

**THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC. MEMBERS MEETING**  
**September 27, 2014**

*President Freiburger called The American Driving Society, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting to order at 4:09pm ET, and welcomed all ADS members in attendance.*

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Davis reported that there were 57 ADS members in attendance at the meeting. Further, she reported that there were 104 proxy votes. The total number then was 161, meeting the 100 members required quorum to conduct business.

**Approval of the minutes**

*Craig Kellogg moved approval of the minutes from the Annual Membership Meeting, September 28, 2013 in Aiken, South Carolina. Audrey Bostwick seconded the motion. The President asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved with unanimous consent.*

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bill Lawson focused on the financial results from the year 2013 and to date on 2014. (see attachment)

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Susie Koos-Acker went over a report submitted on membership issues. (See attached report.). Further she reported on the update of the ADS website and resources that are now available to the organization.

**Standing Committees and Special Committees Reports**

President Freiburger reported that the following Committees submitted written reports and these reports were distributed to the members present (See attachments.): Rules Committee, Combined Committee, Driven Dressage Committee, Pleasure Driving Committee, Development Committee, Licensed Officials Committee, Nominating Committee 2014, and Breed Partners Special Committee. The President asked if there were questions. There were none at this time.

**Election of Board of Directors for 2015/2016**

Chair of the Nominating Committee 2014 Elaine Kendig presented the slate of nominations:

***Regional Directors:***

***Nicole Cable (Northeast)***

***Heidi Ferguson (Mid-Atlantic)***

***Francine Arrington (Southeast)***

***Lynn Simpson (Central)***

***Katy Rhinehart (Midwest)***

***Karen Garrett (Southwest)***

***Veronica Campbell (Pacific)***

***Lynne Palmer (Northwest)***

***Director/Chairs***

*Marc Johnson (Combined Driving)*  
*John Freiburger (Development)*  
*Tracey Morgan (Dressage)*  
*Larry Brinker (Education)*  
*Elaine Kendig (Governance & Bylaws)*  
*Ester "Boots" Wright (Event Standards)*  
*Rutie Graves (Licensed Officials)*  
*Jeffrey Morse (Pleasure Driving)*  
*Janice McEnroe (Recreational Driving)*  
*Allyn Carman (Rules)*

*Directors at Large*

*Audrey Bostwick*  
*Dianne Koopman*  
*Wendy Ying*  
*Keith Yutzy*  
*Mary Anne Boyden*

*The President asked if there were nominations from the floor. There were none.*

*Jody Cutler moved approval of the slate by acclamation. Merridy Hance seconded the motion. President Freiburger asked three times if there were objections. Hearing none, he declared approval of the slate by acclamation with unanimous consent.*

**President's Report**

President Freiburger focused on three items in his report:

- \*Development of financial support for the ADS
- \*The establishment of a new Special Committee to better develop and promote activities that do not fall under competitions or recreation, but may be popular with organizers for additional activities throughout the year, such as Driving Derbys and Trec.
- \*His plan to contact regional clubs

**Brainstorming Session**

Executive Director Susie Koos Acker and Director Jeff Morse led a discussion on membership.

**Other Business**

President Freiburger asked if there were any other business. Member Lyn Howard of New York asked if the ADS would support her and other ADS member's effort to have additional access by carriage in Acadia National Park. The President asked that she put this in the form of a motion.

*Lyn Howard moved that the ADS support the effort by local ADS members to gain limited access by carriage to the west side of Eagle Lake in Acadia National Park.. The motion was seconded by Nate Pulsifer*

*The President asked if there were any objections. Hearing none he declared the motion approved by unanimous consent.*

He asked that the Executive Secretary write a letter from the ADS in support

**Adjournment**

*Francine Arrington moved adjournment. The President asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.*