

**Colonial Carriage & Driving Society Minutes
Meeting July 21, 2021 6:45 pm at Orleton Farm**

After some delicious treats and welcome conversation, Harvey called the meeting to order. Since my last minutes for the meeting on March 17, 2021, information has been received by email. It is on the website and there was no formal vote to accept it.

TREASURERS REPORT

Ann Willey reported that the balance is \$4,895, which includes a deposit of \$4,150 in show fees. She has an additional \$31,000 not deposited yet. She has paid for the printing and 1/4 of the insurance bill, the monthly \$21.60 for communication, and \$1,655 for ribbons and trophies.

There are 85 show entries at this time with 4 more expected. Entries for the pleasure show and the combined test are counted separately. So there are not 90 individuals, but perhaps half of that since many enter both sections. Four show divisions have no entries: gigs, tandems, juniors, coaching.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to Covid, no dues were billed in September 2020. For 2021 4 members paid and Debbie Manasse has 6 more that have paid. She also has the list of the membership. Dues have been traditionally billed in September with the Tub Parade notice to be paid by the following January 1.

LENOX TUB PARADE

Jenn Nacht, director of the Lenox Chamber, is planning a much reduced Apple Squeeze for one day only, Saturday, September 25th. Streets will not be closed. The chamber hoped to be able to include the Tub Parade at 1 pm on that day. But Harvey, Maureen, and the members at the meeting decided that it was too difficult to have the parade this year. It takes Maureen several months of preparation to arrange it with the town and to raise the funds for the police and other expenses. In previous Tub Parades, we have also paid some people to participate in the parade. With the loss of dues for the year of covid, the reduced driving show, lack of volunteers, we are too stretched to do the Tub Parade. It is time for the chamber to do something for themselves. Tjasa has shared this decision with Jenn Nacht.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual April clinic - Meet the Judge with John Greenall was on Zoom. While there were a few glitches due to storm and schedule, many emails indicated that it was appreciated. We are looking for topics for next year? Perhaps repeat the intro to Pleasure Driving and to the Combined Driving.

The members party was a nice social event and so welcome as our first in-person gathering post-Covid.

The Picnic Drive was a great success with many great photos and adventures. Everyone agreed it was perfect and should be repeated. No volunteers are needed since members can reset the course as necessary by themselves.

NEW BUSINESS

22nd Annual Driving Show - August 12 to 15. Ann Willey's financial report is part of the treasurer's report above. Judges will be Dana Bright and John Greenall and learner judge Debra McCarthy. Lauren Reese will serve as Technical Delegate and Marc Johnson as Show Manager and Course Designer. Peter Doubleday will be announcer. Ringmaster will be Keith Fortier.

The Spectator Entrance Gate - there was considerable discussion on best way to manage. Should we charge admission or make it voluntary by donation? Who keeps track of the cash. Who should pay? Plan to sell the programs? We need volunteers for parking with 11 to 12:30 as the critical crunch time. Sunday is later.

We have additional regulations this year around Covid protocols and insurance liability. ADS has some specific criteria and waiver forms for Covid protocols. We need to research our liability insurance coverage. Does Orleton have one-day or event insurance? At one time insurance was tied to CCDS membership only and provided nothing for non-member issues.

CAR SHOW will be held on Sunday. It was announced in *Hemming's Motor News*. One entrant plans to bring an 1863 Roper Steam Carriage Replica and possibly a $\frac{3}{4}$ -size stagecoach that would have been drawn by ponies. Website: williameggersmotorcycles.com. TV coverage is planned by "Cruising New England" to be on 4 stations. They plan to arrive 8am and to film from 9:30 am even before the show starts. Also the Studebaker Avanti Club plans to make this their August Event. Other old cars are coming as well including local enthusiast Tom Touponce.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 28: another Picnic Drive post-show while the obstacles are still up. Everyone was very enthusiastic to repeat this.
- September 15: meeting with guest speaker Oliver Dick, osteopath and physical therapist. We will observe as he works on a horse in the stable.
- September 18 Tentative: dressage clinic like that held by Keith Angstadt for Saratoga. In this a participant drives the dressage test, it is scored, improvements are consulted, drives again compare results. SDA charged \$75 per person. It takes time (approx. 45 minutes) so possibly a maximum of 7 entries. Could have paying auditors.
- October 9-11: Berkshire Coaching Weekend. Due to a previous event on Labor Day in Middleburg Va., some coaches will not be coming. Total will be about 8. A French company that is making a film on coaching will be here as well. They are also including participants from Toronto and the Netherlands.
- October 20th: Pot Luck meeting at Orleton.
- November 17: Meeting with speaker. Laurie suggested a horse dentist.
- December 5th: Annual Xmas Party at Devonfield Inn.
- Annual Meeting - There was discussion about whether to schedule the annual meeting with the Xmas party, or whether to have a separate event in January. The Lenox Club has become very expensive. Tjasa suggested we could perhaps make a special arrangement with Ventfort Hall and self-cater the event so it would not cost more than \$40 per person. Members could also bring their own beverages.

OTHER BUSINESS

CCDS has two youth drivers on scholarship this year: Sarah Ceron and Sasha Truax. The Leahy Scholarship funds have now been exhausted. This fund was established by our own Dr. Leahy and family and was intended to encourage young people to participate in the sport of driving. We need to continue discussion on how we can continue this important club program going forward and also fine-tune the guidelines we feel best suit the original intentions.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned

Tjasa Sprague
Secretary