

## FLORIDA WHIPS ANNUAL MEETING MAY 24TH 2009

On Sunday, May 24, 2009, the Florida whips held their general Membership meeting at Cypress Keep in Plant City. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 A by our president Lynda Jowers.

Lynda asked for a round of applause to thank Erika JMatulich and John Porter and to show our appreciation for their hosting the meeting.

The first order of business was the election of new officers so that the new officers can participate in the meeting. Peggy Stevenot was elected our new Treasurer by acclamation. Helen Tolmach was reelected secretary, also by acclamation.

A roll call of members was then held.

Minutes from the last general meeting have been posted on the web site.

President's report:

Lynda reported that driving people are the best. we had a very active previous year which include the new Championship Series. she urged everyone to attend their regional planning meeting in order to make the coming year a success. We have bought each region cones measuring sticks.

VP report: Linda Evans could not attend the meeting, thus her report will be posted on the web site.

Treasurer's report: No treasurer's report was submitted by our Treasurer Margaret McMurray.

Committee reports:

Youth - none

Education - none

Bylaws - no changes

Unfinished business:

The Club now gives an award annually to the person who has contributed the most over the years to the sport of carriage driving. That person this year was actually two persons and the award was presented to Bob and Helen Tolmach in appreciation for their dedication to the Florida Whips and the sport of carriage driving.

Regional reports:

Southeast region

Peg Belvin reported they held their first HDT at Port Mayaca Plantation Polo club with much help and support from Bettina Scherer. They held a well attended beginners clinic on May 16th. David Schneider was the clinician and he was instantly liked and everyone felt he did a fantastic job. The Southeast will hold their Regional Planning meeting for 2009-2010 on June 13, 2009 at noon at Kathie Beeson's, Loxahatchee, Florida.

Southwest region:

Mary de Greef reported the southwest held two events. the first was a 2 day Bill and Sherri Lower clinic which was very well attended and included their Christmas luncheon. the second event was their annual Fun show in January. Mary congratulated Linda Fritschle for winning the Whips Single Pony Championship and Lauren Hammond for the Single Horse Reserve. Their annual planning meeting will be held on June 14, 2009.

Panhandle region:

Cynthia Perkins had no report but their Planning meeting will be in August.

Northern region:

Dona Love reported that the Northern region had a very active season. Dona thanked all of the volunteers, members, and event organizers. There were three articles in the ADS Whip magazine re the Florida Whips. There was then some discussion re: giving the authors of the articles credit for their writing.

Lynda then reported that the Whips was giving an award for the most outstanding volunteer for the year and this year that award would go to Art and Pat Bishel from Steeplechase, Unfortunately, the Bishels have gone North for the season were not in attendance.

An award was given to our retiring newsletter editor, Judy Martino for outstanding service. Pam Knisley was recognized and thanked for her contribution to the newsletter. Yvonne Griffith, our web master, was thanked and it was recognized that the ADS thinks our website is one the best In the nation.

New business:

On June 13th, an Equine Hurricane Exposition will be held in Tampa from 9:30 to 3:30, this will cover all phases of equine protection and evacuation.

July 1st, the S.E.Trails conference will be held in Gainesville. the Florida Whips will have a display so please send in any pictures of driving on public lands to Pam Knisley. There will be a link on the website to the Federal trails website.

Membership pins are available to all members from Lynda or your regional directors.

Sue Morris reported on distance driving in Florida.

It was reported that The Florida Whips has more competition in that the Silver Sands Bridle club is getting more into driving.

Harvey Lagasse reported that there will be a Siesta Clinic Series 1 will be held at Gloria Austin's Carriage Museum on June 27 & 28 2009. Clinicians will include Sterling Graburn, Scott Adcox and Wendy Ying.

the Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Tolmach, Secretary