

DRAFT 10/23/15
THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2015 – Teleconference

President Mike Arnold called the meeting of The American Driving Society's Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m. CDT.

Roll Call

Officers and Directors attending: Audrey Bostwick, Dan Rosenthal, Deborah Bridges, Diane Koopman, Elaine Kendig, Heidi Ferguson, Jeff Morse, John Freiburger, Leona Anastasi, Linda Yutzy, Lynne Palmer, Marc Johnson, Mike Arnold, Tracey Morgan, Veronica Campbell, Bill Lawson

Also attending: Honorary Director Holly Pulsifer, staff member Stacy Carlson, general member Merridy Hance substituting for Secretary Ann Davis

The President reported that there were sufficient voting board members present to constitute a quorum to conduct business.

Approval of minutes from meeting of September 25, 2015

Minutes were approved with these revisions:

Spelling of Deborah Bridges' name.

Board of Governors' report will be included as written, but noted as "pending" until determination is made as to the status of this group.

President's Report

President Arnold reported that he had hired a temporary part-time clerical person to help in the ADS office.

He also mentioned that there had been a discussion during the Members' Meeting of making a condensed version of the ADS Rulebook.

Linda Yutzy moved that "*an ADS-only Rulebook with a condensed version of Combined Driving and Dressage sections be produced for publication.*" There was a second. In discussion, CDC Director/Chair Marc Johnson further clarified that the Combined Driving Committee had already planned to take on this project, not altogether taking FEI rules out of the combined driving section, but simply removing unused articles. A full inclusive reference rulebook file is to be kept available on the ADS website as well. Dressage Director/Chair Tracey Morgan encouraged that Dressage section be included in the process to minimize duplication within the Rulebook as a whole. Director/Chair Johnson suggested that a timeline be established.

President Arnold did not wish a timeline to be included at this time.

After discussion, the motion carried.

Rules Committee Report

Rules Committee Director/Chair Linda Yutzy presented a table outlining the rule change suggestions and proposals put forth this year and their status with the technical committees. Sections of the table included rules that were "New," those to "Modify," to "Clarify," and those of a "Housekeeping" nature. Beginning with "New," and as described individually by President Arnold, Director/Chair Yutzy moved that "*the Board accept this section of new rules as*

described." There was a second. After discussion, the motion carried. In the "Modify" section, after discussion, President Arnold described each proposal individually and asked for a vote to *"approve the committees' recommendations."* Board members present voted to approve. In the "Clarify" section, President Arnold suggested that it was not necessary to go through the listings one by one. Debbie Bridges did note that Article 248.5 should read 249.5. Chair/Director Yutzy confirmed that this should be corrected. President Arnold called for approval of committees' recommendations in this section. Board members present voted to approve. In the "Housekeeping" section, these items do not require a vote by the Board to approve. President Arnold encouraged all members to review all items just the same.

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee Representatives:

It being necessary to nominate two persons from the BOD to serve on the Nominating Committee, President Arnold suggested Veronica Campbell and Francine Arrington. Linda Yutzy moved that *"Veronica Campbell and Francine Arrington serve on the Nominating Committee."* There was a second. The motion carried.

New Business

Application for Date Waiver:

Representing Garden State CDE, Judy Canavan and Duane Pasch, attested to their efforts to find a date for their September 22-25, 2016 event that would not coincide with the ADS Annual Meeting. Unable to find a viable alternate date, they requested a waiver in order to hold their event on the above dates. Vice-President Dan Rosenthal moved that "the dates for Garden State DT and CDE, September 22 - 25, 2016 be approved. There was a second. After discussion, the motion carried.

Next Meeting

The winter meeting of the ADS BOD will be held in conjunction with the USEF annual meeting January 13-16, 2016. President Arnold encourages BOD members to attend tech committee meetings and to participate in activities at this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. CDT.

Submitted by Merridy Hance for Ann Davis who is Secretary, ADS Board of Directors