

President's Message:

Think Spring! We have had a few warm days to start teasing us of more pleasant days ahead, but as fast as those days come and go we are slapped with a few inches of snow again. That brings us to upcoming plans for DDC this spring. There's a lot popping up!

First, DDC will again have a booth at The Midwest Horse Fair inside the coliseum. This is a great opportunity to connect with new drivers, people interested in driving, and in general horse people! Marge and Loren Gettelman have always done a great job of organizing the booth and getting it set up. Why not take a moment to sit at the booth for a shift and chat with other drivers, catch up with friends, talk with people about driving, or just take some time to rest your feet.

Second, DDC will also be doing THREE demo talks at The Midwest Horse Fair this year, "So You Want to Drive Your Horse". Wayne Schutte and Loren Gettelman have been working on putting things together, but they still need a few volunteers to help. This is an AWESOME way to get the word out about driving and connect with people interested in driving.

Lastly, a collaborative effort is in the works with Hickory Knoll and DDC for a May clinic. This educational clinic will offer more supportive opportunities for new drivers, and will reinforce some of the topics covered at the MWHF demo talks. The DDC Education Committee is still in the developing stages of this but things are budding fast! Won't you consider helping out too?

So I with all that is fresh and new to DDC this spring, wouldn't it be fantastic to be part of it? You are already a member of DDC, why not encourage others to join. It's not hard. All you have to do is share about what you love, Horses and Driving! Consider helping out with one of the above events. Give as little as an hour or two of your time back to DDC and show your support to those that are working so hard to organize these events. It's FUN!

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Missing from picture is Dan Peterson.



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Calendar of Events

April

11-13 Midwest Horse Fair

27 Old World Wisconsin Drive

May

11 Black Hawk Ridge Pleasure Drive

31-1 Eastern Iowa Carriage Glow

June

13-15 Columbus Horse and Carriage Festival

22 Donald Park Pleasure Drive

27-29 Skunk River Driving Trial

27-29 Carriage Assoc. of America Festival, Lexington, KY

July

5 Notara Farm HDT

19-20 Hickory Knoll CDE

August

17 Menomonee Park Pleasure Drive

September

5-7 Villa Louis Carriage Classic

28 Richard Bong Pleasure Drive

October

12 Didier's Pleasure Drive

Annual Meeting Silent Auction Exceeds Expectations!

by Nancy Nelson

Dairyland members generously donated to our Silent Auction, held as a favorite activity during our Annual Meeting. A resounding \$549 was collected, thanks to enthusiastic re-buyers! One lucky member bought 11 bits for \$11.00 ... where else can you find bargains like that? There were items from boots to blankets, rain gear to reins, table linens to table refreshments and, somehow, even a little Packer guy showed up on the table for bids.

Thank you for your contributions. It's not too early to start thinking about what you're going to donate for the next Silent Auction.

Thanks also to Debra-Moll Sauer for facilitating the handling of all the items!



Annual Meeting Photos by Jane Licht

Welcome New Members

Shawn Leming, Muskego, WI

Kay Nelson, DVM, Waunakee, WI

Elisabeth & Todd Patton, Lake Mills, WI

What's afoot for 2014: Upcoming Educational Activities.

By Chet Thomas

Dairyland Driving Club's (DDC) education subcommittee is excited to announce two activities for the benefit of less experience drivers, scheduled for the Spring of 2014. These events are designed to dovetail one into the other.

"So You Want To Drive A Horse" is a DDC sponsored presentation at the Midwest Horse Fair (MWHF). Content will cover information on what to look for in a driving horse and different types of vehicles and harness. Attendees at these presentations will receive information on local resources including membership in DDC, announcement of a two tiered (half-day, full day) introductory clinic at Hickory Knoll farm on Saturday, May 17, and a list local instructors. Loren Gettelman and Wayne Shutte have organized the program. If you plan to be at MWHF contact Wayne or Loren to see if they need your help.

Schedule for the "So you want to drive a horse" presentations:

MWHF Schedule: Fri 4/11/14 9:00 am Andis Demo Tent
Sat. 4/12/14 3:00 pm Andis Demo Tent
Sun. 4/13/14 4:00 pm, Hutchinson Round Pen

And don't forget to contact Marge Gettelman to volunteer to sit the DDC booth!

Our club's educational committee (Myrna Rhinehart, Wayne Schutte, Loren Gettelman and Chet Thomas) is responsible for planning a two-tiered program. This program will be modeled after our safety clinics and the young driver camp curriculum. At present we expect the half-day program to be lecture/informational only and the full-day program to involved mentored instruction in long lining, putting-to and short driving experience with a mentor on board. DDC will co-sponsor the beginning driver clinic and the fun weekend at Hickory Knoll farm in Fitchburg. These activities grew out of DDC's long tradition of offering educational events and support for beginning drivers, as well as, out of the two Young Driver Camps that the club sponsored in 2010 and 2012. The enthusiasm and energy displayed by the campers and the appreciation expressed by the parents definitely made the camps a rewarding experience for the mentors and volunteers and they were activities that attracted new members to DDC. No surprise then that there was an expressed desire to hold a similar event for adults.

I will close with just a point or two of editorial reflection. Having been on DDC's Board for several years now, every time that we wish to plan educational events that serve our membership or attract new members, the issue of the venue arises. The invitation to co-sponsor at Hickory Knoll was a clear recognition that the membership of DDC is a substantial audience for support of programs held at Hickory Knoll. I think that early and frequent sharing of ideas for educational programs between HK and DDC should be a starting point for our future planning.

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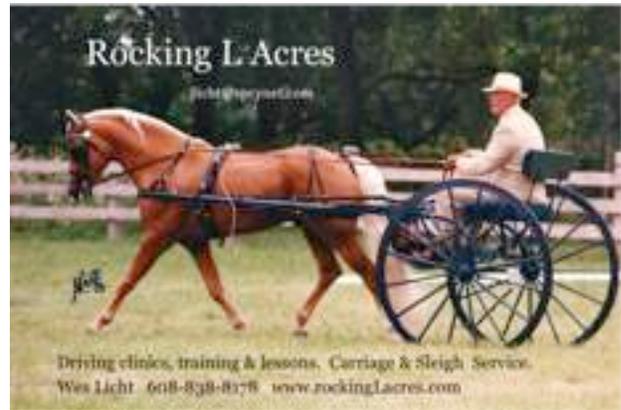
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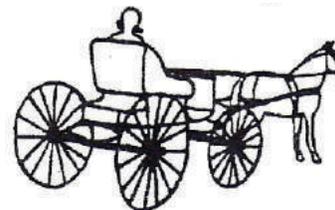
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Dr Robert Long and Vanessa Ries at the Columbus Sleigh Rally 2014

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Columbus Sleigh Rally 2014 Facilitated Learning Analysis – My Perspective



By Lisa Whitcomb

Photo credit: Amanda Lehning

Many of my Dairy Land Driving Club ‘friends’ are also my Facebook ‘friends’ and know I work for the US Forest Service. The Agency Fire Operations Risk Management Council uses what is called a ‘Facilitated Learning Analysis (FLA) process to address significant ‘close call’ or ‘near miss’ safety events in fighting wildfires which I think is really neat and thought would be interesting to use as a platform to write about the 2014 Columbus Sleigh Rally – because I experienced my first ‘tip-over’ driving accident at the show. The following paragraphs are my perspective of the tip-over in a FLA-based format.

What is facilitated Learning Analysis?: A Facilitated Learning Analysis ties to the ‘continuous improvement process’ approach, which many readers may be familiar with at their workplace. The purpose focuses on identifying risks and sharing lessons learned. Safety is thought of, or referred to, as ‘the reasonableness of risk.’ As carriage drivers, we all believe the level of risk we expose ourselves to is ‘reasonable’ (even though many of our non-driving ‘horse friends,’ other friends, and family

may not agree with us!). A point from the process which I believe can help people discuss and learn from scary, ‘near miss’ events is, ‘it extremely rare that people are actually careless; overwhelmingly, accidents are the result of rare combinations of normal performance variability.’ In other words, discussions about scary safety incidents cannot be talked about in a manner where people can grow and learn if blame and accusations are part of the conversation.

Summary of Incident: I arrived at the Columbus show grounds with my helpers Anne and her daughter Emma, and, after leading Wilco around the show grounds, we hooked up a little after 11 o’clock. We walked and trotted around the show grounds and the golf course, including a proposed route for the cones class. We participated in the noon Pleasure Class where we witnessed another tip-over accident. After the Pleasure class, I asked Anne to take the barrel out of the sleigh (our ‘turn-out’ was a beer delivery sleigh) and Emma put on her helmet. On the way to the starting gate, I noticed the sleigh ‘fish-tailing’ side-to-side a little after we turned a corner. We started out and the sleigh ‘slid to the outside’ pretty hard during the first corner and I slowed Wilco down.

As many of you have competed at Columbus, we were headed ‘downhill’ towards the ‘big staircase’ entrance of the pavilion. We cornered left, towards the pavilion and slightly uphill. Wilco picked up 2-3 canter strides and I half-halted her back to a trot. At that point, I was focused on getting around a ‘point’ of higher, unplowed snow (sort of like a median in a parking lot), to make another left hand turn. I did not notice, but according to spectators, although we were traveling fairly straight, the sleigh continued to fish-tail side to side and we hit something, flipping over onto the right side of the sleigh. I remember being dragged (and getting a good face wash), and desperately trying to hold on to the reins. I let go and saw Wilco and the sleigh continue, the sleigh righted itself, Wilco turned right (towards the playground), and then, with ‘everyone yelling at her to whoa,’ she halted and stood there. I noticed Emma was up and moving around so I walked as fast as I could to Wilco. A bystander had reached Wilco (if anyone knows his name, please thank him for me because I believe I forgot!). Great bit of luck, the sleigh runners were over the reins (no doubt helping with the ‘whoa’ command),

and Wilco actually looked pretty calm. We hopped back into the sleigh, walked around for a bit, and were then allowed to attempt the course again.

Physical conditions: In a wildfire ‘accident,’ the discussion here is usually about the weather, like changing wind direction, or the slope of the land’s effect on the fire’s progress. From my perspective, the dramatic change in footing played a significant role in the accident. When we first started out, the snow was ‘tacky.’ Wilco was pulling pretty hard and the sleigh did not fish-tail in the corners nor when we were traveling straight. Within about 45 minutes to an hour, the snow surface changed dramatically, becoming very slick and very fast. On the way back to the parking lot, we actually experienced a few spots where, due to the cross slope of the ‘trail,’ the sleigh travelled at about a 5-10% angle downslope of Wilco. Another physical condition which I believe factored into the accident was visibility. It started to snow and I remember it being difficult to see the edges or boundary of the plowed trail and the higher, unplowed areas.

Lessons Learned: What Went Well: The show officials recognizing the changed condition and limited the speed to trot during cones. Emma put on her helmet and we took the barrel (a potential hazard) out of the sleigh.

Routinely practicing ‘whoa’ in the indoor arena with multiple people riding and general commotion going on during our longing sessions. With the incredibly cold weather, I had been longing Wilco in the evenings when 3-5 people might be riding or taking lessons. We practiced ‘whoa’ and ‘stand’ (with me then walking around randomly, turning away from her, etc.) as part of our five minute walk warm-up in both directions. Practicing ‘whoa’ and ‘stand’ in hand in the ‘show ring’ prior to hooking up. Who’s to say which played a bigger factor in Wilco actually stopping – the ‘whoa training’ or the reins being stuck under the runners! I will continue to practice ‘the rules at home apply here at the show’ with her for a while longer.

Show organizers and bystanders reacting calmly and with purpose while Wilco was loose. I was a little ‘distracted,’ but I generally remember people at the show ‘knowing what to do’ and a sense of purpose that I believe made the emergency have a better outcome.

Lesson Learned: Continuous Improvement: Increased ‘Situational Awareness’ for footing: In the wild land firefighting community, they use a phrase called ‘situational awareness’ to talk about the heightened sensitivity or awareness people need in high risk situations. I have a higher degree of ‘situational awareness’ while driving, as do I think most people, especially when hooking and unhooking. So while I was ‘aware’ of the change in footing, as were show officials,’ my level of ‘respect’ and inclination to more significantly change how I’m driving due to the footing has increased.

Form Follows Function: Its sort of ‘in our nature’ at Pleasure shows to attempt to ‘go fast’ or make tighter turns’ with vehicles that were designed and built for a completely differently purpose. My cute little Russian-type ‘sleigh wagon’ does an awesome job winter trail driving, hauling wood, and even carrying beer barrels – making turns at speed? Not so much.

In Conclusion: I am very grateful Melanie and the other show officials allowed us to ‘take the cones course again’ after the tip-over. I believe it really helped me process the event, help my horse have a positive show experience, and generally end on a ‘good note.’ Which we did – our second attempt was very cautious and focused and we ended up winning the class. But then, as Aesop already taught us, ‘slow and steady wins the race,’ right?

Drive Into Yesterday By Debi Radtke



Several years ago I fell in love with a very special place, a place where you can leave the hustle and bustle of today behind and step back into a simpler way of life. Old World Wisconsin (OWW) is a recreation of the working farmsteads and settlements dating back to the 1800s. Here you can watch black smiths work, visit the general store, see a vintage baseball game, and see what's cooking at each of the farmsteads. It is amazing to watch the planting in the spring and see the transformation of vegetation as you drive past the heirloom gardens through the season and watch the harvest in the fall. Here you can bring your horse and step right into the action. In the beginning Dairyland members were given the opportunity to drive during OWW special events. Today we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to drive on the grounds of Old World Wisconsin any time they are open. In the beginning we had about 10 turnouts at each event; today very few members take advantage of this opportunity. Old World Wisconsin offers a safe and quiet place to drive your horse away from traffic. You will get a taste of what it must have been like when horse and buggy was used for transportation and imagine what it must have been like to live in an era without all the modern conveniences of TVs, computers, and cell phones. But then, those of you who have waited a week for me to answer your email know I am not joined at the hip with my computer and the many things about a simpler way appeals to me. I am a carriage "junkie" and have more fun shopping for old style clothing than modern, so I fall right into the Old World way of life. I enjoy sharing stories about my horses with the guests and spending time trotting through the quiet back roads. The full loop of Old World Wisconsin is 3 to 3.5 miles long so this is also a great place to condition your horse.

Your horse does encounter trams, farm animals, and pedestrians which could include running children, strollers and umbrellas so he/she must be trained to a level to accept those things. If your horse is very green and you are not sure, you can bring your horse and lead him on the grounds. I did this with Sugar Baby the first time as I was not sure how she would handle things. Once I was convinced she was "ok" with the trams and farm animals we returned to the trailer, hooked up and enjoyed a wonderful drive. If walking doesn't appeal to you, we could pony your horse from the back of my stud cart. I did this with one of my young Friesian mares. This gave me a great opportunity to tell guests how a stud was transported from farm to farm for breeding. I would be happy to meet you one morning to do this. My gelding, Dove handles most things fairly well, but he does not like the oxen if they are out of their pen. I am careful to avoid them. Last year I agreed to carry the Goddess of Liberty in their 4th of July Parade. The oxen were staged a few units behind me. I made sure Dove never saw them and he never realized they were even there.

Yes, you do need to dress in period costume. For women your costume can be something as simple as a long skirt and blouse with a high collar and long sleeves. If it is a little cool, an afghan folded into a triangle makes a great shawl. If it's a downright cold day, it's a great time to bring out the fur coat you save for sleigh riding. For men if the vehicle you are driving is formal you can wear black pants, tuxedo shirt and coat, with a top hat. A top hat can be purchased at Bartz party store for under \$10. For a casual look bib overalls, long sleeved shirt and straw hat works.

The Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul and rummage/estate sales make great places to find costume items. Or if you prefer there are stores offering original vintage clothing or reproductions. Dime a Dance in Cedarburg and Reflections of the Past in Whitewater are two stores that come to mind for vintage clothing. River Junction, in McGregor IA (just across the river from Prairie Du Chien) offers two stores that specialize in reproduction clothing. For men you would like to drive in style you can pick up a tuxedo jacket at Nedrebo's. (The last one I purchased cost \$25.) You can even pick up some accessories at the Old World Wisconsin Gift Shop. Your style of dress should match your vehicle. I choose Victorian clothing to go with my surrey. I then researched books at the local library, making note of details I liked. When I went to Nedrebo's I brought pictures of tuxedos and shirts from the period. Style details repeat and I was able to find a jacket with lapels that matched the photos I brought in from the Victorian period. I would be happy to help anyone put a costume together and I

have several hats and accessories that I could loan out. We have been asked to leave modern items like watches and sunglasses behind. If you have painted nails, please wear gloves and long hair should be worn tied back.

As for the vehicle, as long as it has wooden wheels and traditional design it will be acceptable for driving at OWW. Slow moving vehicles signs are considered modern and we are asked to remove them while driving on the grounds. If you don't have a vehicle, you are welcome to borrow my stud cart. I have used it on horses 15.1 to 16.3 hands.

Old World Wisconsin holds several special events each year. All but the Sheep Shearing event include lunch for the drivers.

May 10 – 11 Sheep Shearing

May 17 – 18 Spring Plowing

July 26 – 27 Threshing

Sept 20 – 21 Fall Planting

Oct 18 – 19 Autumn on the Farm / Sawmill

Please keep in mind attendance will be greater, there will be more activities in the villages and the trams will be circling the grounds, while all this activity will add to your enjoyment, your horse may not agree, so be sure your horse is prepared to handle the extra distractions.

We have been asked not to drive our horses down to the gift shop or use the roadway between the church and Caldwell Hall in the Cross Roads Village.

Dirk Hildebrandt is our contact for driving at Old World Wisconsin and he will alert the tram drivers that we are on the grounds. If you would like to come to Old World, please call Dirk at 262-594-6310. Under the requirements of State Law, a copy of your horse's coggins must be on file so remember to bring an extra copy. If you attend our first pleasure drive of the year the copy you bring will be held for the year.

I am willing to help you any way I can whether it be ponying your horse behind my cart or helping you with a costume. You can best reach me on my cell phone – 414-588-5576. I hope you will plan to drive at Old World Wisconsin this year and fall in love as I have with this very special place to drive your horse.

****Editors Note: Please see Bev Wassam's add in the classified section for additional help with period clothing!**

DDC Members, Midwest Horse Fair Needs YOU!

Every year the Dairyland Driving Club has a booth at the Midwest Horse Fair to promote the sport of driving and inform the public of the opportunities to drive in the Dairyland Driving Club.

We need your help to make this booth a success. If you are interested and able to volunteer please contact Marge Gettelman at:

m.gettelman@yahoo.com

Pictured at left is Debra Moll-Sauer at the Columbus Sleigh Rally. (photo by Amanda Lehning)



Dairyland Driving Club Logo Wear



Orders are now being taken for new DDC Logo Wear. The logo is two color and will match the polo shirt or vest.

All clothing comes in both mens and women's styles, and a HUGE range of sizes to fit a variety of adults and older kids. Women's S - 4XLT and Mens S - 4XLT.

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(top right) **Men's Polo:** Available in Forest Green, Maroon, Yellow/ Gold, Navy, Red, and Royal Blue. Tall sizes in Navy only. Micromesh golf shirt. Designed to control and manage perspiration.



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(bottom right) **Women's cut soft shell vest.** Available in Black, Navy, and Cranberry. 3 layer construction, windproof/water resistant outer shell. Breathable inner. Anti-pilling micro fleece lining, fleece-lined chin guard. Draw-cord hem for custom fit.

Orders must be received by March 31, 2014. Please make checks payable to DDC and send to Nancy Nelson, 106 Park, Westfield, WI 53964

Need ideas for all those horse show ribbons? Why not try some new craft ideas? I would love to try making this ribbon bag someday. For other ideas and patterns go to: <http://www.ribbonrehab.com>



2014 DDC Drives Schedule

April 27	Old World Wisconsin	Eagle
May 11	Black Hawk Drive	Black Hawk Unit – Sauk City
June 22	Donald Park	Mount Vernon
August 17	Menomonee Park	Menomonee Falls & Lannon
September 28	Richard Bong State Recreational Area	Kansasville-Burlington area
October 12	Harry Radtke Memorial Drive	Didier Farms – Port Washington

The major focus of the Dairyland Driving Club is to provide safe, scenic and enjoyable pleasure drives throughout the driving season. .

Everyone at each drive must be a DDC member. You can invite a friend to ride along in your carriage by purchasing a “guest” membership for them for \$5. Use the DDC Application form for your guest member.

Current Coggins Test must be available at all drives. You can scan and email a copy prior to the first drive. If you fail to get your name on the list, you must provide a copy at the drives.

Trail passes. State or county trail passes may be required. **Clean up.** The common courtesy of cleaning your parking spot before leaving is expected; this includes manure. **Cancellation.** In case of inclement weather, check your email or the Dairyland Driving Club website (www.dairylanddriving.org).

FOR ALL THE PLEASURE DRIVES

- **ARRIVE** about **10:00 AM**,
- **STOP DRIVING** at **12:15**; have lunch together at 12:30 PM. Near the end of our meal, there will be a "Twenty Minute Clinic" on various topics of interest to carriage drivers. **Unless otherwise specified, bring a picnic lunch.**
- **AFTERNOON DRIVE** starts about **1:30 PM**.

April 27: Old World Wisconsin Drive. Wonderful trails with historic buildings throughout the park. Directions: Old World Wisconsin is located 1½ miles south of Eagle in Waukesha County. The main entrance is approximately one mile north of their postal address on Hwy 67: S103 W37890 State Road 67 Eagle, WI 53119.

May 11: Black Hawk Drive At 12:15 we will stop for a **potluck lunch**. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share plus their beverages, plates & utensils. Directions: Blackhawk Unit is located approximately 2 miles south of US Hwy 12 on State Rd 78. Take Wachter Road to the top of the hill. Please park under the large open air pavilion past the log cabin.

August 17: Menomonee Park Drive, Menomonee Falls. Known locally as Lannon Quarry, Menomonee Park is located within the Villages of Menomonee Falls and Lannon. Menomonee Park totals 470 acres of rolling field, high quality maple woods, cattail marsh, wetlands, and a 16-acre quarry lake. In 1880-1900, a stone quarry operated here, now remnants of its history include an old stone crusher and the railroad spur running from the quarry to the Bugline Trail. Address is W220 N7884 Townline Rd, Menomonee Falls, 53051.

September 28: Richard Bong State Recreation Area. Once designated to be a jet fighter base, Richard Bong State Recreation Area is named for Major Richard I. Bong, a Poplar, WI native who was America's leading air ace during World War II. The air base was abandoned three days before concrete was to be poured for a 12,500-foot runway. Local citizens had the foresight to protect this open space for future generations. Richard Bong State Recreation Area is open year-round from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. **Directions:** Richard Bong State Recreation Area is eight miles southeast of Burlington, WI on State Highway 142. The entrance is a little less than one mile west of State Highway 75. **Vehicle admission sticker is required.** State trail pass is required for off-road bikers, horseback riders and off-highway vehicles.

October 12: Harry Radtke Memorial Drive, Port Washington. This drive, in honor of long time DDC member Harry Radtke, will be held at the lovely farms of the Didier Family. **Bring something for the chili dump lunch.** This drive has it all – lovely scenic trails, a bridge and water crossing, some old hazards from the American Heritage CDE for you to try if you wish, plus an area for practicing dressage and cones. Our thanks to Pat and Pete Didier for all the preparations they make for this event. **Directions:** Take I-43 to Exit #100. Instead of going into Port Washington, take County Road H north. Almost immediately after crossing the bridge, you will see County Rd KW. (H and KW form a "Y.") Take KW north and drive about 1.8 miles. There are Didier Farms on both sides of the road. Take the driveway on the right and continue right past the older farm house, other buildings, barns, and park in a field designated for that purpose.

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2014 Coggins

Debi Radtke set up a gmail account to hold our 2014 coggins. Pretty easy, coggins papers can be emailed to: 2014Coggins@gmail.com The password is Dairyland, so any member can check if they are hosting a drive or just want to verify their coggins was received in the email account. OR if you do not have access to email, please bring extra copies to the pleasure drive and give to Debi Radtke.

Dairyland Driving Club

Annual Meeting

March 2, 2014

McFarland Municipal Building

President Jennifer Thompson opened the meeting at 3:04 p.m. with over ? people in attendance. The current temperature was 6 degrees Fahrenheit.

Nancy Nelson gave the Treasurer's Report:

- The checkbook balance is \$2861.54.
- There are two CDs, one for \$4305.53 and the other for \$5157.49.
- The total is \$12324.56.
- There were 126 Memberships (40 Family Membership, 86 Individuals in 2013)

Dani Oster moved and Marge Gettelman 2nd to accept the Treasurer's Report. MC.

Old Business

Good Neighbor Trail donation – Chet Thomas reported that the DDC board developed a policy for donations since last year, and that Penni Klein resubmitted a request and that donation has been made.

DDC Clothing orders – Jennifer Thompson showed examples of clothing that DDC is offering. Vests are \$55. Men's colors are black, navy, khaki; Women's colors are black, navy, and cranberry. Polos are \$30. Minimum order is 6 of each.

Midwest Horse Fair update – Loren Gettelman reported that we will have a larger presence at MHF. We have an hour presentation time on each day. Sessions are Friday - 9:00 am, Saturday - 3:00, Sunday - 4:00. There will be 15 min. each on three subjects: Horses, Harnesses, and Carriages. For entry level people to get them involved in driving, and get them involved in the club. Looking for volunteers for the presentations and manning the booth. We are hosting the only driving session offered. DDC members need to contact the MHF to create more need for presenters. Myrna Rhinehart asked if members wanted to focus on sponsoring educational seminars or provide a demonstration in the arena. Wayne Schutte clarified that the demonstrations are only 10 minutes now, and educational presentations are an hour. The response encouraged to participate in educational sessions. On an educational note, Mary Ruth Marks suggested having a list of people that would be willing to allow people to come see their carriage-related items at their homes. Marge Gettelman asked that people email the information about people who would be willing to have people come to their places. Marge reported that DDC is looking for volunteers for the booth.

Cooperative Opportunities update – Chet Thomas explained that DDC is looking to partner with Hickory Knoll/Frostwood Farm to explore what sorts of opportunities there are to host driving activities. We are looking at longer range planning. The first thing that came out was having sessions at MHF, and publicizing co-sponsored clinics at Hickory Knoll. We will have input on the topics for the May clinic. We are trying to "reinvent" the Safety Clinic into different things.

Star Program Recognitions – Terri Delke announced that we have 13 Star Drivers. Terri explained that she is changing the closing date for DDC hours to be coinciding with ADS Hours to Drive program. Star Members have a star on their membership cards. We are also adding DDC volunteer hours to gain Star points. Terri read the qualifications for the Star program.

Membership Renewals and New Members – Terri Delke stated that we have three new members today. 33 people also renewed memberships. Decals are also available for DDC promotion.

Pleasure Drives – Debi Radtke reminded members that the drive lists were placed on the tables. There is one more drive being scheduled. We need hosts for three drives over on the east side of the state. Wayne suggested that we have a drive at the Old Wade House in Greenbush. If people are interested, they should contact Wayne. Karen Arkebauer shared that she met the new director for the Old Wade House, Bridget Zuelke. She had asked how the Old Wade House can host a competitive carriage event there. Jennifer announced that DDC is looking to have a site prep day for Old World Wisconsin before the April drive. Jennifer reported that Debi Radtke organized an overnight camping trip that nobody attended. If members want more recreational events, they need to participate in these events.

2015 Member Clinic – Jennifer Thompson reported that we are looking at hosting Joe Yoder or Jeff Morse. We need a place to hold it and also an assistant to help organize.

Newsletter – Donna Crossman thanked Susie Koos-Acker for her editorial skills for the newsletter this past year. Donna needs new business cards for that section. The cards are \$25 for the year. Donna reminded that the next deadline is March 14. Send newsletter items to Donna for inclusion.

New Business

New DDC Activities – Jennifer requested that members participate in activities, such as webinar hosting. Susie Acker reminded that March 24 will be a webinar on ADS Rule Changes. Jennifer also encouraged members to volunteer to host educational opportunities in their homes or local meeting rooms.

Updating resource list – Jennifer asked that DDC members who wish to be listed here need to contact her. People listed who are not DDC members will be removed.

Columbus Horse & Carriage Festival – Susie Acker reported that the class schedule is almost done, but she wants to review it with the judges before sending it out. They are working on some changes for the event. Turnout will be on Saturday morning. Obstacle courses will have less cone sets. May 10 is the deadline to be considered for the drawing for fees to be paid by the event. CHCF has been nominated as one of the Tourism Events of the Year for Columbia County by the Department of Tourism.

Notara Farm HDT – Mary Ruth reported that July 5 will be the HDT. There will only be 25 entries accepted. Entries open May 15. Indian Hills HDT will not be offered this year, so get your entries in early.

Not Quite Ready for Primetime show – Char Ehlert reported that Bound's Showtime Arena has added driving classes.

Villa Louis Carriage Classic – Karen Arkebauer reported for Mike Rider that he is considering adding a Utility Vehicle division and a Lady to Drive class.

Old World Wisconsin – call Old World if you wish to drive at Old World in period costumes during their open season.

Morab show – Jane Licht reported that the Morab shows have lots of driving classes.

Nominees to the DDC Board are Bob Long, Nancy Nelson, and Dan Peterson. Jennifer asked if there are any nominations from the floor. Wes Licht moved that nominations cease, Mary Ruth 2nd. Wayne moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominated members, Terri Delke 2nd. MC.

Suzanne Gillespie moved to adjourn the meeting. MC.

Respectfully submitted,
Myrna Rhinehart, Secretary

It's time to Renew Your Membership!!

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Family Membership. Includes two adult partners and all children under the age of 18 living in one household. **\$20**

Individual Membership. Includes one adult person over the age of 18 (as of January 1 of the year of the membership). **\$18**

Junior Membership: Includes one child under 18 (as of January 1 of the year of the membership) who is not included in a Family Membership. **\$10.**

Guest Membership: Includes one adult or child. Not entitled to voting privileges or publications but may attend DDC events and ride along as a passenger. Must be sponsored by a Family Member or Individual Member and may not bring a horse or drive a horse at a DDC event. **\$5**

DAIRYLAND DRIVING CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Type of membership (circle one) Family \$20, Individual \$18, Youth \$10 (not part of family membership), Guest \$5*

*Guest Membership only - name of DDC member sponsor: _____

Name - Primary Contact: _____

Name - Secondary Contact: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

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