

# THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Wednesday, March 19, 2014

*President Freiburger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm central time.*

On the telephone conference were Committee Members John Freiburger, Mary Jo Stockman, Bill Lawson, Ann Davis, Elaine Kendig, Amanda Horton, Francine Arrington, and Executive Director Susie Koos-Acker.

Also on the telephone were Merridy Hance, Jeff Morse, Mike Arnold, and Dana Bright.

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Amanda Horton moved approval of minutes from March ,6 2014, with a second by Francine Arrington.* The President asked if there were corrections. Hearing none, *the minutes were approved with unanimous consent.*

### **Old Business**

WEBSITE – The Executive Director stated that we are not ready to make a decision, but will have a proposal at the next meeting in two weeks.

### COPYRIGHT DISCUSSION

Mary Jo Stockman informed members that she is still waiting for letter to Board Members to be returned.

President Freiburger asked Mrs. Stockman to begin preparation of a White Paper. The paper should include procedures and description of misuse of the copyrighted rules.

### PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASES

Mary Jo Stockman stated that we are set with release language.

The Executive Director stated that she still needs to contact our insurers Equisure, and then will insure that the language is added to the forms.

### REPORT ON GRANTS TO CANADIAN ADS MEMBERS

The Executive Director informed members that she had not gotten information back from the attorney. She will contact again, and suggests we take attorney's advice.

### CARRIAGE INDUSTRIES

NEW YORK – Jeff Morse reported that several corrections had been made to the draft letter to the New York Mayor and it is ready to be signed by the President. The Executive Director will send the letter out immediately.

CHICAGO – Mr. Morse stated that he still needs to do more research.

### NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Executive Director reported that the three sites are set, Glen Willow CDE, Katydid CDE, and Equestrians Institute CDE.

Ribbons and ¾ sheets were discussed and agreed upon.

### **New Business**

WAVING ADS NON-MEMBER PARTICIPANT FEES FOR SELECTED PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSES  
**Jeff Morse moved that the request from Orleton Farm Show organizers to waive the ADS Non-member fee for three classes be denied at this time. However, the ADS Pleasure Driving Committee would like to study the concept of creating specific classes that would not require payment of non-member fees in order to increase show participation and would welcome further input and participation from the Orleton Farm organizers in that effort.**

**Amanda Horton seconded the motion.**

After a discussion, the President asked if there were any objections to the motion. Hearing none, **he declared the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

#### ACTION ON PROPOSAL FROM MEMBER WAYNE HUMPHREYS ON DRIVER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

There was consensus from the participants on the call that the proposal for Driving Development was excellent, particularly for young drivers. Mike Arnold suggested that a special committee be formed to pursue the ideas suggested by Mr. Humphreys.

**Amanda Horton moved that the Executive Committee form a Special Committee to investigate the development of a young driver program. Francine Arrington seconded the motion.** After discussion and hearing no objection, **the President declared the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

The President appointed himself (in his role as Development Committee Chair), Mike Arnold, and Mr. Humphreys, with his permission, to this committee. The committee will become active as soon as possible.

#### ENDOWMENT FUND GOVERNORS' REPORT

Development Committee Chair John Freiburger reported that as of January 1, there is \$95,866 available for grants. This includes \$102,866 minus \$7000 paid for regional spending. This does not include revenue from January through March of this year.

Mr. Freiburger stated that in the future there would be quarterly reports, even though not legally required.

Treasurer Lawson stated that he is preparing a report on what regions have spent and how it was spent.

#### BYLAW CHANGE

Elaine Kendig reported that she has distributed copies of a proposed Bylaw change to Executive Committee members pertaining to the elimination of The Hoopes-Addis Educational Trust's representation on the Board of Directors. She asked for directions on how to proceed.

Bill Lawson stated that there is a 60-day notification requirement. If the proposal is posted to the ADS Website by Friday, March 21, this will meet that requirement for a vote at the May 21 Board of Directors meeting.

The President asked the Executive Director to post the proposed Bylaw change the next day, and the proposed change will be put on the May agenda.

#### PINE TREE INCIDENT.

Mary Jo Stockman reported that there is no claim at this date. However, she will follow up with the competitor and organizer.

#### COMBINED DRIVING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CDC Chair Merridy Hance reported that the committee is recommending immediate corrections to the rules, most housekeeping but one a name change.

***Amanda Horton moved that the housekeeping be separated from the name change and that the Executive Committee approve those changes, effective immediately. Elaine Kendig seconded the motion. After discussion and hearing no objection, the President declared the motion passed with unanimous consent.***

***Amanda Horton then moved that the Executive Committee approve the name change from ADS Advanced to Intermediate II. Francine Arrington seconded the motion.***

In the discussion, these points were made:

- \*The name ADS Advanced has caused a lot of confusion by participants and for organizers.
- \*An immediate change would be helpful to meet Omnibus deadlines and posting to the website.
- \*This is a sensitive issue as the BOD voted down a name change last year. No matter what the merits are for immediate change, the Executive Committee is very hesitant to reverse that unless under exigent circumstances.

A vote by voice of the members was then taken. ***The results were that the motion failed.***

The President then clarified that the motion would be put on the agenda of the May 22 Board of Directors Meeting. In order to have time to fully study the issue prior to the Go-To-Meeting Board meeting, the President asked that the CDC chair write up the proposal as a midyear rule change and the reasons for the change, that the Executive Director send this out to the Board members as soon as possible., and that Rules Committee Chair Mike Arnold post to the Rules Change Blog for comment.

#### **Executive Session**

***The President declared an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 8:20 pm.***

***The President called the meeting back into open session at 8:30 pm***

#### **Adjournment**

***Bill Lawson moved for adjournment. Hearing no objection, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.***

**MENT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014**

**SUBMITTED BY: ANN DAVIS, SECRETARY**

**DATE: MARCH 20, 2014**

