

**THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 6, 2016**

The Executive Committee of The American Driving Society, Inc. (“ADS”) held an open online meeting on September 6, 2016. The meeting was called by Mike Arnold, President of ADS, and proper notice was provided in accordance with Article VII of the Bylaws of the ADS.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. Central Time by the President, who noted that all members of the Executive Committee were present and a quorum was represented.

Executive Committee members in attendance:

Mike Arnold  
Dan Rosenthal  
Bill Lawson  
Elaine Kendig  
Francine Arrington  
Margaret Grillet

Also attending as guests were board members: Marc Johnson and Linda Yutzy. Staff members Stacy Carlson and Louise Rothery were also in attendance.

**1. Approval of Minutes.**

The President noted that minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on August 23, 2016 had been distributed for review and asked for any corrections or additions. As there were no corrections or additions the minutes were approved.

**2. Approval of the Proposed 2017 ADS North American Championship Criteria for Preliminary and Intermediate Divisions (“2017 Championship Criteria”).**

The President noted that he and Francine Arrington met with the drafting committees of the 2017 Championship Criteria on September 1, 2016 to reconsider and edit the proposed 2017 Championship Criteria in response to comments and resolution adopted at the August 23, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. The updated 2017 Championship Criteria had been distributed and presented for approval prior to this meeting.

The President summarized the changes made by the drafting committees, noting that a purpose was added to the preface, that dates in the timeline were edited to coordinate with the release date to the membership and the stipulation was added that “...no Athlete shall have competed at a World Championship in the last five years.”

After a brief discussion and a call for a motion, Francine Arrington moved that the 2017 Championship Criteria be approved as presented with the additional language inserted that 1\* and Combined Test competitions would also be exempt under item 2 for both the Preliminary and Intermediate Competitor Criteria.

As the motion was not seconded, the discussion turned to the Host Requirements in connection with the sponsors and a general discussion ensued.

Mike Arnold explained that if the 2017 Championship Criteria is not approved at this meeting, it will be included on the agenda and presented at the September Board of Directors meeting for consideration.

A motion was then made by Francine Arrington that the 2017 Championship Criteria be approved as presented with the deletion of item 14 of the 2017 Preliminary Championship Host Requirements and the deletion of item 15 of the 2017 Intermediate Championship Host Requirements. After being seconded, The President invited additional discussion.

Dan Rosenthal commented that he believes that the criteria as presented is much too restrictive for competitors. Additionally, he does not like the exemption of Driving Trials. He reminded the Executive Committee that he has agreed to not participate in the North American Championships for two years to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest in connection with these discussions and that his concerns are for all competitors.

After further discussion, the standing resolution was modified by Dan Rosenthal so that 1): the first sentence of item 2. of the *Preliminary Championship Competitor Criteria* be amended to read: "Preliminary Championships are open to any Athlete who has not completed more than one CDE above Preliminary Division (Driving Trials and Arena Trials exempted) in the 24 months prior to the scheduled Championship.", and 2) the first sentence of item 2. Of the *Intermediate Championship Competitor Criteria* be amended to read: "Intermediate Championships are open to any Athlete who has not completed more than one CDE above the Intermediate division (Driving Trials and Arena Trials exempted) in the 24 months prior to the scheduled Championship."

After being seconded, the resolution to modify the standing resolution was unanimously approved.

The President invited discussion on the original motion, summarizing that it deletes the Host responsibilities to the Sponsors for both divisions.

For clarity, the President summarized that *if passed*, the motion would approve the 2017 Championship Criteria as presented to the Executive Committee with the deletion of item

14 of the 2017 Preliminary Championship Host Requirements and the deletion of item 15 of the 2017 Intermediate Championship Host Requirements. Also, the Intermediate and Preliminary Championships would be open to Athletes who have completed no more than one CDE above their championship division level.

As the original resolution had previously been seconded there was a short discussion after which the motion was unanimously approved.

As there was no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm Central Time.

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Grillet, Acting Secretary