

**THE AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Lodi, California – September 24, 2015**

President Mike Arnold called the meeting to order at 4:10pm and welcomed ADS members attending the meeting

**Secretary's Report**

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

Voting member present via telephone: Dan Rosenthal

The Secretary reported that there was a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2015**

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

**ADS 2016 North American Championships Venue Award Report**

Marc Johnson, Chair of the Combined Driving Committee, made comments from a written report submitted to the Executive Committee earlier:

Last week, the Combined Driving Committee discussed the bids for the 2016 North American Championships. Although expecting more interest from the event organizers, appropriate bids were submitted. After the initial review, all the qualified organizers were asked to resubmit their bids with corrections or additional information. Unfortunately, one was outside of the designated championship season, as described in the criteria.

Notes of the Executive meeting, where the criteria was in question, were briefly discussed. The criteria was written for specific reasons by a team, upon request of the Executive Committee. Questioning the criteria, after it has been approved and put into place is absurd, particularly questioning the championship season. The criteria has the opportunity to change for 2017, taking comments from the membership and Directors in consideration. It is the committee's hope that the championship program will grow in interest among the organizers.

The recommended venue for the 2016 North American Preliminary Championship is Longview by the Lake CDE. Located in Kansas City, this venue is in the middle of the country. The Longview Horse Park sits on 575 acres of land, owned by the county, hosting many equestrian events each year.

The 2016 North American Intermediate Championships recommendation goes to Katydid CDE. This venue proved itself an excellent choice for the inaugural Intermediate Championship last year. Their dedication to excellence should be an example to all ADS Combined Driving Events and be popular among the Intermediate competitors.

Upon final review by the Executive Committee, it is recommended that the venues be approved quickly, so that all parties involved may start putting marketing and sponsorship in place. The opportunity to build this program correctly is here. The Combined Driving and Events Standards Committees are committed to making this a shining star for the ADS.

*Ann Davis moved that the 2016 North American Preliminary Championship be held at Longview by the Lake Combined Driving Event in Kansas City, Missouri, September 16-18, 2016. Further,*

*that the 2016 North American "head-to-head" Intermediate Championship be held at Katydid Combined Driving Event in Southern Pines, North Carolina, November 3-6, 2016. There was a second.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**Discussion of agendas for Members Meeting and BOD Meeting**

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the agenda for the Members meeting and the BOD Meeting.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm

**Submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary American Driving Society Board of Directors**