

**THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2014 – WEBINAR MEETING**

President John Freiburger called the meeting of The American Driving Society's Board of Directors to order at 7:00p.m. CT.

Roll Call/Secretary's Report

PRESENT FOR THE MEETING; John Freiburger, Mary Jo Stockman, Bill Lawson, Ann Davis, Veronica Campbell, Lori Hanes, Katy Rhinehart, Dana Bright, Boots Wright, Jeff Morse, Merridy Hance, Amanda Horton, Tracey Morgan, Mike Arnold, Jennifer Matheson, Elaine Kendig, Keith Yutzy, Maryann Boyden, Wendy Ying, Audrey Bostwick and Executive Director Susie Koos-Acker. Also participating were Honorary Director Hardy Zantke, past Director Simon Rosenman and Chair-elect of the Combined Driving Committee Marc Johnson.

The required quorum was met for the conduct of business.

Approval of the Minutes

John Freiburger moved approval of the minutes from October 23, 2014, with a second by Elaine Kendig. President Freiburger asked three times if there were corrections. Hearing none, he declared that the minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

ADS -2015 PROPOSAL THAT WERE SENT BACK TO COMMITTEES FOR RECONSIDERATION

The President asked Mike Arnold, Chair of the Rules Committee, to introduce the six proposals that were sent back to committees. Mike Arnold stated that he will show the revised RCPs on the screen and that these revised documents are posted on <http://drivingnews.us/adsRCPReview/rcs2015>.

RCP2015#29 – Junior Athletes must wear body protectors

Mike Arnold stated that Event Standards has decided to change its position from 'Recommended' to 'Not Recommended', so the board need not consider this RCP.

RCP2015#114 – Enclosed Arena not required, but Jr B VSE needs adult

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the revised RCP2015#114, with a second by Tracey Morgan. The President asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked three times if there was anyone who objected to the motion. Hearing none, ***he declared that the motion passed with unanimous consent.***

RCP2015#105 – Clarify officials required at ADTs

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the revised RCP2015#105, with a second by Amanda Horton. The President opened for discussion. After the discussion, he asked three times if there was anyone who objected to the motion. Hearing none, ***he declared that the motion passed with unanimous consent.***

RCP2015#106 – Consolidate rule regarding participation

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the revised RCP2015#106, with a second by Jennifer Matheson. The President asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked three times if there was anyone who objected to the motion. Hearing none, **he declared that the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

RCP2015#110 – Partner Entry

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the revised RCP2015#110, with a second by Amanda Horton. The President opened the meeting for discussion. There were several Directors who supported the RCP as a good response to requests for trying new ideas. Several other Directors argued against inclusion in a regular CDE, but supporting the idea for schooling shows.

The President asked for a hand count. The count was taken with: **Yes – 6; and No – 10. The President stated that the motion failed.** The President encouraged that the new Special Sports Committee consider this idea.

RCP2015#111 – Derby Driving

Mike Arnold made a motion to approve the revised RCP2015#111, with a second by Jennifer Matheson. The President opened for discussion.

Mike Arnold moved to amend the motion, that in “7.3” ‘Elimination’ be changed to a ‘10 second penalty and a restart’. Jennifer Matheson seconded the motion. The President asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he asked three times if there was anyone who objected to the motion. Hearing none, **he declared that the amendment to the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Mike Arnold moved a second amendment to the original motion, that in “9.3b” the language be changed to “Athlete reaches the next obstacle to be driven”. Jennifer Matheson seconded the motion. The President asked if there was any discussion. After the discussion, the President asked for a hand count. The count was taken with: **Yes – 15; No – 1; and abstain – 1. The President declared that the second amendment to the motion passed.**

The President then brought the meeting back to the original motion with the two approved amendments. The President asked if there was further discussion. Hearing none he asked for a hand count. The count was taken with: **Yes – 16; No – 1; and abstain – 1. The President declared that the original motion with the two amendments was approved.**

Old Business

The President asked if there was any old business. Vice-President Stockman asked the President to verify that the USEF does have copyrighted rules. The President stated that this was correct. Further, the President stated the ADS Copyright of the Rulebook would be on the Board of Directors agenda in February. He asked if Mary Jo Stockman could be available by telephone since her research will be the basis of the discussion. She reminded participants that she will no longer be on the Board, but will be available for the discussion via telephone.

The President asked if there was further old business. None was offered.

New Business

OMNIBUS

Mike Arnold and the Executive Director jointly brought the Board up to date on the Omnibus and the new website. Up to two weeks ago, there was agreement that no further old style published Omnibus would be mailed to members. The original intent was that the new website would be fully functioning. Members could get competitive information from the "Omnibus" section of the website. To meet the needs of members who would still like a paper copy, the ADS office will print a "reader's digest" version of all the competitions available for a date range determined by the members. However, because of complications in getting the new site up and functioning, one week ago the Executive Committee decided that office staff would input data into the old site and new site so that members could have the information.

Because of further delays in Omnibus application process, Mike Arnold and the Executive Director are now recommending that the Board agree to a simplified version of the printed Omnibus to be mailed out within two weeks to all members without charge. Further, they are asking that a decision be made whether the ADS will charge for the 2015 July-December issue.

Mike Arnold moved that the ADS office send out a simplified version of the January-June 2015 Omnibus to all members without charge. Amanda Horton seconded the motion. After a discussion, the President asked for a hand count. The hand count was completed with these results: ***Yes - 11; and No - 9. The President declared that the motion was approved.***

Mike Arnold moved that the Omnibus for January - June include a post card asking if the member wanted a hard copy of the July-December Omnibus, at a cost to be determined by the office. Tracey Morgan seconded the motion.

Amanda Horton moved an amendment to the motion that the postcard be only a request for a printed copy with no mention of cost. Mike Arnold seconded the motion. After a discussion, the President asked for a hand count. The hand count was completed with these results: ***Yes - 8; and No - 10. The President stated the amendment to the motion failed.***

The President brought the meeting back to the original motion, that of a postcard stating a cost for a printed hard copy of July-December Omnibus. There was no further discussion. The President asked for a hand count. The hand count was completed with these results: ***Yes - 11; and No - 6. The President declared that the motion was approved.***

The President stated that there was consensus by the Directors participating in the meeting that the Board authorize the cost to be charged. The President stated that he is instructing the office to research and propose a charge within one week. There will be a Board of Directors meeting soon after to authorize the charge.

USEF MEETING

The USEF International Disciplines committee had a face to face meeting in Chicago Wednesday November 11/12.

The new director of sport, Will Connell, was introduced and made a presentation as to his goals and manner of reaching them. Medal winning appears to be the prime target but there was some discussion of the need to develop athletes.

The 2015 budget proposed by the driving HP committee was \$892,000 with the goal of sending a minimum team to both the pony and pair championships. During the budget discussion, USEF stated that a serious deficit exists and that the use of previous year surpluses had been reduced by the board to \$611,000 for next year, thus significant budget reductions were made by committee motion. Driving was cut to \$300,000. Misdee Miller privately funds the \$20,000 training program and that money is beyond the \$300,000. That amount may increase depending on end of year donations to driving through the trust.

Further cuts appear to be proposed for 2016.

Adjournment

With no further business, *Katy Rhinehart moved adjournment. The President asked if there was an objection. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:20p.m.*

Submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary Board of Directors