

## Colonial Carriage & Driving Society

### Meeting Minutes April 19 6:30 pm at Orleton Farm

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. A motion was raised to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2022, meeting. Tjasa Sprague approved with Wayne Wilcox as second. Ann Willey presented the details of the Treasurer's report which was approved by Marilee Wagner and seconded by Carl Dudash.

#### Old Business

Maureen Gamelli led discussion on the report of our annual spring seminar. She received much positive feedback from attendees who felt they benefited from the open format. Returning this year were Sarah Bates, Bruce Jones, Jeff Morse, and new this year, Barbara Akers. The clinic was represented by a wide range of driving experience as was evidenced by the variety of questions the attendees posed to the panel. Sarah's live driving demo was especially instructional. She was able to demonstrate the precision of the transitions and the horse's balance and quality of movement according to what the judge's expectations are at each test level. Club members voiced their enthusiasm for keeping the same format for next year and consider ideas for building on it.

#### New business

Discussion was raised regarding increasing our presence in the driving world. We are exploring ways to promote the club via better P.R. and advertising. In addition to expanding our Facebook site, we are seeking ideas for other ways to promote the club. Any members who have any thoughts and suggestions, or perhaps have Facebook skills to lend, please reach out to Harvey or Ann.

One thought raised is the possibility for CCDS to become eligible as a CAA club affiliate. For us to do that, we need 10% or 6 CCDS members to also have CAA membership. Ann will reach out to members to see if we have enough members to meet that requirement.

#### New Events

May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Devon Horse show.

June 10<sup>th</sup>: Our gracious hosts Harvey and Mary are opening the farm to all club members (and non-members for a fee) for a drive at the farm. Practice cones will be set along with access to the dressage ring, obstacles, and trail. Drive-at-will format. No volunteers, bring your own help if needed. Start at 10:00 am and end at 1:00 pm when everyone can stay and enjoy a picnic. Hot dogs and beans will be provided.

July 19th-20<sup>th</sup>: Tentatively planning Lessons with Taz Lester. A great opportunity to tune-up before the show, or just for educational purposes. Fabulous opportunity to learn from an international and gold medal winning trainer. Harvey will provide further details.

July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Harvey and Mary will once again represent the Coaching Club at Saratoga driving their four-in-hand for the Grade One stakes race American Oaks Race for the Triple Crown fillies.

August 10-13: Orleton Farm Horse Show. Ann gave a progress report on the show. We have numerous judges lined up. We already have one entry 😊. Laurie Danaher and Erin Koester will be soliciting volunteers again this year. Food will be provided by Tim Harrigan. Sponsors and vendors so far are Driving Essentials and D.D. Rapps. Carl Dudash will advertise the car show in *Hemmings* and send invitations to car cruise exhibitors. Carl will need volunteers for the 50/50 raffles etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pro-tem

Maureen Gamelli

For Karin O'Brien, Secretary