

**THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY. INC**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 18, 2015 – GoToMeeting**

President Mike Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:05pm CDT.

**Secretary's Report**

Voting members present: Mike Arnold, Ann Davis, Bill Lawson, Elaine Kendig and Francine Arrington.

The Secretary reported that there was a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2015**

President Arnold asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, *the March 11, 2015 minutes were approved.*

**New Business**

**ADS RECOGNITION OF CLINIC EVENTS**

Francine Arrington brought up a discussion of criteria for ADS recognition of clinics, similar to schooling shows. The main question was whether the new Club Liability policy could be available for events that are not necessarily managed by a club, but rather by an individual. The consensus was that there is a need to talk with Equisure to get clarification.

**REQUEST BY DIRECTOR TO EXPAND \$15 NON-MEMBER FEE**

The Board of Directors has received a petition from a Director to consider allowing a reduction from the ADS \$30.00 non-member fee to \$15 for a particular Pleasure show that has just 18-25 competitors. The consensus of the Executive Committee members was that if the Board made this exception then it would also have to allow a \$15 for all pleasure shows. With the current financial challenges, competitors must give more financial support to the organization, not less.

**2015 CONTRACT WITH THE EDITOR OF THE WHIP**

A draft contract was agreed upon, to be signed and valid April 1, 2015.

**USEF/ADS DISCUSSIONS**

The president reported that the ADS has been invited for discussions involving the USEF and the ADS. There is a May to August time schedule. The President reported that he and Amanda Horton would represent the American Driving Society.

**Financial Discussions**

Treasurer Bill Lawson led a lengthy discussion on 2015 budgetary issues, including transfers between ADS operations and Endowment Fund accounts.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 9:45pm.

**Submitted by: Ann Davis, Secretary Board of Directors**