

AIKEN DRIVING CLUB
BOARD MEETING
MAY 2, 2023 - GASTON LIVERY

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Peggy Dils

Present: Peggy Dils, Tracey Turner, Sue Dougherty, Carol Funderburgh, Karen Marlin (via telephone) Susan Gregorio, excused: Mick Burke

Additional club attendees were present for "open meeting" forum.

Secretary's minutes corrected regarding club donations list, and accepted.

Treasurer's report: income and expenses reported. Karen noted that the balance does not reflect all Pleasure Show expenses and income. The Sandy Nicoliasen Trophy will be replaced by the family for subsequent years.

Treasurer's report accepted and approved.

Katy Rhinehart reported on the successful Carriage Classic Pleasure Show, thanking all volunteers and participants. Thanks to Katy and her committee for their efforts!

Sarah Relyea thanked all volunteers and participants at the recent Jungle Drive at her 3 Wishes Farm. The event and pot luck lunch were well attended. Good time had by all.

Peggy shared the history of the Gaston Livery and the Gerde Museum and their significance related to the Aiken Driving Club. The Gerde museum is in need of docents. The museum is open on Sundays.

Still need volunteers to host summer barbecues for June, July and August.

ADC is now and ADS Blue Ribbon Club. This designation entitles ADC for free club membership fee for the year, and use of the ADS logo and a copy of the rulebook.

ADC is hosting the ADS Annual meeting November 15-19, 2023. Multiple activities are being planned, including a Pleasure drive, a drive through town, welcome party at the Willcox and ADS membership meeting at the Aiken Senior Life Center. More details to follow.

There will be a Fall Weekend Audubon Drive. Information will be updated as details become available.

Renie Gillis is seeking help to take over the ADC newsletter publication. Please contact Renie if you can offer assistance.

It was suggested that ADC provide club information at the Steeplechase, there continues to be lots of interest from the public.

Terry Merry will be working on ADC information to be presented as a loop on a tablet for public information at various events.

Peggy reported that the club trailer was in need of repairs with a cost of \$1400. Hitch and Tow performed repairs and service.

There will be a meeting on May 10th with local professionals to create a calendar for upcoming events/clinics, etc., in order to attempt to avoid scheduling conflicts.

NEW BUSINESS

General members in attendance introductions. Peggy reiterated that ALL MEETINGS are OPEN meetings and all members are invited to attend.

Driving derbies: future venues were discussed. It was reported that the new "Green as Grass" division was very popular and well received.

Discussion regarding upcoming events schedule included: May Day Play Day, exploration of Hitchcock Woods, ideas needed for future education days.

Peggy polled the members in attendance regarding more frequent general meetings. Popular consensus was to hold quarterly meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Susan Gregorio