

Colonial Carriage and Driving Society

September 24, 2025 Meeting

The meeting began at 7:48 pm.

The minutes from the meeting held in July were published on the website. A motion by Wayne to approve the minutes was seconded by Mary.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Willey

A detailed report with our current balance can be given upon request.

A motion was raised from Carol and second by Mary to approve the Treasurer's report.

Horse Show

Report given by Ann.

Exhibitor numbers were down from previous years. Typically 60 whips, this year 30 whips. The reason for the lower numbers is unclear, but there are various underlying factors including the economy, scheduling changes, and show expenses.

With August being peak season in this area, hotel rates are typically high at minimally \$300 per night. Golf carts, tents, food, porta potty service have raised their rates. The Wallers have tried to offset hotel fees by having a limited number of RV hook ups. The office fee covers administrative fees and the show manager's preparation service that is a full yearlong task. We discussed the possibility of dropping the whip fee as part of additional savings.

Many exhibitors that were new to our venue this year really expressed their appreciation.

A HUGE THANKYOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS!! and Laurie Danaher the volunteer coordinator.

Dates for next year's show are August 6 to 9. François Bergeron will hopefully be able to come back next year. We still need to fill the TD position as well as 2 additional judges. Ellen Ettenger will be the show secretary.

Ann has announced she is not completely retiring so will remain as the show manager.

Attendees discussed format changes for next year's classes:

- Return the combined test marathon to Friday's schedule
- Discontinue the D'Attelage
- Resume the fun cones classes on Sunday which draws in spectators

Bill Drescher will meet with Harvey before they leave for Florida to discuss new ideas for advertising next year's show.

New Business

- The Equine Affaire returns to the BigE November 6-9. Be sure to mark your calendars for this event as member Tracy Crosby will represent the Morgan Horse Association driving her pair of Morgans in the driving demo. Jessica Axelsson will present a fix-a-test demo on driven dressage.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 6:30 pm. We will tentatively plan to have a guest speaker discuss equine law.
- Xmas Party planned for November 30th--Save the Date.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Gamelli

Secretary pro-tem Karin O'Brien