

Dairyland Driving Club Annual Meeting

February 16, 2020

McFarland Municipal Center

Meeting called to order by President Wolfgang Gaggl at 2:10 pm. He reported that the year was accident free and that we had a balanced budget.

Gaggl asked Vice President Howard Kietzke to present a DDC Lifetime Membership to Bob Mischka.

Gaggl asked to approve the minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting. Terri Delke moved to accept, Sharon Makurat, 2nd. MC.

Treasurer's Report. Nancy Nelson reported that we received a \$500 grant from the Wisconsin State Horse Council which will go to the Wade House State Historic Site. Kietzke reported that the audit committee, consisting of Ron Hensler and Ed Robotka, did a thorough audit. They concluded that the financial records are in order. Fern Thiede moved, Mary Ruth Marks 2nd to approve the treasurer's report, MC.

Committee Reports

Marge Gettelman reported that Midwest Horse Fair participants for the 2020 DDC demonstrations have been notified. The addition of five stalls has been approved by the MHF from the requested 15. There are 20 total stalls. Sheri Haviza asked for the names of the participants with horses which Marge read. Sections of presentation include: Wagon Train, Four-in-Hand, Trail Etiquette, Youth Drivers. Lecture rooms are available at the MHF, so Marge submitted for the title "The Cart Behind the Horse" (difference between driving vehicles.) There will be three sections in the barn area for hospitality: a carriage in a booth, general educational information, and a horse to be harnessed for education. Ann Nelson is coordinating volunteer staffing in the booth. Sheri Haviza reminded members that world champion carriage driver Suzy Stafford will also be a clinician at the MHF giving lessons and demonstrations.

Marge Gettelman moved to rescind the motion made by the board that food shall not be prepared and served in the MHF booth. Diane McPherson, 2nd. Discussion ensued. MC.

Marge Gettelman reported on Historical Drives at Old World Wisconsin.

Steve Wassam, Recreational Driving Chair, reported on the Recreational Pleasure Drives. He doesn't know when the first drive will happen at Old World Wisconsin. Wassam reported that the schedule will be pretty much the same as last year. He had his own list which will be listed in the newsletter and reported on his planned dates. Coggins can be emailed to Steve electronically.

Sharon Makurat reported on the Safety Committee. The Safety Manuals were distributed for free at the Midwest Horse Fair. The Safety Committee is utilizing the survey for input on safety issues. They are in the process of rewriting the Safety Manual. They want to add information on safety with full collars before the next printing. Marge Gettelman reported that there are 120 Safety Manuals from the last printing, and 50-70 from the printing before that in the club trailer.

Gaggl reported that there is a Safety Co-Host at each drive to serve as an extra pair of eyes to check over each turnout and serve as a point person at each drive.

Jeanne White presented the Star Driver Awards to Dani Oster and Terri Delke. She had a number of items for the Star Drivers including metal carriage cut-outs made by Jim Slovik.

Gaggl reported on the survey which was conducted last year. There were a number of questions that were qualitative which are hard to report. A summary will be reported in the newsletter.

Kietzke reported on a Carriage Maintenance Clinic that he and Jim Slovik will give on a Saturday for a safety inspection on club members' vehicles. He asked for input in regard to interest in such a clinic, and they would like to do that clinic in the early spring. Jeanne White suggested that members RSVP, and Kietzke stated that there will probably be appointments. Feedback was positive to have such an event.

Gaggl presented the proposed budget for 2020. We closed last year with a slight profit over the year before. There has been discussion on the board about costs for mailing the newsletter. Discussion ensued in regard to whether or not to charge members extra for paper newsletter distribution vs. email distribution. No changes were made. Haviza stated that she is disappointed that there is less money designated for educational clinics than for the club's participation in the Midwest Horse Fair. Gaggl reiterated that the clinic budget item is designated for facility cost vs. clinician cost as the club can utilize experienced club members for clinicians. Marge Gettelman asked if the club is looking to present a New Member Safety Clinic. Ann Nelson asked if there is a Clinic Committee established and stated that she would be interested in being a part of that. Dean Achenbach moved to approve the budget, Mark ? 2nd. MC.

Gaggl presented the proposed bylaw change to move the Annual Meeting to the 4th Quarter instead of the 1st Quarter. Pros and cons were discussed by club members. Sheri Haviza moved to move the Annual Meeting date to the 4th quarter. Susie Koos Acker 2nd. A hand vote was done. Motion passed with 43 yes and 13 no votes. Marge Gettelman suggested that a semi-annual meeting be conducted mid-year for input from the membership. Cyndi Conley moved that the board meeting agenda be printed in the newsletter. Ann Nelson 2nd. MC.

Marge Gettelman moved for any monies leftover from MHF budget expenses to be distributed to MHF participants. Steve Wassam 2nd. Motion Failed.

Michele Harn talked about the Midwest Carriage Festival online entries and prize list and reiterated the necessity for sponsorships. She also asked for information about youth who are working with experienced drivers so she can write an article for the ADS The Whip magazine.

Susie Koos Acker talked about the Wade House Carriage Driving Days changes including adding a Combined Test. She will also be having educational sessions at the show.

Gaggl lead the process for board elections and asked candidates Donna Crossman, Sharon Makurat, Nancy Nelson, and Jessica Reuterskiold what aspects of DDC they would like DDC to continue and what they would like to see new. Candidates each took turns answering the questions. Wolfgang asked for nominations from the floor. Suzanne Gillespie nominated Mary Ruth Marks who accepted and answered the questions asked. Donna Crossman, Nancy Nelson, Mary Ruth Marks were elected.

Door prizes were won by Gracie Ferries and Char Ehlert.

Board of Directors meeting – Wolfgang Gaggl called the meeting to order 4:32. He welcomed new board members. Gaggl announced that he will be stepping down off the board. He asked that the board fill the remainder of his term with Sharon Makurat. He moved as such, and Steve Wassam 2nd. Howard Kietzke suggested that the board think about this vacancy. Motion failed. Kietzke thanked Gaggl for his service.

In the interest in making sure bills are paid, Kietzke moved to nominate Nancy Nelson as Treasurer. Mary Ruth Marks 2nd. MC.

The group decided to elect other officers and roles at the next meeting.

Howard moved to adjourn, Mary Ruth Marks 2nd. MC.

Acting Secretary,

Myrna Rhinehart

Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting Continued from 2/16 – February 23, 2020

Board members in attendance – Donna Crossman, Howard Kietzke, Diane Mader, Mary Ruth Marks, Nancy Nelson, Myrna Rhinehart, Jim Slovik, Steve Wassam. DDC non-board members in attendance: Loren and Marge Gettelman, Sharon Makurat, Wayne and/or Linda Schutte. Jessica Reuterskiold joined later.

2019 Vice President Howard Kietzke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He asked Myrna Rhinehart to take minutes considering that she had started the original minutes at the board meeting after the Annual Meeting.

He asked for nominations to fill Wolfgang Gaggl's position. Diane Mader nominated Sharon Makurat, Nancy Nelson nominated Jessica Reuterskiold. After a voice vote was taken, Kietzke announced that the new board member is Jessica Reuterskiold.

Kietzke moved on to the nomination of officers and asked for a nomination for President. Nancy Nelson nominated Howard Kietzke, Mary Ruth Marks 2nd. MC.

Jim Slovik nominated Myrna Rhinehart for Vice President, Nancy Nelson 2nd. MC.

Nancy Nelson nominated Donna Crossman for Secretary, Mary Ruth Marks 2nd. MC.

Howard Kietzke nominated Mary Ruth Marks and Jessica Reuterskiold for Education and Safety Committee Chairs, Nancy Nelson 2nd. MC.

Jim Slovik nominated Steve Wassam for Recreational Drives Chair, Mary Ruth Marks 2nd. MC.

Howard Kietzke nominated Myrna Rhinehart for Webmaster, Nancy Nelson 2nd. MC.

Howard Kietzke nominated Nancy Nelson and Donna Crossman for Communications Chairs, Jim Slovik 2nd. MC.

Myrna Rhinehart nominated Diane Mader for Star Program Chair, Jim Slovik 2nd. Diane declined the nomination. The position will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Nancy Nelson nominated Jim Slovik for DDC Representative to the Wisconsin State Horse Council, Mary Ruth Marks 2nd. MC.

Steve Wassam nominated himself as the Board Representative to the DDC Midwest Horse Fair Committee, Diane Mader 2nd, Mary Ruth Marks nominated Howard Kietzke, Nancy Nelson 2nd. After a voice vote, Howard was elected as the rep. Howard abstained from voting.

Nancy Nelson nominated Myrna Rhinehart as Parliamentarian, Mary Ruth Marks 2nd. MC.

Mary Ruth Marks moved to adjourn, Nancy Nelson 2nd. MC.

Myrna Rhinehart, Acting Secretary