

Colonial Carriage & Driving Society Minutes
MEETING July 18, 2019

A pot luck dessert meeting... With many delicious goodies cantaloupe and watermelon !

Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:30.

The minutes from our last meeting, April 24, 2019 that were emailed to the members were approved unanimously. The most recent meeting in May was the Annual Meeting. Time flies...

TREASURER - Ann gave the Treasurer's Report. In April we had a balance of 4,981. Today the balance is 18,595. Included in the deposits are Show exhibitor entries and some sponsorships.

Expenses have been 1,829 for trophies, 246 for exhibitor bags, payment for 2 Junior Scholarships, 299 for insurance and 44 for communications.

A new bill for 299 for insurance has just been received.

In one week the entries will close and we expect several who have called, but the paperwork is coming in slowly. There is a late fee of \$10 per class, but even so there will be late entries to deal with.

FUN DAY is coming soon, Sunday, July 28th, from 10 to 2 pm or later depending on how many participate. Harvey said that we will welcome PIRATES to 6 classes of easy games and cones starting with the Pirate Parade! During and at the end of competition, the Trail will be available at will. They are starting to set up now.

A new announcer's booth is being set up for the show and may be in use.

Pizza and soda is planned for lunch.

Maureen will find the application form. Please let us know if you are coming.

Payment will be on the day.

LENOX TUB PARADE is on Saturday, September 7th. On Wednesday, August 14th, at 7 pm Maureen and Harvey will attend the Selectmen's meeting. We hope at least to receive funds for the cost of the police which has increased from 1200 to 1600 for the event. In addition we now pay the participants 50 to 100 for flowers. Maureen has 6-7 verbal commitments from participants already and more will be coming in. The goal is to have at least 15. We need parade worthy equines. The custom of having historic automobiles lead the parade will be continued. Gunther Gunderson ?

The Calliope is returning. The crowd loved it, and Harvey was surprised that the horses were not upset by the music. Adams Bank has already given us 3,000 toward this event.

SHOW - The Orleton Farm Horse Show begins Thursday, August 8 to the 11th.

Ann said that the prize list will be printed and ready on the 8th since there are always last minute changes.

There are 70 entries so far. 80 stalls are booked. 16 golf carts have paid reservations. 24 were ordered.

Home base for officials, volunteers, registration, entries, class changes and other office issues will all be dealt with in the Clubhouse building along with breakfast and lunch.

The HOSPITALITY TENT will be moved to a more accessible location near the wash rack. There is a good view of the activity from there as it is much more in the middle of the action and it will leave the office and volunteers with a more peaceful situation.

Tables, chairs, and garden furniture will be provided to make it comfortable. There are several vendors coming.

The stall tents will be set up at right angles to the road to make access and traffic easier. We expect to set up 144 stalls. They will not be too close to the gas line. But the gas line has been mowed and can be used by carriages to get to the arena. There are several electrical connections set up in the orchard for campers. There will be 4 coaches, Harvey's and 3 more coming. Only 2 juniors so far. Marc Johnson, the show manager remarked that a gig class and tandem are listed, but there are no entries. They are no longer that popular and a show needs to be flexible to serve the participants.

The Orleton Farm Collection may be available to visitors for a few guided tours ?

CAR SHOW - Carl reported that the car show will be held on Sunday, August 11 from 10 to 3pm in a central location this year. Fifty car clubs have been invited and flyers are available. There is a link on the website and the DJ is all set.

VOLUNTEERS - Laurie Danaher is in charge. Let her know when you are available even if only for 2 hours. The most pressing need is for 8 people on Friday (afternoon?) to move cones. Otherwise 4 will be enough. Rikke volunteered herself and pony club members for all 4 days.

MEMBERSHIP - we have 61 paid members. Last year was 110. This is probably due to the postponement of and very late annual Meeting.

ADVENTURES - Harvey described their participation in the Bugatti Event at the Chantilly Chateau in France. They sent the Bugatti Coach and the smaller Bugatti vehicle. Horses were provided for the coach and some rather rough Shetland ponies. Instead of 4 as expected there were only 3 shaggy difficult critters that had to be whipped into shape and clipped and showered at the last minute... No photos permitted on Face Book. This was a Private Driving Club and kept very secret. They drove for several days and ended up at the Bugatti Concourse D'Elegance at the Chantilly Chateau. They had a wonderful time and a great experience. The Coach is still there ready for another adventure with its own Carnet de passage.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21st.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted
Tjasa Sprague