

My Lady's Manor Driving Club

Membership meeting

November 20, 2005

Attendance: Anne Councill, Deb Cohen, Laurie Donaldson, Kinko Hackney, Phyllis Klimes, Marjorie Richmond, Doris Rolfes, Julia Skelley, Dana Bright

Minutes of September 18, 2005 general meeting were read and accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Membership report- We have 105 members.

OLD BUSINESS

Death of Sybil Dukehart - By motion the club decided to send Driving for the Disabled a contribution of \$150 in memory of Mrs. Dukehart (who had died recently). Dana is preparing an obituary for ADS and will draft the letter to accompany the check. We understand that DFD is working on their web site to be sure there is notice to their membership of the passing of their founder.

Horse Expo – The booth is paid for. We will again share space with the Maryland Pony Breeders. Julia is seeking volunteers via email and has gotten a good response. There will be a number of driving celebrities and Paul Maye will be a clinician. We have support from ADS & CAA, as well as Driving Essentials and Driving Digest. ADS proposed giving 1st time ADS members a \$10 discount with a drawing for free 1-year membership. This was tried at New England Horse Expo. We will be running the new Laurels video.

While on the subject of ADS, Dana also reported that she will be attending the ADS/USEF meeting in Cincinnati. ADS board has adopted the new by-laws. ADS committees are seeking more members!

Education Committee – Deb distributed a report from Barbara Corson, which lists tentative monthly activities through November. The proposals were discussed. And ideas sought for indoor ring sites. The committee will meet again to work on finalizing. The full club activity calendar may be found on the web site.

Spring Show – May 24 – Dana reported the site is confirmed. Officials will be Muffy Seaton, Kayle Palmer and Dottie Billington as TD. Melinda has done a good job on format of sponsor and ad sheets. (Spring Valley is also holding the grounds for the Driving Trial August 27.) We agreed to spend \$45 for a 1/4 page ad in the ADS Resource Directory to advertise the Show, the HDT and club activities in general.

Recreational Driving – The organizers request we send them information about places to drive, which will be put on the web and in the newsletter. Morgan Run is really good at this time. Marjorie will be working with Mel Stimmel at Cromwell Valley Park.

Website – We need a new webmaster. Melinda is willing to learn and consider the permanent webmaster position.

NEW BUSINESS

2006 Play Day – Candy Smith can't organize it, but Rich Forfa has volunteered his farm! Anne is to ask Nancy Tomlinson if she will organize the event, perhaps in June.

Volunteer Coordination – Membership sign-up asks about willingness to volunteer, but no one organizes a list... Anyone interested?

Embroidered Logo Items – Our supply of club "stuff" is low and items are needed. Melinda is getting bids for production; Phyllis will handle the ordering and will keep a small supply of samples. We agreed to have some vests made for volunteers to wear at the Expo booth. Melinda will do the marketing. It was moved, seconded and passed that the club would pay for digitizing the logo and for the vests and samples up to a cost of \$350.

Driving Digest promo – Julia has received an offer from Driving Digest for the club to sell subscriptions as a fundraiser. We sell them for \$24 and get \$8 for each new subscription. Julia will send them the check and listings; they handle the rest.

Nominees for 2006 officers – Anne Councill (VP), Marjorie Richmond (Secretary), Julia Skelley (Treasurer). We are negotiating with Nancy Ringgold for President position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Marjorie Richmond, Secretary