

THE RHODE ISLAND DRIVING CLUB, INC

APRIL NEWSLETTER

April 7, 2008

The March meeting of the RIDC was held at Cat Luce's home in Wrentham, MA. 16 members were in attendance. Cat Luce read the Secretary's Report and it was accepted as read. Treasurer Beverly Willard reported a balance in the RIDC treasury of \$6074.63. This report was also accepted as read.

Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs: No one was interested in manning the RI Federation Flea Market club table, so the club let it go to someone else. Anne Holtz of Warwick, RI is interested in doing something at her farm for May being National Carriage & Driving Month. She wants to decorate her farm for driving and have carriage driving demonstrations on the grounds. Plans are not firm at this time. Anyone interested can contact Anne at: (401) 884-9490. The RI Federation has cleaned out the carriages and display from the Sprague Mansion. The Conestoga wagon and the gypsy wagon will be moved to Anne Holt's farm.

Two Phase Event/Clinic on July 5: Bob Koopman offered to run a two-phase combined driving event/clinic at his farm on July 5th. Vivian Creigh of Vermont will be the judge. The entry fee is \$30 and all entries must be RIDC members. Three dressage tests will be offered, Training 2, Preliminary 2 and Intermediate 4. Participants will drive their chosen test, receive a critique and then drive the test again. Bev Willard has offered to scribe, but if someone else is also interested, a split day might be better. A cones course will also be set up for participants to drive. The cones course will not be judged, but will be open for participants to drive. The event/clinic will be limited to 20 participants. There will also be a club general meeting there that day from 12:00 to 1:00 with "Burger Bob" cooking hotdogs and hamburgs. Club members are asked to bring pot luck sides. The club voted by a 15 to 1 margin to pay for any expenses not covered by entry fees. An entry form will come out in the May newsletter and will be published on the RIDC website.

Rhode Island Carriage Days PDS: Andy Marcoux presented his plan for the pleasure show on August 30-31. Andy told the membership that he is the organizer and the show manager and that he has volunteers lined up for almost all of the positions to run the show. A vote was then taken of the members present to approve holding the show. Of the 16 members present, 8 voted for the show and 8 abstained from voting. The show will go forward. If you are interested in the show or working on the show, contact Andy Marcoux (508) 782-1720. A tentative work day has been scheduled in August at Celtic Cross Farm.

501(c)7 Status for RIDC: The club voted unanimously to move forward towards becoming a 501(c)7 corporation. Nothing has been done on the front yet, but hopefully the paperwork will be done in the next month. The cost to apply is \$300.

April Meeting The next meeting of the RIDC will be held at 7:00 PM on April 11, 2008 at the home of Henry and Virginia Tinkham, 136 Union Street in Norfolk, MA. Please RSVP the Tinkhams and let them know if you are coming. (508) 528-4386.