

**THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 16, 2015 GoToMeeting**

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

Secretary's Report

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

The Secretary reported that there was a quorum.

Attending the meeting were staff member Stacy Carlson and Maria Woldt. Also attending were Directors Linda Yutzy, Veronica Campbell, Marc Johnson, and Hardy Zantke.

Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2015

The President asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, he declared that the minutes were approved.

ADS Insurance for Educational Activities

Ann Davis moved that these three documents be approved: Requirements for ADS Educational Activities: ADS Education Activity Participation Driving Event and Disclaimer: and Organizer Application for an American Driving Society for Educational Activities. (See attachments.) There was a second.

Ann Davis moved to amend the ADS Educational Activity Participation Driving Event and Disclaimer to change the non-ADS member fee from \$30 to \$15. There was a second. After discussion, the motion to amend was approved with unanimous consent.

Returning to the original motion now amended, after discussion, the documents were approved with unanimous consent.

Replacement of Directors

Rules Committee: Linda Yutzy has been appointed by the President to fill that roll until the Board of Directors meeting in September. Her name will then be submitted for election to hold that position until the end of December 2016.

Midwest Regional Director: Mike Arnold will work to find a replace for the resignation of Katy Rhinehart. This name will be submitted for election at the September meeting

Southwest Regional Director: Dan Rosenthal will work to find a replace for the resignation of Karen Garrett. This name will be submitted for election at the September meeting.

2016 ADS North American Championships

Chair of the Special Committee on the 2016 NA Championships Marc Johnson submitted a document for Executive Committee consideration.

Francine Arrington moved to approve the timeline as indicated below. There was a second.

Timeline for 2016 Championships:

August 15, 2015- 2016 Bid Documents due at ADS office from Host Organizers

August 27, 2015- Host recommendation meeting with the Executive Committee

September 1, 2015- On, or by, 2016 Hosts will be announced

August 1, 2016 – December 04, 2016 - Competition dates (season) for ADS NA Championships

After discussion, *the approval was unanimous.*

Elaine Kendig moved to approve the criteria for Preliminary and Intermediate Championships. There was a second.

Mike Arnold moved to amend the document as indicated below. There was a second

2016 Preliminary Championship Competitor Criteria:

1. Championship Athletes must be ADS members in good standing.
2. Preliminary Championships are open to any Athlete who has not completed a CDE above Preliminary Division (Driving Trials and Arena Trials exempted) in the 24 months prior to the scheduled Championship.
3. Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of three ADS-recognized CDEs or DTs in the Preliminary division. **Completions at DTs above Preliminary will also be recognized for qualification.**
4. Preliminary Championship Athletes are not eligible to enter the ADS North American Intermediate Championship in the same calendar year.
5. An Athlete may enter only one turnout in the competition hosting an ADS North American Championship. The North American Championship entry, which includes the Athlete and groom(s) for **Marathon** and the Athlete for **Cones**, must compete before **participating in** the non-championship entry in **Marathon and Cones.**

2016 Intermediate Championship Competitor Criteria:

1. Championship Athletes must be ADS members in good standing.
2. Intermediate Championships are open to any Athlete who has not **completed a CDE** above the Intermediate division (**Driving Trials and Arena Trials exempted**) in the 24 months prior to the scheduled Championship.
3. Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of three ADS-recognized CDEs or DTs in the Intermediate division. **Completions at DTs above the Intermediate will also be recognized for qualification.**
4. An Athlete may **enter** only one turnout in **the competition hosting** an ADS North American Championship. The North American Championship entry includes the Athlete and groom(s) for **Marathon** and **Cones. The Championship entry** must compete before **participating with a** non-championship entry in **Marathon and Cones.**

After discuss, *the vote to amend the motion was approved unanimously.*

Back to the main motion as amended, *the motion on criteria was approved unanimously.*

Francine Arrington moved to approve both the 2016 Preliminary and Intermediate Championship Host Requirements. There was a second.

2016 Preliminary Championship Host Requirements:

1. Omnibus entry bid documents are due no later than August 15, 2015. The 2016 bids will be reviewed by the Combined Driving Committee for recommendation to the Executive Committee.
2. Organizing Committee must offer an ADS-recognized event and have offered an ADS-recognized CDE for at least two years prior to the Championship date. The Organizer must have recent experience running an ADS-recognized CDE at least to the Preliminary level for two years prior to the Championship bid.
3. It is mandatory to prominently display an ADS banner during the duration of the Championship event.
4. Preliminary Championship jury president must be at least ADS Registered (R) CDJ.
5. Preliminary Championship jury must have a minimum of three CD judges. No guest cards are permitted.
6. Preliminary Championship technical delegate must be at least ADS Registered (R) CDTD.
7. Preliminary Championship course designer must hold, at least, a USEF Combined Driving Course Designer license or have designed a minimum of six courses (**Marathon and Cones**) at ADS-recognized CDEs, at least to the Preliminary level.
8. Preliminary Championship entries will have a required First Inspection prior to Dressage under Article 935.2.
9. Preliminary Championships shall take place over three or four days.
10. VSE Preliminary Championship Dressage arenas will be an applicable size-adjusted arena, per Appendix F.
11. Preliminary Championship Marathon shall have 6 Obstacles in Section B.
12. Electronic timing is recommended for Cones.
13. No eligible entry may be refused. Individual or lone entries in any class offered must be accepted. There is no minimum number of entries required.

2016 Intermediate Championship Host Requirements:

1. Omnibus entry bid documents are due no later than August 15, 2015. The 2016 bids will be reviewed by the Combined Driving Committee for recommendation to the Executive Committee.
2. Host venue must be an ADS-recognized event and have successfully offered an ADS-recognized CDE for at least two years prior to the Championship date. The Organizer must have recent experience running an ADS-recognized CDE, at least to the Intermediate level for two years prior to the Championship bid.
3. It is mandatory to prominently display an ADS banner during the duration of the Championship event.
4. Intermediate Championship jury president must be, at least, ADS Registered (R) CDJ.
5. Intermediate Championship jury must have a minimum of three CD judges. No guest cards are permitted.
6. Intermediate Championship technical delegate must be at least ADS Registered (R) CDTD.
7. Intermediate Championship course designer must be USEF/FEI or EC Licensed CDCD.
8. Intermediate Championship entries will have a required First Inspection prior to Dressage under Article 935.2.
9. Intermediate Championships shall take place over three or four days.
10. VSE Intermediate Championship Dressage arenas will be an applicable size-adjusted arena, per Appendix F.

11. Intermediate Championship Marathon shall have 7 Obstacles in Section B.
12. The same carriage must be used in the Dressage and Cones competitions.
13. Electronic timing is required for Cones.
14. No eligible entry may be refused. Individual or lone entries in any class offered must be accepted. There is no minimum number of entries required.

After discussion, *the vote on the Host Requirements was approved unanimously.*

Annual meeting in September

Staff member Maria Woldt and Pacific Regional Director Veronica Campbell updated the committee members on the September ADS meeting, September 24 through 27 in Lodi, California.

Secretary Ann Davis agreed to provide draft agendas at the next Executive Committee meeting for both the Members Meeting and the Board of Directors meeting. Activities for the Members dinner will also be discussed.

Other items for discussion

UPDATE ON CONTRACTING FOR A COMMISSIONBASED ADVERTISING SALES ASSOCIATE

Staff member Maria Woldt stated that the job has been posted in several locations, and that one application has already been received.

SHOW CANCELLATION POLICY

Mike Arnold and Stacy Carlson will work on a policy regarding refunds.

REGIONAL FUND GUIDELINES

Francine Arrington stated that this has been developed, and will send to the office as well as committee members.

ADS USEF MEETING

President Arnold stated that it will take place but the final date is not set.

ADS INSURANCE FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The President asked which committee should coordinate promotion and administration of this program. The Education Committee was suggested. The President agreed to approach Chair Larry Brinker.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary Board of Directors