

**AIKEN DRIVING CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Peggy Dils.

Present: Peggy Dils, Sue Dougherty, Carol Funderburg, Mick Burke, Jerry Milano, Tracey Turner, Susan Gregorio

Secretary's minutes approved by BOD as written.

Treasurer's report presented by Sue Dougherty, discussion from floor.
Report approved as written.

Gaston Livery report by Peggy Dils: New lights installed inside the building. There is an upcoming Music Festival to be held on March 9th at the Gaston as a fundraising event. Proceeds of the event will go towards paying down the mortgage.

GMHA of Vermont will be holding a benefit event at Gaston Livery at the end of March. GMHA is in Woodstock, Vermont and hosts various equine activities during the year including; Eventing, Driving, Dressage, Endurance Rides. GMHA has suffered tremendous water damage during the past year following the aftermath of at least 2 catastrophic storms and the damage sustained during these storms has left the facility with huge repair bills.

Gerde Museum is closed for the winter.

Driving Derbies: 2nd DD will be held on February 14th at Cheryl Pratt-Rivers Greenfields farm. The 3rd DD date has been changed to March 31st and will also be held at Greenfields Farm.

Education: There will be a Course Design workshop presented by Lisa Singer at her farm from 3 to 5 p.m on February 21st.

The CT/HDT held at Kristin Whittington's Landmark Farm was very successful, with multiple entries in all divisions. Many thanks to Kristin for organizing the event. Also, a big thank you to all of the neighborhood landowners who allowed access to their land. Kristin thanked the competitors, volunteers and landowners for their participation.

Audubon Drive will be held on February 25th. First drive out will be at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck to immediately follow. Please RSVP on ADC website. A few volunteers are still needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Katy Reinhart reported on the upcoming Aiken Carriage Classic which will be held on April 13th and 14th. There will be a Spring Fling held on March 2nd at the Dougherty's Farm. This event will serve as a preparation event for those who wish to compete in the Aiken Carriage Classic and are either new to pleasure driving or would like a refresher. Mickie Bowen will be the guest presenter sharing her vast knowledge with attendees. The morning event will be a lecture format, with an afternoon hands on cones courses and a mock pleasure class. Please see ADC website for further information and registration. This year the ACC will host a Saturday evening social, picnic class on Saturday afternoon. There will also be a Twilight Drive and a Silent Auction. Ray Mansur is volunteer coordinator, and Kim Allen is coordinating the Silent Auction. Silent Auction items are needed as well as volunteers.

ADC Website: Karen Marlin reports that the new ADC is up and running. The website is now: [Aiken Driving Club.org](http://AikenDrivingClub.org). There are many more options available to members including a volunteer page. Thank you Karen for your tireless efforts.

Steeplechase Parade. Peggy to contact the organizers regarding ADC participation and will report back to the membership.

Jerry Milano suggested that the club sell 50/50 tickets at upcoming events as a fundraiser. Members in attendance gave a positive response to the suggestion. Jerry will pursue it further and report back.

The ADC Scholarship was discussed as no one has applied for a scholarship. The guidelines will be published again for a greater membership awareness. The criteria for application was changed from 60 days prior notice to 30 days prior notice. A vote was taken and the motion was passed for the change.

Continuous Drive will be held on February 27th at Lisa Singer's. Information can be found @WindsorTraceCDE.com.

Suggestions from the floor for upcoming ADC activities included; a Riverboat Trip, a trip to Eudora Wildlife Safari Park and barbecue. More information to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m..