

Colonial Carriage & Driving Society

Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019

Harvey called the meeting to order after we enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner.

TREASURER - Ann Willey handed out her preliminary financial report. All the income and the bills have not yet been received both for the show and the Tub parade. We have more than \$8,000 in the bank. The show income to date is \$39,900. The approximate expenses were listed and add up to more than the income. There will still be changes. In the end the show probably lost money but the Tub Parade may be \$1,260 in the black if the town absorbs all the costs for the police. It was moved seconded and voted unanimously to approve the preliminary report.

The minutes from the last meeting, August 21st, were emailed to the members and approved unanimously. Harvey explained that the large oval Windsor trophy was deaccessioned by Queen Elizabeth and Mary found it on the internet and was able to purchase it. It has a coach engraved on it and will be used to record show winners but will be kept at Orleton.

OLD BUSINESS - Harvey brought several letters to the meeting that they received from show participants, thanking them and praising the show, so that CCDS members could enjoy them.

The Tub Parade had lovely weather and was very much enjoyed. There were 12 carriages. At the last minute the calliope was not able to come. But the trucks, the 1919 Buick and the gilded age high wheel bicycle were very much fun. Boris made several turns up and down the route and even gave a ride on the high wheel to a little girl in front of the viewing stand. The Adams Community Bank was very generous and even brought treats for the horses. The Lenox Chamber was not very helpful. They did not do any marketing and even told Maureen that we were not Chamber members. These last minute problems were very stressful for Maureen and she asked if we wanted to continue with the parade next year. More help will be needed. Tjasa said that there is an effort to plan more events on that weekend next year. This year Ventfort Hall held a tea and Tjasa did a slide talk about the history of the Tub parade. There was an effort to encourage participation by asking ladies to wear elaborate hats.

Next year there could be a contest for the best hat with a prize, such as a ride on the coach, a gift certificate to a restaurant... It could be held before the parade at the announcers stand. People could sign up to participate. Ken Fowler was encouraging us to have music at the tub parade. By next year there will be a gazebo in Lilac Park. Next year Maureen will be the Grand Marshall and will ride with Mary in the first carriage. Everyone clapped and thanked Maureen for all her success and hard work.

NEW BUSINESS - CONES AND SCONES is planned for October 13th. A simple version of fun day. People should RSVP. Help is needed with food and general assistance. Harvey will have the cones course set up. The event will go from 10 am and participants can come at will. A break for lunch of soup and cider will take place at 1 pm.

Horse Show 2020 – Ann Willey will produce a list of jobs that need to be done now to prepare for the 2020 Orleton Show such as ordering awards, printing, the show prize list, reserving the date, ADS application etc. Check out Ann's show expenses list for ideas.

On December 8th there will be a Christmas Party at Devonfield Inn, Lee, MA, from 5 to 8pm. The cost will be \$20 per person. The new owners will provide music (for an extra \$75), hot and cold appetizers, dessert and drinks. Harvey said that we will hold the annual meeting before the party so we will not have to deal with bad weather in January. Everyone should review who is coming off the board. Officers who do not find replacements for themselves are presumed to continue. An RSVP will be required. Membership checks for \$25 per family and party checks @ \$20 per person have to be written separately and mailed to Maureen Gamelli, 410 East Street, Lee, MA 01238.

Here is the list of officers/directors from the May, 2019, annual meeting minutes:

President - Harvey Waller

Vice President - Laurie Danaher

Vice President - Maureen Gamelli

Treasurer - Ann Willey

Secretary - Tjasa Sprague. Members were asked if someone would like to replace her, there being none she will continue with Maureen's help.

Directors - term ends January 2019 - Diane Bozyczko, Ray Casella, Carol Terry

Directors - term ends January 2020 - Peter Bravman, Kelly Casella, Carl Dudash, Wayne Wilcox

Directors - term ends January 2021 - John Frost, John Yale

Directors - term ends January 2022 - Marilee Wagner proposed.

Committees: Program - Mary Waller

Newsletter - Jen Wilcox and Harvey Waller

Web Master - Jen Wilcox Tub Parade - Maureen Gamelli

CALENDAR

November 7 to 10 - Equine Affaire, Dana Bright will be there for Driving.

October 5-6 Saratoga Driving Trial - with Jeff Morse and a clinic on Monday with the judge Tracey Morgan.

October 18, Martin's Auction--One Day only. Last time he sold a Park Drag for \$88,000 and several carriages from the Fahnestock collection that were donated in 1938.

December 5 to 8 in Florida at Gloria Austin's Grand Oaks.

Next CCDS meeting will be on October 23rd. Tjasa will talk and show slides on the History of the Tub Parade.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted

Tjasa Sprague