

NDS NEWSLETTER



Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving

April 2022

Minutes of the NDS Annual Meeting March 19, 2022 Barnard Restaurant and Party House

Laurie Neubauer made a motion to open the meeting. Sue Knauer seconded. There were 37 members present and 52 people altogether. Jerry Lechner, President, said there were no contested officer positions but there was an opening if anyone wanted to volunteer. As there were no takers, Jerry called for a motion to accept the ballot. Ray Cable motioned to accept and Laurie Neubauer seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

PLEASURE SHOW

Jerry gave a big thank you to Nicole and Ray Cable for hosting the 2021 and now the 2022 show at their Silver Shoe Farm in Batavia. This year's judge will be Bill Venditta. We are still in need of volunteers for the show. Please respond to Jerry Lechner, President, Jim Knauer, Vice-President, or Reenie Romeo, secretary if you are able to help.

Audrey Cooper made a motion to close the meeting, and Mary Crinean seconded.

The link below shows our 2022 Pleasure Show judge driving a 4-in-hand:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1cEs1YEm-o>

NDS ANNUAL DINNER

by Audrey Cooper

Finally! We held the annual dinner, general meeting and auction on March 19 at Barnard Exempts, the venue of our last several dinners. Over fifty members and guests attended and were so happy to see each other and catch up.

The existing slate of officers and board members retained their positions by unanimous vote.

The buffet dinner was delicious, featuring roast pork, ham, and chicken French with baked ziti, carrots, and roasted small potatoes, salad and strawberry shortcake.

The auction was in a slightly different format this year, featuring a silent auction where people placed their bids on bid sheets and kept an eye on them before dinner and approximately fifteen minutes after dinner, increasing their bids if outbid, with the final highest bid the winner. There was also a live auction featuring ever-popular Brian Romeo as auctioneer, assisted by his lovely wife, Jamie, and daughter, Aria, as runners.

Lots of gorgeous hats at this year's auction and they sold at very affordable prices. There was also a lot of nice framed artwork, tea, coffee and wine baskets, a few horse and dog items, books, and an assortment of novelties. Dave Fanton did not disappoint as he contributed several of

his hand-made, heirloom-quality items – boxes, frames, and a bench - for which he is justly well-known, and the bidding on these items was especially spirited.

The auction proceeds were \$1,389. There were a total of 68 items auctioned. Of those, 37 were sold via the silent auction and 31 were sold via the live auction. The average proceeds per item was \$20.43. The number of items auctioned was down, but the average price was the highest that we have seen in the past four auctions. This year was similar to our last auction in 2020 which was \$19.82 but the previous three years were in the \$15 - \$17 range.

To all of you who attended – it was great to see you! Thank you for your continued support of NDS.

Future Events

March

9 NDS Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 p.m.
18 Harness/Horse Auction - Vineyard Road Auction, Romulus, NY

19 NDS Annual Banquet/Meeting/ & Auction

19 Pony and Consignment Auction, Romulus, NY

19-20 Equi-Fest

April

13 NDS Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

21-23 NDS Road Trip to Martin's Auction
22 Martin's Auction Lebanon, Pennsylvania

May

11 NDS Board Meeting via Zoom

15 OCBSC Annual Swap 'n Shop 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact Jerri Hulse for information:

(585)293-3163

21 WNYCCA Combined Test and Continuous Drive @ Avon Driving Park

June

8 NDS Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

19 NDS Pleasure Show -Bill Venditta, Judge
26 Barneveld

July

15-17 Lorenzo

30 Dancer's Heavenly Host Miniature

Horse Show at Sue Zuber's farm- 3846

Westside Dr. Churchville Grounds open at 7:00 a.m., show begins at 9 a.m.

Contact Amanda Cervini for more information:

dancer31501@hotmail.com

August

6 NDS Mini Muster at Audrey Cooper's 10-2

September

3-4 GVRDC Show

TBD Possible short notice event

14 NDS Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

October

12 NDS Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

15 NDS Pleasure Drive place TBD

November

9 NDS Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

Other suggested Events

Greenway drive – Audrey and Reenie will look into that.

Tour of Wadsworth mansion

Pairs Clinic- 2023.

NDS Board Meeting – April 13, 2022
Jerry Lechner opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

In virtual attendance were Jim Knauer, Dawn Ziegler, Bob Brunsdon, Erika Martin, Jessie Martin, and Audrey Cooper.

Treasurer's Report

Our account balance is \$6,977. Insurance premium has been paid. Auction proceeds were \$1,389. Accounting for the annual dinner is being finalized.

Membership Report

The club acquired a new member, Sue Pacer, at the dinner, and recently another family membership, Amanda, Joel and Paula Freeman from Walworth. This brings the membership total to around sixty to sixty-five members total. Audrey will get the exact number to the board.

Show Report

We went over the prize list with Bob and made some small corrections and changes. Audrey will contact Bob with particulars about Bruce Jones as show photographer. Nancy Vidler has already been advised on the show date and has agreed to be our announcer for another year. Bob will double-check with Terry Brooks about her willingness to be show secretary. Prize list should go out soon.

There being no other business, Jerry moved to adjourn and was seconded.

Pictures from 2021 NDS Pleasure Show

