Colonial Carriage and Driving Society
November 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes

President Harvey Waller opened the meeting at 8pm after a wonderful dinner prepared by Chefs Ray, Gabriel and Justin for our holiday gathering in the Orleton Farm "party barn." Election of officers was voted on, and the present officers will remain in their positions:

- President Harvey Waller
- Vice Presidents Maureen Gamelli and Laurie Danaher
- Treasurer Ann Willey
- Secretary Karin O'Brien

All present were in favor of this motion and Wayne Wilcox and Marilee Wagner carried the motion forward.

Treasurer's Report

With Ann Willey out of town, the Treasurer's report was not provided.

New Business

We discussed partnering with the ADS or some other organization at the Equine Affaire in West Springfield, MA in November, 2026. We would like to increase the visibility to carriage driving to the horse expo attendees.

In May, we will host a clinic with Francois Bergeron. Day one will be a demo on long lining and day two dressage driving. If you have interest in attending there are still spots available to participate or audit. Stay tuned for an eblast on the details and signup.

Membership dues for 2026 will increase to $30 from $25. It is our first increase in over 20 years.

Upcoming Events
- March 18 meeting will be a potluck with a guest speaker (TBD)
- May 2 and 3 will be a clinic with Francois Bergeron
- May 13 will be our member appreciation meeting for all CCDS including volunteers who have been helping us at the events.
- June 13 a driving clinic is proposed (TBD)
- July 15 meeting with a potluck dinner
- August 6, 7 8 and 9 is the Horse show at Orleton Farm.
- September 8 meeting with a potluck and guest speaker (TBD)
- October we will have a Halloween function with costumes optional.
- November 9 will be election of officers

The meeting adjourned and coffee and dessert were then enjoyed by all. Happy Holidays to everyone and see you all in the spring of 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin O'Brien, Secretary