. Keep your eyes open, more information to come. Space is limited.



## **Membership and Records -**

**Renew your 2019 membership.** Included in your newsletter email is a 2019 membership application. Please make checks payable to VCHA and remit application and payment to: VCHA Membership, P.O. Box 751003, Petaluma, CA 94975.

Remember to let us know if you move or change your contact information so we can update our records. This will ensure that you do not miss out on our newsletter or information about upcoming events.



## **Classified Ads -**

Do you have something that you are looking to sell? Maybe we can help you. 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.

# 2019 VCHA Calendar of Events

## January

9 Board Meeting

## February

6 Board Meeting

## March

6 Board Meeting

## April

3 Board Meeting

## May

1 Board Meeting  
TBD [Vintage Show #1](#)

## June

5 Board Meeting  
TBD [Vintage Show #2](#)

## July

3 Board Meeting  
TBD [Vintage Show #3](#)

## August

7 Board Meeting  
TBD [Vintage Show #4](#)

## September

4 Board Meeting  
TBD [Vintage Show #5](#)

## October

2 Board Meeting

## November

6 Board Meeting

## December

4 Board Meeting



VCHA Board Meeting Minutes  
2018-2019 Joint Board of Directors Meeting

The 2018-2019 Joint Board Meeting was held Wednesday, Dec 4th at Mary's Pizza Shack in Petaluma, CA.

President, Stacey Powers called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

Board members in attendance were Stacey Powers, April Alianza, LyndaBell Jacobson, Steve Litsky, Heidi Thompson, Gary Long, Lori Lindsey, Cheryl Jensen and Carla Hagge. Guests in attendance were Bob Giannecchini, Kit Simmi and Sarah Miller.

**Consent Calendar:** Stacey inquired if everyone had reviewed the November Meeting Minutes. Heidi and Cheryl had not completed them yet. April made a motion to table the November Meeting Minutes until January Meeting. LyndaBell seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** LyndaBell reported

Total income for November – 2,682.00 (Banquet Tickets & Silent Auction)  
Total expenses for November - \$814.70 (PRDC Kitchen Donation, Special Year End Awards, Phone & Utilities)  
Net Income \$1,867.30  
Being no bills to submit, Cheryl motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Heidi seconded.

**Old Business:** KGF Memorial Fund was discussed. Stacey, April, LyndaBell and Steve will work on outlining the criteria to determine who will qualify as a recipient. LyndaBell reported that PRDC was considering using our Kitchen Cleaning Donation towards replacing the floor and asked if any of the board members objected. No one objected. Stacey inquired if the Annual Meeting Minutes were completed. Carla reported they will be completed by the following meeting. The board recapped the Awards Banquet. All went well, good attendance, great food, successful Silent Auction, everyone was impressed with the awards and everyone seemed to have a good time. Stacey noted we should recognize the Silent Auction Donors in the Dec Newsletter.

**Sponsorships & Fundraisings:** Stacey recapped how successful the Sandy Bonelli Clinic was. She also noted that even though the other playdays did not raise as much money, they were well attended and very well run. Many thanks to Heidi for organizing and Wagon Wheel Ranch for donating their facility. Stacey suggested the 2019 board continue doing the same.

**Media & Newsletter:** April reported the December Newsletter will go out soon and will include thank-yous for 2018.

**Membership:** Lynda Bell reported the membership dues for 2018 was \$2,650.00. Stacey reminded the board that the membership dues should be enough to cover the club's operating costs (Insurance, Phone, Computer, IT fees)

**Show Committee:** Stacey suggested the 2019 Board discuss jackpotting classes in 2019.

**Practices & Playdays:** Heidi reported she thought the Clinic and Playdays went very well. She said she is willing to help out again in 2019. She said Wagon Wheel Ranch is very easy to work with.

Stacey inquired if there was anything else from the Board for 2018? She thanked everyone for their assistance and help as she handed off her gavel to the next board member to take

her place. April ended saying she will reach out to Alan Olgesby and Christine McBride for help in 2019.

Being no further business, Stacey motioned to adjourn, Lori seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Hagge – 2018 Secretary

VCHA Board Meeting Minutes  
2018-2019 Joint Board of Directors Meeting (Continued)

Board members in attendance were April Alianza, LyndaBell Jacobson, Heidi Thompson, Steve Litsky, Carla Hagge, Cheryl Jensen, Kit Simmie and Sarah Miller.

Absent and excused was Kim Jones.

Guest in attendance was Bob Giannecchini.

2019 Board of Directors were elected:

President – April Alianza  
Vice President – Heidi Thompson  
Treasurer – LyndaBell Jacobson  
Secretary – Carla Hagge

Committee Chairs were selected:

Awards – Kit Simmie and Carla Hagge  
Media / Newsletter – Sarah Miller  
Sponsorships / Fundraising – Carla – Will head up thank-you notes, insure they are posted in newsletter and on website and acknowledged at shows. (All Board Members are responsible for obtaining sponsorships)  
Show Committee – LyndaBell Jacobson, Steve Litsky, April Alianza, Cheryl Jensen & Kit Simmie)  
Practices & Playdays – Heidi Thompson, Kit Simmie & Cheryl Jensen  
Insurance – Steve Litsky  
Cattle – Steve Litsky & Kit Simmie  
Judges – Gary Long  
Awards Banquet – Lori Lindsey & Cheryl Jensen  
Silent Auction – Heidi & Kaylee Thompson to head (Every board member to help)

The Show Committee scheduled to meet prior to the next Board Meeting on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Stacey Power's residence. Steve, April, Sarah, LyndaBell, Cheryl and Kit will be in attendance. Any other board members are welcome to attend.

The first 2019 Board meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Mary's Pizza Shack in Petaluma.

Being no further business, Carla motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lori seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Hagge – 2019 Secretary