

## Colonial Carriage & Driving Society

### Meeting Minutes June 15, 2022 6:30 pm at Orleton Farm

Our meeting commenced at 7:15 outside under the tent after some lovely desserts with ten or so members present. The minutes from our last meeting were posted on the website for the general membership to read, a motion to accept them was proposed by Wayne, and seconded by Tim.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Dr Ann Willey was not available at this time.

#### **Old Business**

The April seminar was well attended. The introduction to driving theme is a popular format and one that the club would like to continue and expand on. Attendees liked the open Q&A format as well. Again, many thanks to Jeff Morse, Sarah Bates, and Bruce Jones for their time and expertise.

May's Spring Fling was excellent, the food was delicious, and the music made it a special evening. Many thanks to our hosts Harvey and Mary for their generosity.

#### **New Business**

**Picnic Drive:** Plans are under way for the picnic drive to happen on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-1. Finish at 1 for lunch. The day consists of doing your own thing. There will not be any volunteers. You can bring your own lunch or enjoy a cowboy picnic of hot dogs and beans. Rain cancels the day.

**Saratoga Racetrack:** On Saturday, July 23, Harvey and Mary will be representing the Coaching Club driving the 4-in-hand at Saratoga Racetrack as the presenters of a special trophy for the Coaching Club American Oaks event.

The club is trying to organize a group trip to the racetrack so that we can be a part of this event. Maureen is looking into a limo bus for all of us. If you are interested, please call Maureen 413-822-1028 right away so we can have numbers for the bus. More information will be forthcoming.

The Coaching Club American Oaks is a thoroughbred race with historical roots. It was named in honor of the Coaching Club of America back in 1917. The club had a requisite for membership as being able to handle a 4-in-hand with a single set of reins. These conditions were to emulate the Epsom Oaks event held in England. Read more history here: [Coaching Club American Oaks | NYRA](#)

**August Horse Show:** planning is continuing and Carl Dudash, who oversees the car show aspect, has put out a lot of emails and flyers to various car clubs. As always if you have the time to volunteer, please contact Laurie Danaher.

**Tub Parade:** Due to many factors, unfortunately we will not be able to host the Tub Parade in Lenox again this year.

**Driving News:** Harvey and team Orleton did very well at Devon winning overall Champion. The CAA Day of Driving Event at Wethersfield had a very nice weekend both weather and turnout wise.

#### **Upcoming Events**

July 15-17: Lorenzo

July 20: CCDS meeting

August 11-14: CCDS Driving Show at Orleton Farm

August 19: Coaching at Newport

October 7-9: Berkshire Coaching Weekend

Meeting adjourned 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Gamelli, pro tem

Karin O'Brien, secretary