

Colonial Carriage & Driving Society Minutes
Virtual Meeting, March 17, 2021

Harvey called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:13 PM. 12 members signed in: Harvey Waller, Maureen Gamelli, Ann Willey, Barbara Akers, Diane Bozyczko, Gina Handy, Carol Terry, Kay Konove, Marc Johnson, Jen & Wayne Wilcox, Eileen, Tjasa Sprague.

The minutes of the January meeting were posted on the website. Approval was motioned by Maureen, seconded by Jennifer, and members voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's report was given by Ann Willey. The current balance is \$4,205 which includes \$150 in voluntary dues. \$330 was paid for insurance and \$80 for Ralph Rotondo's gift basket. Approval was moved by Kay, seconded by Barbara, and members voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Membership. Debbie was not present to give the report. Dues were forgiven for this year so we have no current membership list. Six members paid nevertheless, Akers, Wilcox, Willey, Manasse, Handy and Lindsay Shay who was a new member last year. Ann said the old membership list includes 90 names, so we will mail to the whole list when it is time for new membership dues.

Events

April 17, Saturday, 2021 - Zoom seminar and show clinic from 9:00 to 1:00. Will this be free, paid, or can we request a donation? If so, payment will have to be mailed in with a check after the event. The theme is Meet the Judge. John Greenall will be the host with the help of Marc and Ann. There will also be coverage of the new dressage test. It might be useful to publish a schedule for the topics that will be covered. Participants should come prepared to ask questions.

May 19, Wednesday, 2021 (Tentative). This is traditionally the Membership Party. How it is held will depend on the covid situation. If it is a nice day, it could be held outside.

June 19, Saturday, 2021. Picnic Drive. It will be held outside with social distancing. Possibly will have a large open tent. This will be an informal way to try out the ring, the cones course with three obstacles, the dressage test. There will be no judging. Participants need to have their own test caller. There will be staff to ensure safety, but participants will have to manage the use of the courses on their own.

July 17, Saturday, 2021. Picnic drive same as above, masks, socially distanced.

August 12, Thursday, to 15, Sunday, 2021. Orleton Farm horse show. Revised dates. Due to Covid, no buffet table. There will be a food vendor but no condiment table. Condiments will be provided by the food vendor. The show prize list will soon be posted on the website. Covid restrictions will be observed at the show. *The Omnibus* will publish the show information and could also publish the clinic information. Ann has all the emails. Kelly Casella should post it on FaceBook as well.

Harvey is not sure yet about the Car Rally. Also, not sure if spectators will be permitted. Depends on the Covid situation. There will be a hospitality tent. There also will be safety officers patrolling to ensure that masks and social distancing are observed.

September 11, 2021 Lenox Tub Parade will be postponed until 2022 since it depends on a crowd. Tjasa reported that the Apple Squeeze event will not be held this Fall. It draws crowds that are too large to manage under covid restrictions. Instead, Jen Nacht, Lenox Chamber Director, has developed a more safe and controllable Art Walk. This is usually held in Spring, but it will be repeated in the Fall as well.

September 15, Wednesday. Meeting--speaker to be determined.

October 2 and 3, Saturday and Sunday. Saratoga Driving Trial, hosted at Orleton Farm this year, has been announced in *The Omnibus*. Barbara said they need about 20 stalls. Harvey will make sure they are available since he needs 70 stalls for the coaching weekend. In previous years, Saratoga provided a tent for gathering.

October 9 to 11. Coaching Weekend.

October 20, Wednesday, Meeting--speaker to be determined.

November 17, Wednesday. Meeting--speaker to be determined.

December 5, Sunday. Holiday Party at Devonfield Inn.

World Equestrian Center in Florida, with 1200 horses, has an outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV). One of their barns is under quarantine. Other barns in the area now have a policy that if you leave the barn you cannot return.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54.

Tjasa Sprague
Secretary