

Colonial Carriage and Driving Society

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2026

Our meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm

Approval for the August minutes were put to motion by Wayne Wilcox and seconded by Susan Vaill. All approved and the motion was passed to accept the minutes.

The meeting followed a well-attended potluck supper and our guest speaker, Jane Taylor. Jane is an animal enthusiast who uses her years of experience working in large animal vet practices to communicate and listen to horses. Integrative Horsemanship is a practice where using ASL similar to modeling or teaching infants positive phrasing, adding voice, facial expressions body language, line of sight offering hands within a visual and reachable distance.

Jane was both informative and encouraging offering many suggestions on how to communicate and listen for answers from our equine friends.

Jane can be reached at the contact info below.

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Treasurer's Report

Ann Willey was present to give a detailed report of our club finances before the August horse show and what is in our account after the disbursement of all the expenses from the event.

Income was from the August horse show and the listing of fees paid to the judges, transportation, tents (stalls), catering, porta-potties, golf carts etc. Gate income from the weekend and during the car show on Sunday was included as well. If you wish for a further detailed account, you can contact Ann.

Membership Report

Membership report was updated by Heather Navanti and we currently have 50 – 55 paid members.

Old Business

A detailed report was presented regarding the horse show in August. We had 46 entries that were in both the Combined driving and the Pleasure show portions. We had sponsors that were generous. The differences of sponsorship by ADS vs USEF were discussed and to be considered for the future to help the show grow. Our volunteer coordinator wrote an article to be published in the upcoming issue for the CAA magazine. We all look forward to seeing that.

New Business

Taz Lester had a great turnout for the Emerging Driver clinic held at Orleton Farm and an additional clinic is being scheduled for Sept 25-27. Contact Sadie at the farm for more information.

Coaching weekend is set for October 10-12. If you are available to volunteer please contact Harvey. They will be going to Highlawn Farm on Saturday, The Mount on Sunday , and on Monday they will drive through Stockbridge to a private estate. This is the 9th year this has taken place. If you haven't been, it is a sight to be seen.

Other New Business

The Equine Affaire is November 12-15 at the Eastern States expo grounds. Jacob Arnold is the driving clinician.

Martin's Carriage Auction is October 16 in Lebanon, PA.

Our next meeting is October 21 with our guest speaker, Dr. Perdrizet, DVM, DVMVIM, PhD. from Sanctuary Animal Clinic in Holyoke, MA. Dr P specializes in veterinary internal medicine and holistic animal care.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karin O'Brien, Secretary