

THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2015 – GoToMeeting

President Mike Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:30pm CT.

Secretary's Report

Voting members present: Mike Arnold, Amanda Horton, Bill Lawson, Ann Davis and Elaine Kendig. Executive Director Susie Koos-Acker was present as well as staff member Stacy Carlson.

The Secretary reported that there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2015

President Arnold asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

Updates

SERVER

The ADS server that crashed will be replaced next week.

NEW WEBSITE

Susie Koos-Acker is in the process of completing an inventory status. There will be a separate inventory sheet for the Omnibus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR ADS MEMBERS

This policy has been offered by Equisure as an ADS membership benefit. Members would have the opportunity to purchase this policy when renewing membership. Susie Koos-Acker stated that Equisure representative Diane Leshner would be willing to attend the ADS Membership Meeting in September at Lodi, California to explain the policy. Committee members agreed that this was a good opportunity and that she should be invited. A decision on this program will be discussed further at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The committee discussed also the ADS Accidental Death & Excess Accident Medical Insurance policy.

NON-ADS SHOWS SEEKING RECOGNITION

The subject was discussed but no decision made.

USEF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Amanda Horton moved to appoint Diane Kastama as the affiliate representative from the ADS. There was a second. The motion passed.

\$15 non-member fee

The ADS has been asked whether the \$15 fee applies to activities not specifically mentioned in the \$15 announcement, such as a CT (Combined Test), when it is held in conjunction with an activity that allows the reduced non-member fee, such as ADT.

There was agreement by members of the committee that activities such as a CT, when held in conjunction with a main activity which qualifies for the reduced member fee, should also allow the reduced fee.

North American Championship in 2015

President Arnold informed committee members that he has received feedback that the 2015 Requirements for the North American Championships, as developed by the Development Committee, are causing much confusion since they have not been officially approved by the Board of Directors and adequately communicated to ADS members. The new requirements are:

1. Championship competitors must be ADS members in good standing. Persons paying the non-member fee may compete in the event, but may not be placed as a champion or reserve champion.
2. Preliminary Championship is open to any driver who has not competed in the last year more than twice above the Preliminary level.
3. Drivers wishing to compete at the Intermediate level must not have competed at the Advanced level in the two years prior to the championship event.
4. Exceptions to 2 and 3 above may be made by application to the Development Committee setting forth the special circumstances that may make an exception reasonable
5. Competitors must have successfully completed a minimum of three ADS, CDEs or DTs at the Preliminary level within 24 months prior to the Championship competition date. At least one of those competitions must be a CDE
6. Championship competitors agree to photo release by virtue of entering the championship competition.

Amanda Horton moved that requirements "1" and "6" be required only for the 2015 Championships and that "2 - 5" be delayed for recommendations from the CDE Committee and the Event Standards Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. There was a second. The motion passed.

2015 Budget Summary

Treasurer Lawson updated the committee on his progress in reformatting the budget information.

Transition

President Arnold reported on the decisions made to date stemming from the resignation of ADS Executive Director Susie Koos-Acker that is effective Friday February 20, 2015:

- 1) There will be no further changes at this point at the office staff level. Stacy Carlson and Maria Woldt will continue with their responsibilities plus picking up duties of the Executive Director. They will coordinate with President Arnold.
- 2) He has established a Transition Special Committee to be chaired by Amanda Horton.

Treasurer Lawson stated that he will continue to work with the bookkeeper

The President reported that two special committees will be established, one to focus on membership and the other on advertising.

He and Vice-President Horton will work with staff member Maria Woldt to send out a News Byte on Monday or Tuesday of the next week, with a follow-up in the March Wheelhorse, on these subjects:

1. Transition information
2. North American Championships
3. Clarification of the \$15 non-members fee

Further, the President will be sure that organizers receive a separate communication on the information above.

Next meeting

There was agreement to meet next in two weeks, Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00pm CT.

Adjournment

With no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary ADS Board of Directors