



The Carriage Courier

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MARCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

7:00 PM at the Scandia Community Center
Program: Safety Panel – Orphy Beattie, Mary Block and Steve Wood will discuss safety in dealing with and driving horses.

Goodie Assignment

Sue Lockling and Barb Long

Deadline for the next newsletter, March 14, 2012

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

After an educational presentation by Renee Hogendorf, Equine Defined, the meeting was called to order by President, Mary Lawrence at 9:01 p.m. Approximately 23 members were present.

Old Business:

The minutes of the January 2012 meeting, as printed in the Carriage Courier, were approved by Cherie McKenzie and Bob Matthews.

Treasurer, Heidi Block, gave a report of the balance of the club's accounts.

John Beattie gave an update of the status of the Scandia Community Center's cost of piano tuning. At this time, nothing has been determined about the tuning of the piano. John will give us another update next month. Joe Boeser brought supports for the music stand to install on the piano and took care of installing them during the meeting. Thank you, Joe!

New Business:

Cherrie Rose asked the club members if people would like to stay longer at the Crow Hassen drive in June. Cherrie explained there is another section of this park where we could stay overnight and a barn is available. We would share the cost with Whips & Wheels of \$180 plus tax. Thus, SCHCS would pay \$90 plus tax. A Three Rivers Park pass is required for entry into the park. If members do not have a Three Rivers Park pass, a daily pass can be purchased. The motion was approved by Cherrie Rose and Barb Long.

President, Mary Lawrence, requested a show of hands for those interested in attending a Spring Fling Banquet. There was a majority of people who would attend, but when asked if someone would volunteer to organize the event, no one volunteered. A motion to postpone the event until 2013 was approved by Marci Ukura and Barb Long.

Volunteers for treats for our next meeting in March are Sue Lockling and Barb Long.

Diane Monson gave a description of an upcoming training session by Bob Johnson, The Common Horseman. She explained the training would be on ground work, safety, and the establishment of leadership. Nothing is forced. Bob Matthews has talked with Bob Johnson regarding the cost of \$150/per participant and \$35 to audit. The start time would be breakfast at 8:00 am, training would begin at 8:45 am, and end at 12:00 noon for a

potluck lunch. There needs to be a group of 6 - 10. A survey of hands of those interested resulted in approximately 12 people. It is possible an afternoon session could be held if more people are interested. The event will be held at Bob & Marci's Drum Creek Farm. Bob Matthews will contact Bob Johnson to firm up a date for some time in April. Thus, the drive in April may be cancelled due to this popular event.

Annette Boeser talked about the Northwoods Driving Club. She is now the Director at Large. She talked about their newsletter and suggested if club members are interested in subscribing to their monthly e-newsletter, to send Annette an email to be added to the list. They have a very entertaining monthly newsletter.

Vice President, Bob Matthews, gave an overview of the upcoming events that are planned for 2012:

Because lack of snow Roger Berg has cancelled his sleighing party in February.

Bob Matthews has updated the 2012 schedule.

The March 7th program will be on the topic of Safety.

Cherie McKenzie asked about the club's library. It does not appear there is much interest in checking out items from the library. Diane Monson is the current librarian. Diane will be bringing the entire library to the April meeting for people to view the collection and be able check items out. If there is no longer an interest in the library, it is proposed that we sell the materials.

Roger Berg displayed his windbreaker coat that has the 1974 original St. Croix Horse and Carriage Society logo printed on the back.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by John Block and Roger Berg.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene Swenson

SORRY TO SEE YOU GO

The following members have not yet renewed. This will be the last Carriage Courier you will receive unless you renew your membership.

Mark Bayuk

Joe and Annette Boeser

Elizabeth Butler and Bill Gorrell

Rich and Jan Elias

Erin Ferguson

Raven Flores and Dan Hofhenke

Merre Kivlin

Anne and Charles Leck

Jean Lundholm

Becky Mathison

Dan and Ardelle Peters

Jeff and Virginia Pomije

Michael Ridge

Sarah Snyder

Marge Werner and Kathy Flagge

THE FARMER'S WIFE

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas! Author Unknown

Joe Boeser thinks he should not be talking out loud in front of certain people.

Annette Boeser has been elected Director At Large for the Northwoods Harness Club. Congratulations!

Cherrie Rose is back to work part time and looking really good. Her new challenge is finding a way to keep Lady from eating plaster board.

It has been proven at last, Michael Ridge has a heart, they just fixed it. He expects to be back to meetings soon with another surprise for us.

A second opinion was much preferred for the loosening of a certain club member's hip. The first one was too much like dancing and he swears he can't dance.

We send condolences to John and Mary Jo Stockman who lost Posh earlier (the Scotty carriage dog) and now have lost Tess, their beloved Airedale.

We have heard a rumor that there might be a new NCDCA Directory in the works. What is NCDCA?

The Drum Creek Farm folk are treating a second hoof abscess of the season.

Sophie's boyfriend, Tucker, got really brave and came into the kitchen for his treat.

From The Cannon Falls Beacon Archives
January 14, 1886

B. Van Campen has made a good half-mile track on the ice of the Little Cannon Mill pond to give his flyers practice during the winter.

2012 WINTER CARNIVAL SLEIGH AND CUTTER FESTIVAL

By Heidi Block



Dashing through the snow...Yes, folks that is right the 36th Annual Sleigh and Cutter Festival was held in the snow this year. The fact is that we here in Minnesota have not had the same amount of snow that we had



last year. This year we have only had a dusting at a time or rain. The event was blessed with enough snow for participants to hitch up their bob sleds, sleighs, and cutters. It



was a perfect day to go for a sleigh ride on the beautiful Eagle Valley Golf Course in Woodbury, Minnesota. There were draft horses, draft teams, horses, horse teams, ponies, mini ponies, and even a dog. The dog was seen pulling a sled just her size.



She even received her own ribbon. We



we were honored to have John and Orphy Beattie as the judges and John Cina as the announcer who are charter members of the St. Croix Horse and Carriage Society. There were quite a few units that came and enjoyed the day. After sleighing around everyone enjoyed a chicken dinner and strawberry filled marble cake for dessert. It was fun to see and hear everyone in the big

banquet room swapping stories and sharing a common interest in something that they love. The day would not have been successful without the wonderful volunteers who helped with the event. It was a beautiful day, and we all had a great time catching up and spending time together.

The winners are as follows by category.

Single Pony: 1st Place – Don Rudeen; 2nd Place – Bonnie Pilgram; 3rd Place – Karen Siebenaler

Single Horse: 1st Place – Greg and Diane Barta

Horse Team: 1st Place – David Paulson

Single Draft Pony: 1st Place – Heikla Lewandowski

Draft Pony Team: 1st Place – Shelley Oney

Single Draft: 1st Place – Jane Kittelson; 2nd Place – Johmar Farms; 3rd Place – Cory Behrendt

Draft Team: 1st Place – Deb and Kevin Perron; 2nd Place – Lee Topp

Choice Vehicle: Don Rudeen

Most Authentic (total picture – vehicle, horse and passengers): Cherie McKenzie

Best Costume Female: Jane Kittelson

Best Costume Male: Greg Barta

Farthest Distance: Heikla Lewandowski

THE COMMON HORSEMAN

By Bob Matthews

The club is planning on sponsoring a horsemanship clinic called The Common Horseman Clinic put on by Bob and Ginger Johnson. It will be a one day clinic on April 21st and if there is enough interest there could be a second clinic on the 22nd.

The clinic will introduce you to the proper handling and desensitizing of your horse, which creates a solid foundation for a trustworthy horse. You will learn the necessary steps to having a horse that is better

mannered in your presence on the ground, and saddle or in the cart. Through resistance-free training you will learn desensitization skills to make your horse safer so you can ride or drive with confidence.

Cost of the clinic is \$125 to participate and \$35 to audit.

If you are interested in reserving a spot or want more information, contact me at 507-824-3333 or rmu1@frontiernet.net. For more information on Bob Johnson and the clinics, see www.thecommonhorseman.com

MARCH PROGRAM

The program at the March meeting will consist of a safety panel. Members of the panel will be Orphy Beattie, Mary Block, and Steve Wood. Each of these people bring a long history of dealing with horses. Orphy with therapeutic driving for 14 years, Mary with commercial carriage services since 1981, and Steve with training driving horses and giving sleigh and carriage rides for more than 30 years.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Renee Hogendorf was the presenter at our February meeting, she gave a very interesting talk on “Discovering who we are with our horses”.

She told us about the five most common Archetypes seen

in the equine world and the set of strengths, weaknesses, challenges, learning, and growth opportunities for each type.

The five types are:

The Keeper or Governor generally enjoys strict structure and control of circumstances. They see horses as animals that need order and boundaries

The Healer sees a world where all humans and animals need love and care. They see horses as animals that need love, compassion, have emotions, who love and want to be loved

The Hunter sees the world as an intellectual puzzle to be studied. They see horses as instruments of work and performance.

The Warrior sees the world as a place of opportunity and a place to explore and embark on new adventures. They see horses as a challenge.

The Shaman sees the world as a connected universe. They see horses as a very spiritual and revered being.

Renee talked about the strengths, weaknesses, and learning opportunities of the 5 types and the life lessons and growth opportunities for each of the types to better enable them to work with the different types of horses they will encounter.

Renee also discussed the technique of breathing through your diaphragm to relax refresh and improve health and vigor.

She also discussed EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) that is helpful in eliminating emotional and pain issues such as anxiety, fear, addiction, and so on.

Renee's presentation was quite informative. If you are interested in hearing more, take a look at her website www.equinedefined.com. You will also find a list of other demonstrations she will be doing.

FOR SALE

Black cape from Jorge's Furs of Minneapolis. Age unknown. Approximately 28" long. Size 12-14. \$15.00

Black coat from Schlampp's Furs of Minneapolis. Age unknown. Approximately 38" long. Size 12-14. \$15.00

Gray mink coat manufacturer unknown. Age unknown. Approximately 43" long. Size 12-14. \$15.00

New driving aprons: 1 grey glen plaid & 1 blue/green houndstooth plaid. \$20.00 each
Call Rita Conrad @ 651-436-8939

WANTED

Two wheeled cart to fit a 14.2 hand standbred. Call Susan Kelly 612-518-0822.

EVENTS CALENDAR - 2012

The 2012 events calendar is included separately with this newsletter.

In addition, please see the club website, www.stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org, for the current events calendar. In case of any changes to events, this will be kept up to date during the month.

If you know of any horse or carriage event, please send an email to editor@stcroixhorseandcarriagesociety.org to get it included on the events calendar.

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