

My Lady's Manor Driving Club

Membership meeting

July 16, 2005

Attendance: Deb Cohen Melinda Russell, Scott Stump, (also Alex and Bennett Stump), Anne Council, (also Marty Council!), Agnes (Aggie) Cohen, Carla Huitt, Timmi Pierce, Barbara Corson, Nancy Ringgold and visitor David Matthews.

Meeting called to order at 1:30

Minutes of May 18 2005 general meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. We have a balance of 3,922.32 as of the end of June. The proceeds from the May show were \$1,787.30!

Membership report: we have 96 current members.

Education committee:

Barbara Corson somewhat dubiously accepts the position of chair of the education committee with the assurances of help from several existing committee members.

The June 25 Ground work clinic with Marjorie Richmond had 3 enthusiastic participants and generated \$60, of which 75% will be donated to Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation for the use of their facilities.

Up-coming clinics include another Ground Work clinic with Marjorie Richmond on August 13, 2005.

MLMDC and BVDC will jointly sponsor a "Navigate with Knowledge" clinic on July 30th in Fenton, Pa.

Other old business:

The Horse Driving Trial (HDT0 at Shoulderbone Farm. Four entries are confirmed so far. The judges are "on board" and lodging has been arranged for them with Sybil. Budget details and arrangements for food, port-o-lets, volunteers etc still have to be finalized. A meeting of the HDT committee (Nancy, Dana, and Ann) will be held to forward these arrangements.

The upcoming Mid Atlantic ADS weekend (August 5-7th) will be a good venue to promote the HDT.

Pleasure drive committee: activity in this area is at a low ebb at the moment for a number of reasons, but interest will surely resume as time and energy levels allow.

By-Laws : writing and re-writing of drafts is in progress and more details will be available when the by-laws are in a more final form.

In a related issue, Elaine Dulaney has suggested that the club produce a "policies and procedures" document that would explain responsibilities of various offices (president, secretary, etc) for the benefit of new officers.

Some discussion about club presence at Shawan Downs took place. The club has had a presence at this event in the past but the general feeling at the moment is that there was not much reward for the effort involved. Perhaps this year an informational booth, similar to what the club has at Horse Expo, should replace the horses and carriages that took part in previous years?

New Business

The planners of a proposed "Maryland Horse Center" have contacted MLMDC via Anne Council and asked for input regarding the use of such a center.

A club Barbeque and social event will be held at the home of Jack Day in Monkton Md., on Sept 18. Tickets for the event will probably be around \$18.00.

Members should be thinking about next year's elections and likely victims for the various offices.

Brochures: we have lots, and should make an effort to distribute them at feed and tack stores, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting there was a short demonstration on the use of animals for draft power, featuring Dan the ox, and Cammy the "chunk" (small, family-sized, all purpose draft horse).