

THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY. INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
December 18, 2013 - Webinar

President Freiburger called the meeting of The American Driving Society, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 7:10 PM CST.

Roll Call/Secretary's Report

VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: John Freiburger, Mary Jo Stockman, Bill Lawson, Ann Davis, Dave Sadler, Heidi Ferguson, Veronica Campbell, Nicole Cable, Karen Garrett, Lori Hanes, Katy Rhinehart, Boots Wright, Jeff Morse, Merridy Hance, Amanda Horton, Tracey Morgan, Myrna Rhinehart, Mike Arnold, Jennifer Matheson, Elaine Kendig, Maryann Boyden, Wendy Ying, and Audrey Bostwick.

Executive Director Susie Koos-Acker was present.

Also present were Honorary Board Member Hardy Zantke and ADS Members Mike Rider, Shelly Temple, and Simon Rosenman.

Secretary Davis announced that there were 23 voting directors present, sufficient for a quorum.

Approval of the Board of Director minutes:

President Freiburger asked three times if there were any corrections or additions to the September 27-28, 2013 minutes. ***Hearing none, the President declared that these minutes were approved with unanimous consent.***

Approval of rule changes for 2014 - Rules Committee Recommendations:

Mike Arnold moved to approve the Recommended RCPs as they appear below, with a minor correction to RCP2014#29 and the addition RCP2014#13 & RCP2014#16 to the Recommended List, with a second by Maryann Boyden

- RCP2014#01 - Decrease minimum clearance in Cones-1
- RCP2014#02 - Specify groom limitations in ADT Dressage
- RCP2014#03 - Decrease minimum clearance in Cones in ADTs
- RCP2014#04 - VSE Marathon Markers
- RCP2014#05 - Specify groom limitations in ADT Obstacle-Cones
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RCP2014#82 – Wording – add “Obstacles”

Amanda Horton moved an amendment to remove RCP#18 and RCP#29, with a second by Veronica Campbell.

The President asked three times if there were any objections. Hearing none, he declared that the amendment passed with unanimous consent.

Nicole Cable moved an amendment to remove RCP#54, with a second by Mary Jo Stockman. The President asked three times if there were any objections. Hearing none, he declared that the amendment passed with unanimous consent.

Myrna Rhinehart moved an amendment to remove RCP#60 and RCP#72, with a second by Wendy Ying

The President asked three times if there were any objections. Hearing none, he declared that the amendment passed with unanimous consent.

The President then stated that the Board of Directors would vote on the original motion with the three amendments. That is, the original motion without RCPs' 18, 29, 54, 60, and 72.

The President asked three times if there were any objections. Hearing none, he declared that the amended motion passed with unanimous consent.

Mike Arnold moved to approve the inclusion of the FEI Rulebook rewrite in the ADS Combined Driving rules with these RCPs and the additional ADS modifications as they appear below, with a second by Jennifer Matheson:

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11. 940.9 Tongue guards are permitted if used correctly; separate items must not be incorporated around the bit so as to cause welfare concerns.
12. 940.11.2 Ear muffs and plugs are permitted.
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14. 943.2.7 Substitution of a Groom during the Marathon competition is not permitted under any circumstances
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18. 950.2 At ADS events the size of the arena to be used shall be as stipulated on the applicable Driven Dressage test
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 35. 975.2.b If the Athlete has not entered the arena within 45 seconds of the first bell (was 60)
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 37. 975.7.1.c A disobedience includes "The whole turnout comes to a complete halt.
 38. 975.7.1 If there is a Disobedience in a Multiple obstacle without knocking down any element, the Athlete must continue his drive.
- 975.9.1 ... penalties are incurred until the whole turnout has passed the finish line.

President Freiburger stated that there would be a vote by hand count. ***The results were: yes-15; and no-5. The President declared that the motion passed.***

Boots Wright moved to approve RCP2014#18, with a second by Jennifer Matheson.

After a discussion, the President stated that there would be a vote by hand count. ***The results were: yes-17; and no-2. The President declared that the motion passed.***

Mike Arnold moved to approve RCP2014#29, with a second by Maryann Boyden.

After a discussion including the possibility of the ADS taking on unwanted liability, the President stated that there would be a vote by hand count. ***The results were: yes-1; and no-20. The President stated that the motion was rejected.***

Nicole Cable moved to approve RCP2014#54, with a second by Bill Lawson.

Jeff Morse moved an amendment to substitute the language in Article 211 in the RuleBook for RCP2014#54, with a second by Veronica Campbell. After discussion, the President asked three times for any objections. Hearing none, ***he declared that the amendment passed with unanimous consent.***

The President now stated that we would vote on the original motion as amended. He asked three times for any objections. Hearing none, ***he declared that the motion as amended passed with unanimous consent.***

Mary Jo Stockman moved to approve RCP2014#60, with a second by Katy Rhinehart. After

discussion, the President asked three times if there were any objections. Hearing none, **he declared that the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Mike Arnold moved to approve RCP2014#72, with a second by Katy Rhinehart.

After discussion, **Mary Jo Stockman moved an amendment that in the RCP the word "working" before "walking" be removed, with a second by Katy Rhinehart.** The President asked three times if there was any objection. Hearing none, **he declared that the amendment passed with unanimous consent.**

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New Business

Mary Jo Stockman moved that the Rules Committee withhold publication of the approved 2014 rule changes for seven days so that they can be copyrighted. Bill Lawson seconded the motion. The President asked three times if there was any objection. Hearing none, **he declared that the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Adjournment

Boots Wright moved the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objection, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM CST.

Submitted by: Ann Davis, Secretary

Date: December 19, 2013

ATTACHMENT

From: Mike Arnold <ma@snowcamp.org>

Date: December 17, 2013 10:59:07 AM PST

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Subject: Board Meeting 18Dec13 - Motions and Summary of Changes

Dear ADS Board of Directors,

My apologies for the delay in getting this to you, but most of the information has been available for review for several months and should not be new. During the board meeting, I would like to make two motions:

39. To approve the Recommended RCPs as they appear below.
 - Note1: The red-lined copy of the 2014 Rulebook may be downloaded here: [ADS Rulebook 2014 \(red\)](#)
 - Note2: That those RCSs that were not recommended for implementation at this time or were withdrawn are also listed below
 - Note3: To see more information on a particular RCP/RCS, just click on that RCP/RCS and a web browser will be opened to that post
 - Note4: If there are any particular exceptions, that they be called out by amending this motion to consider RCP(x) separately
 - Note5: There are missing/incorrect live-links in this implementation, those will be corrected
 - Note6: The Rulebook currently does not have an index covering the entire book, we plan on adding one in time for the printed version
40. To approve the inclusion of the FEI Rulebook rewrite in the ADS Combined Driving rules with these RCPs and the additional ADS modifications as they appear below.
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 - Note2: The FEI 2014 Rulebook may be downloaded here: [FEI Combined Driving Rulebook for 2014](#)
 - Note3: The list of FEI/ADS modifications attempts to be complete, but it is recommended that you read the Combined Driving Section
 - Note4: If there are any individual exceptions, that they be called out by amending this motion to consider FEI/ADS Modification (x) separately
 - Note5: The Combined Driving section contains no live-links at this time

I realize its a short timeframe, but please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions, Mike Arnold Rules Chair

Recommended

RCP2014#00 – Convert Rulebook to Adobe InDesign

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Not Recommended

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10. [RCS2014#35 – Grooms and Attendants for VSE Pairs](#)
11. [RCS2014#37 – Novice Eligibility](#)
12. [RCS2014#38 – Eliminate Training Level Elimination](#)
13. [RCS2014#39 – Break in Gaits – Canter in ring classes](#)
14. [RCS2014#40 – Spares in Cross Country Obstacles](#)
15. [RCS2014#41 – Cruelty Addition](#)
16. [RCS2014#43 – Experience requirements for entry into competition](#)
17. [RCS2014#44 – Measurement of Combined Driving Ponies](#)
18. [RCS2014#45 – Miscellaneous](#)
19. [RCS2014#46 – Small Pony definitions](#)
20. [RCS2014#48 – Decrease minimum clearance in Cones-2](#)
21. [RCS2014#62 – Reference in Penalties](#)
22. [RCS2014#64 – Cross Country Obstacles – Spares requirements](#)
23. [RCS2014#84 – Cones course safety](#)

Withdrawn

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