

**2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**DDC Board of Directors**



**Dairyland  
Driving  
Club**

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## DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB BOARD MEETING January 13, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

### PRESENT

T. Delke, L. Gettleman, N. Nelson, D. Radke, W. Schutte, C. Thomas, J. Thompson

### APPROVE MINUTES

*Motion (Nelson, Schutte) to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 as printed in the newsletter. Motion Carried*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Nelson reviewed her report.

*Motion (Gettleman, Thomas) to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion Carried.*

### MAY MEMBER CLINIC

#### Spring member clinic (May 29-31)

Hickory Knoll is available for the event. We will have access to two arenas, the obstacles, a cones course and stalls.

Members will be offered first sign-up.

Non-members will be charged an additional amount.

Many supplies are available from the clinic two years ago.

Preliminary budget was compared to expenses for the 2013 clinic.

### MIDWEST HORSE FAIR

Still no decision if we can offer a clinic.

Mickie Bowen will use three drivers at preliminary or higher level (CDE)

### PLEASURE DRIVES

Old World Wisconsin – April 26

Blackhawk Ridge – May 10

Governor Dodge – June 14

Menomonee Park – August 9

Richard Bong – September 20

Donald Park – June

Hickory Knoll – ?? May 31

Didiers' – TBD

Baraboo Ordinance – ???

### OTHER DDC CLINICS

Approximately 25 people attended the Carriage Maintenance event.

Harness Maintenance with Greg Hunt at Bob Long's on February 7.

Sleigh rally will follow if the weather permits.

Assessing your horse's condition (potential)

Useful for pleasure, CDE and distance drivers

Could include breed differences that affect TPR

Could be a mini-clinic on TPR only or a longer clinic including more aspects of conditioning

Getting to an event (potential)

Packing and loading tricks

Trailer safety

### RESOURCE LIST

Request for information was published in the last newsletter. Follow-up email to remind club members to submit information will include a membership reminder. Will be ready for review by the March 1 annual meeting. Will be distributed at Midwest Horse Fair.

### SAFETY MANUAL

Mainly a reformatting effort. Will be ready by the March 1 annual meeting. Will be distributed at Midwest Horse Fair. Remaining stock, from the previous printing, will be offered to 4H or similar groups.

### WEBSITE

Will need members to supply pictures and content.

Nothing done, yet.

### BUDGET

2015 budget proposal will be sent to Board members.

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Radke and Thompson will not seek another term.

*Motion (Thompson, Radke) for Thomas to send an email to the membership seeking candidates if the three members who have tentatively agreed to run are no longer interested. Motion Carried*

Concern about attendance of some board members was expressed.

### SPEAKER SYSTEM LOAN

Columbus Sleigh Rally asked to borrow the DDC speaker system.

*Motion (Thomas, Radke) to loan the speaker system with a \$600 deposit which will be refunded if the system is returned by the March 1, 2015 meeting and is in good condition. Motion Carried*

Thompson will relay the information.

## MEMBERSHIP

A reminder postcard will be mailed following the Annual Meeting.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Dirk Hildebrant, Old World Wisconsin, will speak for a few minutes.

Representative of the Blanchardville 125<sup>th</sup> parade committee will speak for a few minutes to invite club members to participate in the August 8 parade at 12:30

DDC will provide the entrée. Rest of the meal will rely on members bringing a “dish to share” .  
1–2:30 social time; dinner at 2:30; meeting at 3:30  
Board will arrive at 12:30 to handle set up.

## ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted,  
Terri Delke



## DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING McFarland Municipal Building March 1, 2015

## ATTENDANCE

Present: Charlotte Hensler, Ron Hensler, Theresa Adams, Walter Nickerson, Dani Oster, Shawn Leming, Terri Delke, Jim Saddison, Sharon Makurat, Kirk Gillespie, Suzanne Gillespie, Bella, Jim Slovik, Kristi Slovik, Bob Long, Jeanne White, Nancy Baker, Steven Wassam, Bev Wassam, Chet Thomas, Char Ehlert, Debi Radke, Randy Mueller, Deb Sauer, Jean Moll, Mike Rider, Jennifer Thompson, Donna Crossman, Norm Johnson, Cathy Thomas, Ingrid Krause, Carlo Krause, Linda Sweeney, Robert Bean, B. Gerke, Trish Thiede, Fern Thiede, Howard Kietzke, Dan Peterson, Marti Phillips, Mary Kraft-Lee, Cyndi Conley, Greg Ruder, Donna Thomas, Sheri Haviza, Wes Licht, Jane Licht

## SILENT AUCTION

Many members brought items for the silent auction that ran during the social time, the meal and part of the business meeting.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Jennifer Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

## MINUTES

Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Board meeting were shared. President Thompson offered one addition: There are no supplies left from the previous Spring clinic.

*Motion (Bob Bean, Debi Radke) to approve the minutes with the addition. Motion Carried*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was on the tables.

President Thompson reviewed the material.

*Motion (Bob Long, Chet Thomas) to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried*

## 2015 BUDGET

The 2013 year ended with a negative balance; the 2014 year ended with a surplus. The 2015 budget is expected

to end with a negative balance. There is sufficient money in the reserves to allow this. The practice of not raising the dues and relying on the “cushion” continues.

It was noted that the Three Gaits show no longer exists and should be removed from the expected expenditures.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Midwest Horse Fair 2015

Loren Gettelman reported that DDC is unlikely to be given a slot to present a workshop as we did last year. The club will have its usual booth. It was suggested that club members fill out the MWHF survey and mention that more driving workshops are desired. We could also suggest the inclusion of a Driving Derby. Marge Gettelman asked members to sign up to work at the club booth.

### Pleasure drives

Debi Radtke distributed copies of the upcoming drives. She noted that a host is needed for the drive at Bong. The email established for Coggins reports is 2015coggins@gmail.com. She reminded all that the club needs a copy of the Coggins report for anyone who participates in a pleasure drive.

**April 26 – Old World Wisconsin.** (host Debi Radtke) [copy needed for Old World to keep]

**May 10 – Black Hawk Ridge** (host Wayne Schutte)

**June 14– Governor Dodge** (host Denise Marino)

**August 9 – Menomonee Park** (host Debi Radtke)

**September 20** – Richard Bong

**September 27** – Harry Radtke Memorial/Didier (host Pat Didier)

**October 11** — Donald Park (host Chet Thomas)

**Old World Wisconsin** Dirk Hildebrandt spoke about driving at Old World Wisconsin on our special day and also during their season. During the season, 19<sup>th</sup> century costume, Coggins, and a call to Dirk Hildebrandt several days prior to driving at Old World Wisconsin are needed. Deb Radtke mentioned she has

many costume parts and that Bev Wassam is a costumer. The club presented Dirk Hildebrandt with a life membership in the club.

#### **Resource list**

There was only one reply to the printed and email requests for updates. This meeting will serve as the final call for information about carriage operators, stable operators, trainers, costumers, etc.

#### **Website**

Board intends to update the site and is considering contracting for a person to post the new photos, minutes, membership list, etc. Member contributions of photos and news will be essential.

#### **2015 Member Clinic with Joe Yoder**

Application forms were available. The form will be posted on the website and on FaceBook. Members have until April 15 for the preferential signup. The fee includes a groom and lunch. There will be mini-workshops during the noon breaks. Topics may include rein handling with Mary Ruth Marks, temperature-pulse-respiration with Jennifer Thompson, trailer maintenance and packing with Loren Gettelman. There will be a pleasure drive at Hickory Knoll on the Sunday. Nonmembers will pay a higher fee which includes club membership.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Good Neighbor Trail**

Wayne Schutte recapped the history of the club's involvement with this project which would provide a trail between Mazomanie and Middleton. Currently the Bureau of Fisheries is refusing to allow any equine use. They have no problem with ATV or pedestrian use. Wayne Schutte will send letters, on the club's behalf, to Darren Marsh, Bridget Brown and Mark Aquino supporting equine use. Schutte noted that this matter has been discussed at the Wisconsin Horse Council Trails Committee. Members should feel free to send their own letters. They can cite the experience at Donald Park which has not endangered the creek there.

##### **Blanchardville's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**

Karen Mayhew invited club members to participate

in the parade on Saturday, August 8 at 12:30. She assured drivers that the horses would be at the end of the parade—away from the emergency equipment. The village does have insurance. She outlined the other week end activities.

#### **STAR Driver program**

Terri Delke announced the eight winners and distributed prizes including carrot, butterscotch, banana, apple and mint horse treats. **THREE TIME WINNERS:** Sharon Makurat, Donna Crossman and Terri Delke. **TWO TIME WINNERS:** Deb Moll-Sauer, Debi Radtke and Dani Oster. First timers: Michelle Harn and Trisha Thiede.

#### **Elections**

Nominees for the two openings are Steve Wassam and Cyndi Conley.

**Motion** (Wayne Schutte, Karen Arkbauer) to accept the nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot. **Motion Carried**

Club thanked Jennifer Thompson and Debi Radtke for their years of service.

**Villa Louis Show** will be September 11-13. The judges were listed.

**Traditional Day of Driving** at Wade House on August 15 organized by Howard Kietzke

**National Drive** in Lexington, KY. October 5-11. A number of club members said they were going. Several other members said they were seriously considering this. It was suggested that the club help sponsor one of the cheese & wine nights.

**Newsletter correction.** The Hermitage is October 16-18  
**HOW** Ingrid Krause shared the list of drives and other HOW activities.

#### **ADJOURN**

**Motion** (Jeanne White, Deb Moll-Sauer) to adjourn.

**Motion Carried**

Submitted,

**Terri Delke**



## **DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB BOARD MEETING May 12, 2015**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Thomas called the meeting held at Litchfield's to order at 7:45 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Conley, Delke, L. Gettelman, Nelson, W. Schutte, C. Thomas, S. Wassam. M. Gettelman, S. Wassam.

#### **MINUTES**

**Motion** (Nelson, Schutte) to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting. **Motion Carried**

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Nelson distributed the Treasurer's report. Board reviewed it

*Motion (Conley, Gettelman) to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **2015 Midwest Horse Fair**

M. Gettelman distributed the report on the booth. 3 new members, 5 member renewals, 10 safety books sold. Vendors reported there was less traffic in the building this year. Need to pay for electricity next year for video and visibility. Want to use a strip of LED lights to improve booth's visibility and further illuminate the signs in lower-ceilinged booth area. Wassam suggested flashing lights.

Schutte received an email from the Horse Fair organizers seeking Clinicians and Speakers for 2016. Schutte and Gettelman will create the video demonstrating what we could do. Possible topic is trailer safety.

May need to rent horse stalls to be seriously considered by Horse Fair.

Will also try for a demonstration spot in the Coliseum to showcase the variety of driving (vehicles, variety breeds, cones, hazards, a pair, etc.)

Booth and the demonstration should complement each other. Rent a couple of stall spaces to highlight various vehicles. Keep the current booth site, too.

Discussed authorizing Nelson to pay, in August, the booth and electrical fees for the Coliseum booth.

### **Member Clinic**

Member clinic and drive has 9 lessons for each of the three days. Five auditors are registered. Cost for the drive only is \$15. The cook-out Saturday evening and lunches will be available for a fee. During lunch breaks, the hands on mini-clinics will feature Marks on reinsmanship and Thompson on temperature, respiration and pulse.

### **Pleasure Drives**

**Old World Wisconsin:** 2 teams, rest singles. 24/25 truck-trailers. Some drivers came to get rides with other drivers.

Nelson asked for information, in advance, to send email blasts to the members.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Speaker System**

Loan of the speaker system to the Columbus Sleigh Rally: Radtke picked up speaker and was at the designated exchange point. No one came. Nelson destroyed their deposit check. Wassam will pick up the speaker from Radtke and bring it to the clinic.

### **Signs & Vests**

Rhineharts have the DDC signs and the volunteer safety vests.

### **Resource List**

No one responded to the emails and newsletter requests for information. Many names on the website list are nonmembers. Used the newsletter ads pages for those requesting information at Horse Fair. Nelson will ask J. Licht to remove the list from the website.

### **Website**

J. Licht posts what she is sent. In today's world the website should be factual but have pizzazz. Webmasters are often professionals who design the sites for a fee and there is limit on the number of pages. Thomas will speak with J. Licht and report at the next meeting. Need to make members aware that they can send photos to a central point for posting on the website and on Facebook.

### **Safety Manual**

Will need to print copies for 2016. Nelson will email a suggested layout to the board.

### **Logo Clothing Sales**

Consider adding a shipping fee for future logo clothing sales.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Future Events**

Fall 2015 through Fall 2016 Drives, clinics (safety or young/new driver), winter mini clinics, Midwest Horse Fair, CDE clinic, super reinsmanship event, a Fall clinic as followup for beginners – iron out what was started, a mentor drive. Could apply for an ADS grant for Young Driver clinic. What are the driving levels or needs of the members?

### **Next meeting**

Next meeting will be July 14 at 7 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

9:50 p.m.

*Motion (Schutte, Gettelman) to adjourn. Motion Carried*

Submitted,  
Terri Delke



## DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB BOARD MEETING July 14, 2015

### PRESENT

Cyndi Conley, Terri Delke, Loren Gettelman, Bob Long, Dan Peterson, Wayne Schutte, Chet Thomas, Steve Wassam, Marge Gettelman, Bev Wassam.

### CALL TO ORDER

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

*Motion (Schutte, Conley) to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried*

### MINUTES

**Notara HDT** Addition to the minutes: Thomas sent an email to all board members regarding an item left off the May agenda which would authorize the expenditure of \$100 for the Notara HDT. A majority of the members responded with a positive vote. The Treasurer sent the check.

### APPROVE AGENDA

*Motion (Peterson, Conley) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer was excused. There is no report.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Yoder clinic

Spring member cling with Joe Yoder: Thomas reported many positive comments. Filled 29 learning slots. Hickory Knoll hospitality was welcoming and good.

#### Pleasure drives

##### **Governor Dodge Park Pleasure Drive:**

3 horse/cart rigs, all from southeast Wisconsin, participated.

**Hickory Knoll Pleasure Drive** was cancelled due to land conditions.

**Bob Long arrived at 7:35 pm**

### UNFINISHED ITEMS:

#### Safety manual

Consider placing it on the website instead of printing; print some to place in the new member packets and to distribute at Midwest Horse Fair. For the next agenda: size of the manual.

### Website

Should be more dynamic. Unable to reach Jane Licht to discuss the website.

### PA System

Is at Chet Thomas' house. Batteries only last 4 hours.

*Motion (Peterson, Long) to purchase what is needed to make the system "last" for 8 hours. Motion Carried*

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Sporting Day of Traditional Driving

Will be held August 15. It's a CAA recognized event and will be held at a Wisconsin State Historical Society facility in Greenbush. Howard Kietzke is requesting a sponsorship and insurance coverage. ADS has turned down his request. Treasurer Nelson reported that there was an open date on our insurance and this could be added. Discussion included: the initial announcements and promotions stated this was for historical and historical reproduction vehicles only, the event should not exclude DDC members who do not own fancier vehicles; those who are not DDC members should pay an additional fee at registration. Summary (1) Inclusivity of any DDC members' vehicle, (2) what does the insurance company need to include this event, (3) are we then a co-sponsor. Schutte would like the club to encourage use of Wade House, feels that all members are welcome, wants to increase the club's relationship with the Historical Society. Conley asked where this event is being advertised. Thomas suggested that sponsorship might encourage the State in a direction we like.

*Motion (Schutte) to sponsor Withdrawn, no second*

Delke voiced concern that all of the money budgeted for sponsorships is already expended. Was told that's not an issue.

*Motion (Long, Schutte) to sponsor the Traditional Day of Driving at the \$100 level (2 signs + 1/2 page in the program). Motion carried with Delke voting no*

*Motion (Thomas, Long) to explore the Traditional Day of Driving event's eligibility for insurance coverage under Dairyland's policy and any limitations. Motion Carried*

#### Other events

Offer a clinic on to present yourself at a Sporting Day of Driving

#### Midwest Horse Fair

Consider renting 2 or more stalls to use as a "reception" area and carriage display

Use the stall space instead of the Coliseum among all of the crafters

Doubt there will be opportunity for an arena demonstration

Could sponsor a driving clinician

May be able to get a slot in the ring in the stables

Stall charges are \$50/ stall

Question if the previously paid Coliseum booth fee could be transferred

**Motion** (Long, Peterson) Instruct Gettleman and Schutte to meet with the Horse Fair Management to explore the options, things which can be done in the barns, transference of the Coliseum fee, And bring the information to the September board meeting. Wassam noted he would like to keep the Coliseum booth as a fall back for future years. **Motion Carried**

#### FUTURE EVENTS

Thomas instructed each board member to develop idea(s) of activities/events to take place between December and April which would engage the membership and be fun

#### NEXT AGENDA

mini clinics  
pleasure drives  
pairing with a mentor  
driving derby or and ADT  
“safety” clinic

#### NEXT MEETING

September 15.

**Motion** (Peterson, Schutte) to adjourn. **Motion Carried**

#### ADJOURN

9:05 p.m.

Submitted,  
Terri Delke



## DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB BOARD MEETING September 15, 2015

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:15.

#### PRESENT

Conley, Delke, L. Gettleman, Long, W. Schutte, C. Thomas. M. Gettelman

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Sauk Prairie Recreational Trail, Driving Trial/ ADT/ HDT, size of the safety manual, new member recognition, Horse Council.

#### APPROVE MINUTES.

**Motion** (Long, Schutte) to approve the minutes of the July 14 meeting. **Motion carried**

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Thomas distributed the written report.

**Motion** (Delke, Long) to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried**

**Motion** (Conley, Schutte) Delke to estimate expenses for the last two years''Star Program and send the amount to Nelson. Board authorizes her to pay the bill. **Motion carried**

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### Traditional Day of Driving

Could there be a similar event at Old World Wisconsin? Villa Louis already has a Traditional Day of driving.

Could we create a presentation on what it is and how to prepare and how to answer the questions.

Event was a success, but quite a long day.

Ask Howard, if the event continues and we supply the insurance, can we be listed as a co-sponsor.

Hard for spectators to see all of the carriages and dress of the drivers, was so spread out; hard to understand what was happening.

Could do presentation for the group so it's more spectator friendly

Would Old World Wisconsin share our interest in a similar event – a sporting day with informal attire?

To talk with Howard about changing the method that information is disseminated, getting information out earlier to seek support; tweeking things to be more viewer friendly; offering a mini-clinic to explain things.

Could use Old World Wisconsin to try the variations.

##### Mini clinics

Events for late 2015 into 2016

sporting day

making minor leather repairs, hands-on. Long will speak with Greg Hunt about conducting this trailering safety



### **Communicating with members**

Discussion about board access to the email blast and facebook. **Motion** (Gettleman, Long) to gain further access to the email blast and facebook so membership can receive information about upcoming events since newsletter is only quarterly. **Motion carried**

### **New business**

#### **Midwest Horse Fair**

Suggest purchase things for the booth when they are on sale. e.g. galvanized buckets (3 for \$8) and trays (4 for \$6)

**Motion** (Long, Schutte) to authorize the purchase of embellishments for the new stall area display for a price not to exceed \$50. **Motion carried**

#### **Sauk Prairie Recreation Area**

Deadline for comments is September 25

Talking points to encourage allowing drivers to have same access as horse & rider and to not be limited to only two occasions per year:

“Drive” is not what they mean by an event; there are not organized activities; just using the trails as riders do. May be small groups or solo.

If the trails are built for ATVs, they are wide enough for driving vehicles

riders and drivers can share the same trails. Distance driving is an example; so is Donald Park use.

Historically, horse and drivers used this area. It's not something new.

Schutte will provide a written list of suggestions.

Thomas will speak with Friends of Donald Park about writing support letters.

Delke will contact Midwest Distance Driving Association for support.

### **Horse Council**

Cathy Thomas is resigning her position as the DDC representative.

Schutte is willing to be an alternate, but not the representative.

Council meets monthly in Columbus.

Need membership to step forward to accept this position.

### **Newsletter**

Crossman is resigning as newsletter editor.

### **Long resigns**

Long is resigning from the board. He has accepted offices on the Town Board and the Norwegian Fiord Society.

### **2016-17 Board**

Need names for the openings.

Thomas does not want to be President again.

### **Miscellaneous**

During the harness clinic, a new member was not recognized as such and was unhappy.

### **NEXT MEETING**

November 17 is the next meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion** (Schutte, Conley) to adjourn. **Carried at 9:17**

Submitted

Terri Delke



## DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB BOARD MEETING November 17, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

### PRESENT

C. Conley, T. Delke, L. Gettelman, R. Long, N. Nelson, D. Peterson, W. Schutte, C. Thomas. Margie Gettelman, Linda Schutte

### AGENDA

#### Amend the agenda

Midwest Horse Fair will be covered under 2016 events.  
*Motion (Conley, Long) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried*

### MINUTES

*Motion (Long, Schutte) to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting. Motion Carried*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Written report was distributed and reviewed. Not sure all bills for the Yoder clinic were submitted.

*Motion (Schutte, Peterson) to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion Carried*

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Wisconsin State Horse Council

Dairyland Driving Club has a level 3 membership which entitles the club to a seat on the board. Council meets monthly in Columbus and has a lobbyist in Madison.

Some current issues: 1) a Senate bill requiring licensing of carriage plus lights and signals. The license fees would be used to repair road damage caused by the carriages. Lighting requirements exceed those for farm equipment which moves on the road. Unspecified if there is a difference between pleasure vehicles and the transportation vehicles/Amish; if the registration may be moved among an owner's vehicles 2) horse slaughter in the State. Should be humane, have an inspector present, way to reduce to starvation problem.

Melanie Lichtfeld will send the Horse Council monthly agenda to the board. She will also write a summary of the issues so the club members can be polled when necessary.

Frustration with Midwest Horse Fair Board which, theoretically, is a subsidiary of the Horse Council. Need a voice promoting driving.

*Motion (Schutte, Peterson) to appoint Melanie Lichtfeld as our delegate to the Horse Council. Motion Carried*  
*Motion (Conley, Long) to appoint Wayne Schutte as the alternate delegate to the Horse Council. Motion Carried*

### Communication with members

*Motion (Long, Schutte) to rescind the action taken at the September 15 meeting. Motion Carried*

Discussions included who can ask Nelson to send an email blast, who is responsible for notifying her of upcoming activities/events/etc.; Thomas can veto any email if there is a financial question.

Put the February 13 sleigh rally at Fireman's Park in Columbus in the newsletter.

Any member can post to club's FaceBook page. Nelson is the moderator and can edit or delete items if needed.

### Mini-clinics

Leather repair at Long's farm. Long to verify presenter and to set a date in late January or early February.

Sleigh rally, if there is sufficient snow, is included.

Trailing safety and maintenance. Wassam and Gettelman will present their program. Venue to be determined. Date in March to be determined.

Other topics discussed: how to present yourself in the ring; and ring etiquette/ rules; Equine Heritage Museum presentation on carriage lamps.

CAA proficiency program and tests (Jerry Trapani).

### Annual meeting

March 13 in McFarland. To ask Jane Licht to make the arrangements for the room.

Activity such as trivia game, assemble the harness (with some extra parts, games, slide show, presentation to be considered.

### Midwest Horse Fair

Schutte and Gettelman will meet with Rhonda about a presentation.

"Big" clinic/Spring clinic

For novice drivers or interested persons. The basics of getting started;

So you want to drive your horse.

Might include disabled drivers.

Clinician: Long will contact the proposed person.

Date could be mid to late May.

Thomas will discuss venue with owners of both options.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Star program

Question the usefulness and effectiveness of this program, the type of prizes awarded; the lack of definitive publicity in the newsletter.

i.e who won the awards for what; categories are too complicated;

put qualifying names into a "hat" and draw for one or two prizes;

set the ending date as Dec. 31.

Do a display about this at Horse Fair?

Benefits: does document participation, especially if we are seeking sponsorships; identifies potential resources for members to ask questions of; recognizes individual efforts

Review at March board meeting.

### Carriage Association of America

Dairyland Driving Club is a member and has a banner to display at events.

Many resources available.

HUB club is inviting Dairyland Driving Club members to its January annual meeting with CAA speaker (probably the President).

### Sauk Prairie Recreation Area

Approximately 30 letters were received promoting driver use. The committee will consider the letters and decide if they will make any changes. Final draft is to be presented to the DNR Board at the January meeting.

### Board 2016

Nominations for board seats

Long has asked to resign.

Andrew Halbach has expressed interest in serving on the board.

*Motion (Schutte, Nelson) to appoint a person to serve the remaining one year of Long's term. Motion Carried*

*Motion (Delke, Nelson) to appoint Andrew Halbach to fill the remaining year of Long's term effective at the January board meeting. Motion Carried*

Ask members, via the newsletter, to volunteer for the openings.

### Dues

Reminder to membership that it's time to renew membership.

Conley has a short letter and will send it to Nelson for an eblast and to Crossman for the newsletter.

### Newsletter

Crossman has asked to be replaced.

*Motion (Schutte, Long) to appoint Delke the newsletter editor. Motion Carried*

### Secretary

*Motion (Long, Schutte) to appoint Conley secretary.*

*Motion Carried*

### NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be January 12.

### ADJOURN

*Motion (Schutte, Long) to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:30*

Submitted

Terri Delke

