

Colonial Carriage and Driving Society
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2026

Maureen Gamelli opened the brief meeting at 1pm to allow plenty of time for our featured speaker Martha Nicoll.

Maureen put forward to vote the minutes from our last meeting on November 27th. The minutes were published in our monthly December newsletter. Jeff Morse and William Drescher motioned to accept the minutes as published. All present were in favor of this motion.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Ann Willey provided an update on the club's bank account balance. She noted that expenses are typically minimal at this time of year with only routine monthly costs for insurance and communications. Ann reported that the club's finances are currently in good shape, aided by a generous anonymous donation. Expenditures will begin to ramp up once the driving show planning comes into full swing. She also reminded members to bring their annual club dues (\$30 per family) up to date as soon as possible.

A motion was put forward to accept the report and was motioned in favor by Gina Handy and Carol Terry.

New Business

Regarding our upcoming events, the François Bergeron clinic will be held on May 2nd and 3rd. There are currently two slots open on Saturday. François has agreed to make those two slots available for dressage lessons or long lining whatever is preferable. Sunday's dressage lessons are already fully booked. The lessons are \$125, and auditors are welcome at \$65 for the day. Pizza will be provided. We also have one stall available for \$25, or \$50 if you choose not to clean it.

Our next club meeting will be our May Membership Appreciation Day catered by Harvey and Mary. Please visit our website to view the full calendar of events.

Remember to save the date for our August show, which will take place from the 6th to the 9th. We have blocked rooms at a 65% discount at two local hotels, but they must be booked by May 6. Please see Ann for more details.

Upcoming Events

- May 2 and 3 will be a clinic with Francois Bergeron
- May 13 will be our member appreciation meeting for all CCDS including volunteers who have been helping us at the events.
- June 13 a driving clinic is proposed (TBD)
- July 15 meeting with a potluck dinner
- August 6, 7 8 and 9 is the Horse show at Orleton Farm.
- September 8 meeting with a potluck and guest speaker (TBD)
- October we will have a Halloween function with costumes optional.
- November 9 will be election of officers

The meeting adjourned to enjoy coffee and dessert and to welcome our presenter Martha Nicoll.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wilcox
For Karin O'Brien, Secretary