

# NDS NEWSLETTER



*Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving*

December 2023

## **NDS General Membership Meeting December 9, 2023**

Jerry opened the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

There were 21 people in attendance

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasury is currently at \$5868

--2023 dinner cost the club \$438

--2023 auction proceeds were \$1488

--99 items were donated for the auction, with 44 in the live auction and 55 in the silent auction

--Average sale of auction items was \$15, which is down from previous years

--2023 show cost the club \$968

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Annual Banquet/Auction**

Auction- suggestion to do Chinese auction by selling tickets- people put tickets in bags – Jeanne volunteered to help with this as it was her idea. The alternative is to do partial silent auction and partial live.

#### **Schooling Show**

Schooling show was excellent but it was not well attended. Rick Butts was a great host and offered to have us use his excellent farm again in 2024. Many people said they would attend.

#### **Fall Pleasure Drive**

The drive was well-attended and a great success. Thanks went out to Mary Crinean and Jeff LaDue for all their work putting that together.

#### **Future Clinics/Events:**

- Schooling Show- at Lorick Stables
- Fall Drive – Audrey suggested Letchworth State Park. Jim added that parking can be an issue, and this park requires a fit horse. (Possibly Northampton Park, Mendon Ponds, or the Greenway near Nunda) – The drive could be a poker run.
- NDS Show June 23 at Nicole's
- Batavia Downs

- Driven Dressage- Tara Defendorf has said she would conduct this.
- Trace Pace- \$10- could be done with pleasure drive – Audrey said we may be able to do the trace pace at her place with the track and her dressage ring.

#### **Annual Banquet/Auction**

Ask people via newsletter if they mind spending \$40-\$50 at banquet

Auction- if people want to bring items ahead of time, they can drop them off at Jerry's.

People want to have general meetings in person every 2 months – hybrid meetings with Zoom.

Do we want to be listed with NYSHC? Sue Knauer suggested this. Contact Sue at

[sdknauer1@gmail.com](mailto:sdknauer1@gmail.com) if you have an opinion on the subject.

#### **NDS Calendar of Events**

**Banquet** – March 23 or 30 - Reenie

**Show** – June 23 – help with day of show to check in new entries – Mary's sister, Barbara can help.

**Dressage Clinic**- August 24? – Audrey and Tricia

**Schooling Show** May 11? (Not May 18 or 25) – Possibly June 1 or 8 if May 11 doesn't work. Jim will plan this again.

**Trace Pace** would be on whichever of the dates above that doesn't work for the Schooling Show (May 1 or June 1 or 8).

**Pleasure Drive** – Oct 19 – ask in newsletter for someone to help with that.

#### **Adjournment**

Audrey moved to adjourn at 11:05; Mary seconded.

If you are opposed to spending \$40 on the banquet dinner, respond to Reenie Romeo at [reenieromeo@gmail.com](mailto:reenieromeo@gmail.com) or call her at (585) 469-0128.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

It was great to see so many people at our Christmas Tea. Lots of goodies, catching up, and scheduling events for 2024.

For those of you who did not attend or renew your membership there, a reminder to renew your individual membership for \$25 or family membership for \$30. Send checks to Audrey Cooper, 279 East Manitou Road, Hilton, NY 14468 with any changes in your contact information.

A change of board members and officers from time to time keeps a club healthy by introducing new perspectives and ideas. If you would consider being a board member or officer, let us know! The board meets once a month by zoom meeting which never lasts more than an hour.

### 2024 Driving/Horse Events

<b>February</b>	3 17	Genesee Valley Equine Clinic Seminar Saratoga Driving Association Conference
<b>March</b>	16-17 23 or 30	Equifest, Hamburg NY <b>NDS Banquet</b>
<b>April</b>	19	Martin's Auction
<b>May</b>	11 17-19 25-26 31-June2	<b>NDS Schooling Show or Trace Pace</b> GMHA Spring CT/AT CVCA Tracey Morgan Clinic @ Morrisville College GVRDC Jeff Kohler Clinic @Fox Run Farm, Geneseo Elk Creek CT, Fair Hill Maryland
<b>June</b>	1-2 1-2 1 or 8 19-23 22-23 23 29-30	Elk Creek CT, Fair Hill Maryland CVCA Cones Clinic @Sheffield Farm, Ithaca <b>NDS Schooling Show or Trace Pace</b> Bromont CDE, Quebec Suzy Stafford Clinic @Stockade Polo and Saddle Club <b>NDS Pleasure Show</b> Gladstone HDT, Gladstone NJ
<b>July</b>	7 19-21 26-28 26-28	Barneveld Driving Show @ Caernarvon Park Lorenzo Tri-County Carriage Association Pleasure show, Ontario CA WNYCCA Avon Driving Park Show
<b>August</b>	8-11 17 24	Orleton, Stockbridge MA CVCA Sheffield Farms Pleasure Drive, Ithaca <b>NDS Dressage Clinic- Audrey and Tara (Date not solid)</b>
<b>September</b>	7-8 26-29	GVRDC Show and Clinic, Geneseo MidAtlantic Recreational Drive, Fair Hill, MD
<b>October</b>	19	<b>NDS Pleasure Drive- Need a volunteer to head-up this event</b>

\*\*\*Many thanks to Tricia Anselm for this calendar!!!