

Florida Whips Inc  
October 17, 2010 Fall general membership meeting minutes

The meeting was held in the educational center of the Florida Carriage Museum & Resort. After a delightful continental breakfast provided by the Florida Whips, the meeting was called to order by president Mary De Greef at 8:20 AM. The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed thus Mary called for approval of those minutes which was unanimous.

Mary called for the introduction of the new officers: Mary DeGreef as president: Dona Love as Vice president who reported that she had been fairly busy helping out as needed and assisting the regions in setting the calendars. I, as secretary, reported that main job entailed keeping the various minutes of the meetings and arranging for our liability insurance. Judy Martin introduced her self and gave the treasurer's report of the various region balances. She also requested that if you send her a bill to be paid by the treasurer that you include self address labels.

Judy then requested that we give the floor to Tom Warner the new manager of the FCMR in order for him to discuss the future of the FCMR. He stated that they want to preserve the legacy and the driving at the FCMR. However he stated in this economy they needed to widen the purpose. Thus, they will focus on hospitality with an equine influence. They will offer weddings: sell some real estate again with an equine focus. They plan on building a covered arena in order to expand their equine activities and offer food services.

We then moved on to the regional reports:  
Northern region report was offered by Linda Evans the new director of that region. She reported that the Carriage Affaire had been a success, collecting \$ 1034.00 at the silent auction, and that Dori Morgan of Farm Credit, had donated \$300.

We then had our special recognition Award presented to Lynda Jowers She was given a beautiful engraved vase for her work above and beyond, in appreciation of her dedication to the art of driving and the Florida Whips.  
SE region report by Peg Belvin: Peg reported that her region is growing and now has 55 members. They have become quite active and Peg recognized Bettina Scherer as a driving force behind their activities.

Panhandle report was given by Cynthia Perkins. She reported that her region is in a rebuilding mode after Sterling Graburn left. They are doing mostly recreational activities with a strong emphasis on training.

Southwest report by Linda Bennett who could not attend was given by Mary. She said there will be a pleasure show at Little

Everglades this year.

Old business:

Mary stated that the cost of the newsletter requires that we double our efforts to go paper less. Helen Tolmach made a motion that we change our default position of the newsletter to be online. That is, we will offer the newsletter on line to everybody and if you want it sent by mail you must make those wishes known when you renew your membership. There ensued a long and often heated discussion resulting in Helen amending her motion to include a \$5.00 increase in our dues and that all changes are to take effect beginning with our 2011 season. Dona Love seconded the motion and it passed with one dissenting vote. Someone offered that this gives us time to educate our members re: these changes in this years newsletters so no one will be caught off guard next September when they renew.

New business:

Mary reported that there many Committee memberships to be filled and most importantly the position of secretary will need to be filled at our spring general meeting .

Our general membership meeting will be held in May at the Port Mayaca event. Date and time to be determined.

Dede Conner our membership chair reported that we have 244 members and membership cards will be sent out in the near future.

Connie thanked all who volunteered at the Carriage Affaire event  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM

Submitted, Helen Tolmach Sec.