

AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 26, 2010

President Jim Keathley opened the meeting at 7:00 PM CDT.

Present were Executive Committee members Jim Keathley, Pat Cheatham, Bill Lawson, Ann Davis, Mary Jo Stockman, Tom Knickers, and Susan Koso. Also present was John Freiburger.

Approval of the Minutes

Mary Jo Stockman moved approval of the Executive Committee minutes of July 15, 2010. Ann Davis stated that she has received a request from Simon Rosenman to make changes in the Rule Committee report to better reflect his comments. Further Dana Bright as Chair of the LOC asked for further minor changes. *After the agreement on these changes, the motion passed with no dissention.*

WEG Update

John Freiburger, Chair of the WEG Committee made these points:

- *Driving 101 has posed some problems, but the WEG staff has agreed to work out the confusion
- *WEG Income to date (advertising and donations) is \$35,544; Budgeted expenses are \$31,258, leaving a profit of \$4000.
- *The WEG ADS booth will be available after the event to be used for other expositions and shows – a “booth in a box”
- *Dana Bright reported on the Carriage Derby: 6 participants, different times each day, but one hour each; have 23 volunteers to help with the Derby
- *The ADS has a total to date of 64 volunteers.

Pat Cheatham reported that ADS Editor Sandra Cooke is encouraging us to contact Jim Wofford who will be announcing for the NBC TV at the WEG activities at the Kentucky Horse Park. She knows him from her time at the Practical Horseman and can provide an introduction. This is an opportunity for the ADS to provide information, including biographies of the drivers and a script on the nature of the sport as well as video fillers. To get started, a suggestion was to send questionnaires to the USA Drivers for information. Mary Jo Stockman agreed to be the point person on this total project with help from John Freiburger and Dana Bright.

Update from the New Director Training Committee

Ann Davis reported that a committee of herself, Pat Cheatham, Gerry Pearson, and Mary Jo Stockman have just about completed a Webinar ADS Board of Directors training session. The committee used as a starting point the 2008 PowerPoint presentation. Further, Ann Davis, Chair of the Committee, agreed to work with the ADS office on new director notebooks.

John Freiburger agreed to put together closing statements for the Webinar, with a 3-5 point outline for a visual slide provided to Pat Cheatham ASAP Further, he agreed to provide a Welcome Letter for the new director ADS notebooks.

Correction of Bylaws on EXCOM specified membership

Following up on an email message to Executive Committee members, Pat Cheatham again explained a problem with the ADS Bylaws as presently posted. In summary, he stated that in January 2009 a motion passed to have the Governance Chair be a part of the Executive Committee. In August, 2010,

another motion was made naming the current chair as well as three other directors, after agreement that ADS Bylaw did not allow appointment in odd years and then a subsequent change in the bylaws to allow appointment. Neither the January motion nor the August motion mentioned any changes to the Bylaws. Further, the maker of the January motion stated that his intention had been meant for the makeup of the current Executive Committee, not a permanent decision and Bylaw change. Mary Jo Stockman, Chair of the Governance Committee, stated that there had been a misunderstanding. However, once the draft Bylaws were posted, it was official.

The Executive Committee agreed that the fall GoToMeeting Board of Directors meeting, October 28, was the appropriate place to correct the Bylaws. The Executive Committee agreed that this then would leave the new Board the opportunity to make its own decision regarding the make-up of the Executive Committee, that is members in addition to the ADS officers.

October 8 ADS meetings:

Ann Davis read the following report from Executive Director Susie Koos Acker who could not attend the meeting:

1. Buyer's Guide and Harness Chart are at the printers should mail the first week in September
2. Glasses, Bags, and other miscellaneous items have been ordered should be here next week
3. Proxy's to-date have been catalog and checked for membership we have 67.
4. Registrations for the meeting to-date are 69. "many BOD members haven't registered"
5. Shirts have been ordered for the demonstrators.
6. Price shopping for the TV, VCR and Stand.
7. Menu's have been finalized just waiting for the final count.
8. Gerry finished the 3 minute ADS video commercial.
9. Working on the schedule of volunteers for the booth and the travel, housing logistics for Stacy and I.
10. Haven't worked with Mike Arnold yet on revising the webinar material.

Update for the January 2011 BOD meeting

President Keathley explained that there are two alternative locations and dates for the ADS January Board of Directors meeting: have in conjunction with the USEF meeting in Cincinnati the second weekend in January; or hold in conjunction with the 2011 CAA Winter Conference to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 27-30. The Executive Committee agreed that the appropriate decision makers were the old and new board members. President Keathley agreed to work with the Executive Director in polling each current and nominated member of the Board as to his/her preference.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM CDT..

Submitted by: Ann Davis, ADS Secretary

Date: August 27, 2010

Next meeting is September 9, 2010.