



*Treasure Valley Whips
Carriage Driving Club*

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS

A carriage driving club for education, competition, and recreation for carriage drivers and equines of all abilities. An American Driving Society affiliated club.

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CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS:

- **Chair: Mary Van De Bogart**
- **Vice Chair: Robin DeLong**
- **Secretary: Jamey Robbins**
- **Treasurer: Kathy DeLong**
- **Newsletter Editor: Jamey Robbins**

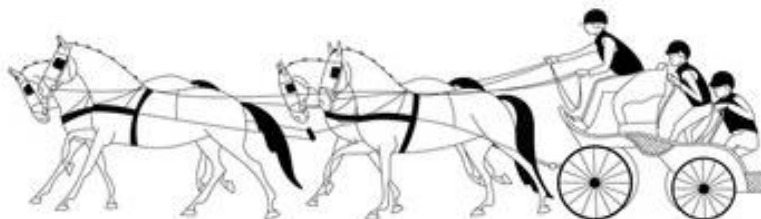
Letter from the Chair

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and that you are not floating away in all this rain. I am looking forward to our party and planning meeting coming up on January 12. We will also be having our first open driving day of 2025 at Birt Arena on January 10. It should be a great weekend.

Please think about what you would like to do this coming year and which events you would like to help make happen. We are particularly going to need lots of help early in the year. Kathy DeLong is not going to be available to head up the Beginner's Clinic this year due to an upcoming knee replacement. I'm likely to be unavailable in February and early March. It looks like another hip replacement is on the menu for Lee. I want to see if we can set up quite a few official committees this year to help spread the load of organizing and running our events. We had a wonderful year in 2024; let's all pull together to make 2025 even better!

Drive on!

-Mary Van De Bogart



Calendar of Events

- **Jan. 10** – open driving at Birt Arena, 11:00-3:00
- **Jan. 12** – Beginning of year planning meeting/New Year Party
- **Feb. 14** – open driving at Birt Arena, 11:00-3:00
- **Mar. 14** – open driving at Birt Arena, 11:00-3:00
- **April 4-6**- Idaho Horse Expo
- **April 11-13** – ISHSA Spring Double Point Show – Driving classes on Saturday



Amanda Horton has served as the superintendent of the Western Idaho Fair Light Horse & Mule Driving for the past nine years. Treasure Valley Whips would like to send a sincere thank you to Amanda for successfully running this part of the fair for so long.

We are in need of a new superintendent. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact Hans Bruijn, hbruijn@expoidaho.com or (208) 287-5663.

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 11/9/24

Meeting called to order by President Mary Van De Bogart at 2:32 p.m., at La Costa restaurant in Emmett, Idaho. Also in attendance Lee Van De Bogart, Jamey Robbins, Donna Bernardelli, Jennifer Smith, Brenda Paladini, and Tess Eastman. In attendance via Google Meet: Merry Jo Schreffler.

Motion made by Donna to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Seconded by Brenda. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mary gave the Kathy's treasurer's report as of November 9:

- Current balance on November 7: \$4187.94 - \$574.00 = \$3613.94
- Expenses from award buckets, photographer, food for judges, padlocks for trailer, judges fees and airfare: \$1682.13
- Income from pleasure driving show and new family membership: \$1294.00

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Amanda Horton is resigning as superintendent of the light horse driving at the Western Idaho Fair. Mary would like to remind everyone that the position is open and needs to be filled. Amanda would also like someone to take over the job of filing the annual financial report to the Idaho State Secretary of State. Donna will take over that task.

COMMITTEES:

- Mary would like to form committees for next year. Each committee will need a committee chairman and members. We will discuss this more at the January 12 meeting. Merry Jo said she would be the hospitality committee chairman.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The derby at Kathy's went well. It was discussed that we continue to host derbies for next year and maybe even do a derby at the 2025 Idaho Horse Expo.
- The fall driving show went well. The weather was just about perfect for this time of year. It was suggested that next year we start an hour later.
- Donna has had a few folks read the draft of the letter to the Western Idaho Fair board. She will finalize this letter and get it mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

- The post Christmas party has turned into the New Year party. It will be January 12 at 1:00, located at Gem & Tonic, catered by Tom's Cabin. The menu was narrowed down to a shorter list of choices. Jamey will create a survey to send out to the members to help us get a final menu decided. Instead of a gift exchange, members can use the money they would have spent on a gift and donate to a charity. A list of charities will be created. We will play some sort of game at the party and a business meeting will follow. More info will be sent out to members about the party.
- Open drive time at Birt Arena: non-members will be allowed to come once as a guest of a member. After that, they will need to become a member in order to attend the open drives.

OPEN FORUM:

- Tess drove around the grounds at the Idaho Youth Ranch facility. She is working on getting in touch with someone about members potentially driving there.

Next meeting to be held on Sunday, January 12 at Gem & Tonic in Emmett, ID

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tess. Seconded by Lee. Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jamey Robbins.

Treasure Valley Whips Fall Pleasure Driving Show



TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS (year) _____ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION c/o Kathy E. DeLong

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(541) 235-1585 email kathyerniedelong@gmail.com

NAME: _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

INDIVIDUAL \$25: _____ FAMILY \$35: _____ ONE DAY _____

MEMBERS' ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I/we intend to participate in equestrian activities sponsored by or affiliated with the Treasure Valley Whips driving club. I am fully aware that certain inherent and unavoidable risks and dangers are involved in any equestrian activity. I understand that these risks, hazards, and dangers could result in my injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, or damage to my personal property.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

Being aware that these activities entail risks, hazards and dangers, I agree to accept and assume all responsibility and risks for any injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death and damage to personal property arising from my participation in these activities. My participation in these activities is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate fully aware of the risks, hazards, and dangers.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being permitted to participate in these activities, I agree, pursuant to the limitations on liability pertaining to equestrian activities contained in Title 6, Chapter 18, Idaho Code, not to hold the Treasure Valley Whips nor its members, volunteers, officers, or agents liable for any injury or damage to my person or property. **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE THE TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS, ITS MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICERS, INSURERS OR OTHER AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS, OR RIGHTS OF ACTION WHICH ARE RELATED TO OR ARISE IN ANY MANNER OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES.** This release of liability includes, but is not limited to any negligent act or omissions of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers, or other agents, which may result in my personal injury, discomfort, illness, disease, death, and damage to my property. **THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY ALSO EXPRESSLY EXTENDS TO, AND INCLUDES THE OWNERS/PROPRIETORS OF ANY PREMISES OR FACILITY AT WHICH THE EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES ARE HELD.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFFECT OF THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT

I understand and acknowledge that by signing this document, I have given up substantial legal rights and/or possible claims which I might otherwise assert or maintain in the future including, but not limited to legal rights and claims for negligent acts or omission of the Treasure Valley Whips, its members, officers, volunteers, insurers or other agents and the owners/proprietors of the premises and facility. I further agree that the laws of the state of Idaho shall govern the terms and effects of this agreement and that proper venue will be the courts of Idaho.

I HAVE READ THIS PARTICIPANTS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS. I EXECUTE IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GURARENTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Date _____ Member's signature _____

(Parent/Legal Guardian signature required if member is under 18)