

## **Dairyland Driving Club -BOD Meeting**

**March 12, 2020**

### **McFarland Culver's**

BOD Members attending: Diane Mader, Mary Ruth Marks, Myrna Rhinehart, Howard Kietzke, Jim Slovic, Nancy Nelson, Donna Crossman, Jessica Reuterskiold and Steve Wassam.

Non-BOD members: Sharon Makurat and Wes Licht

President Howard Kietzke called meeting to order at 7:01pm. Howard asked for a motion to accept the Feb. 16 Annual meeting minutes and Feb. 23 follow up BOD meeting minutes. Mary Ruth motioned; Jim 2nd. MC. Note: Diane Mader abstained.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Numbers are at 115 as of 3/12/2020. Nancy anticipates numbers rising until the end of May. Diane questioned the current membership form and what happened to adding the Liability Waiver that was supposed to be included. Nancy looked back at previous meeting notes and indicated that this had not been voted upon at any meeting. Discussion followed regarding when and where the liability for should be signed; tabled until next meeting. Diane asked when the new membership list will be published. Nancy indicated that it would be updated by the next meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Howard suggested a full report be given quarterly instead of at each meeting as it very time consuming. Diane would like to see a monthly report. Steve indicated he would like to see membership numbers with more detail.

**DRIVES:** Schedule is not finalized - OWW is under new management - unsure how the new director will handle this. Howard and Mary Ruth asked about attendance at OWW - 2019 there approximately 20. Myrna reported that she has a spreadsheet to track numbers at the pleasure drives for past years on her home computer. Wes Licht indicated that 2019 was a difficult year for the pleasure drives since so many were rescheduled. The Fun Day at Melanie's ranch was very well attended. Diane asked what the BOD's goals were for the upcoming year regarding pleasure drives. Jessica suggested a Mentor Program - ride with an experienced driver and / or have an experienced driver ride along with someone who is new to driving. Something like this has been done at Blackhawk. Howard asked Steve to have the pleasure drive schedule done for the first half of the year by next meeting.

**SAFTEY & EDUCATION:** "The More Educated We Are - The Safer We Are" Jessica and Mary Ruth have discussed a drivers safety test similar to the CAA Drivers Proficiency program.

The Safety Corner will continued to be published in the newsletters. Sharon indicated she would like to continue to contribute to the S&E committee. Safety Manuals - currently stored in the small trailer. There appears to be a discrepancy of the actual number of manuals that are available and where a large number went. Also unsure if and when the updating of the manual will occur and by whom. Mary Ruth suggested having some mini-clinics at members farms demonstrating and/or discussing subjects such as: ground manners, harnessing, etc.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Axel Maintenance clinic** scheduled for April 4th at Frey Carriage still has some openings.

**Midwest Horse Fair:** We questioned if it would still be held due to the current health crisis. More discussion at next meeting.

**Carriage Tour:** Currently 28 have signed up to go on the tour bus the goal is to have 50 people go on the tour. Will be opened up to non-members soon. Meeting in JCPenny parking lot at East Town Mall. Wes asked where the tour was stopping and whether or not a person could meet the group there. Howard indicated Lake Geneva area and then Freeport, IL. Farms are not equipped to handle a lot of vehicle parking. The idea is to meet at appointed location for the tour.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

MHF Committee: March 13, 2020

Next BOD Meeting: April 9th - will be a virtual or telephone conference.

Communications: TBD

**Member Comments:** (NOTE: usually done at the beginning of meeting) Sharon asked when the next newsletter was being mailed - Nancy indicated that the Annual Meeting edition had been emailed approximately a week before the meeting and hard copies were mailed on or about March 9th. Sharon indicated she does not have email and hadn't received her copy yet. Crossman gave her a copy. Sharon also wanted to discuss the irregularities in the BOD election process. Myrna referred to the by-laws and noted that the process was done properly according to the written by-laws. Further discussion regarding the Annual Meeting and elections were briefly discussed such as handing out ballots when members sign in, holding the elections earlier in the meeting - not at the end, and possible proxy voting.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jim and 2nd by Mary Ruth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Crossman  
DDC Secretary