

North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

Board Meeting

October 16, 2014

Mandan Middle School

President Tom Johnson welcomed us to Mandan and called the meeting to order at 3:10. Members present: Boyd Westman, President-Elect; Becky Hardy, Secretary-Treasurer; Carol Thurn, DOT; Bob Green, NE region; Darin Bardal, SE region; Dale Ludwig, NW region; and Janet Erhardt, SW region. None were absent.

Bob made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes as they have been posted on the website and Dale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The financial statement reported by Becky:

For the NDDTSEA 2014 Conference the income was \$10,826 with expenses of \$6,985.33 for a net gain of \$3,840.67. HOWEVER, thanks to ND DOT and Carol Thurn for providing the expenses for our 2 guest lecturers including their flights, rooms, and all other expenses which total about \$5,000.

Current checking account balance is \$8,433.07. Current market value of our Dougherty & Company account is \$19,792.

Some discussion about the viability of our conference without the support of ND DOT occurred and Boyd made a motion to increase the conference registration to \$90, with \$100 for late registrations. Darin seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Tom has filed the tax forms the past few years. He shared these documents with the board and will send copies to Becky.

Boyd, Darin, Carol and Tom attended the ADTSEA conference and all felt that it was extremely worthwhile. (Tom has a summary report posted on the website.) The 2015 ADTSEA conference will be in July in Raleigh, NC.

Much discussion centered on the planning of the 2015 NDDTSEA Conference.

At this point, there will not be a pre-conference, but rather an extra session will be provided for those that have questions, need a refresher, or are new to the Playbook. The focus of the conference will not be the Playbook curriculum, but enhancements to the curriculum and our teaching.

Andy Pilgrim or Brett Robinson will be contacted about headlining our conference.

Fred Mottola was also discussed as a possible presenter for the conference. He has created an updated version of the Partnership for Expert Driving booklet.

Round Table Discussions will be included in the conference as was indicated on conference evaluations last year. Round Tables would possibly be divided by Class A and Class B schools to discuss classroom presenters, activities, parent night, etc.

A general session will be held on paperwork necessary for a portfolio for liability.

Backseat activities will be covered either by a presenter or included in round table discussions.

Ryan Gellner will present on Impact Teen Drivers.

Dan Schoonhoven was discussed as a possible presenter. His topic is on safety belts and EMS.

BCI and American Trucking Association will be invited to give short presentations as well as be invited to have a booth.

We would appreciate any ideas or suggestions about booths/vendors and presenters. Please call or email any member of the board!

ALSO, we need donations to offset the cost of the conference! Please ask local businesses to support our efforts in driver education ~ ANY amount is appreciated! Send to Becky Hardy PO Box 416 Rolla, ND 58367.

Cameras – we have 47 DVR cameras as teaching tools throughout the state! Due to donations, we have gotten 13 just this year!

Membership dues were discussed. The board is reluctant to raise the membership dues. After discussion, Janet made a motion to put in place a reinstatement fee of \$10 for any member that allows their membership to lapse as of March 2015. Boyd seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed the possibilities of anyone currently on the board being interested in the President-Elect position. Barring that lack of interest, we need to look for candidates for the position.

Becky will contact Stuart Savelkoul, the NDU lobbyist to find out what the fee would be. We will need to refine our wants/needs – replace foundation aid? Conference costs, members to attend ADTSEA, fund Playbooks?

Boyd made a motion to adjourn and Janet seconded it. All in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:44.

Minutes respectfully submitted by ~ Becky Hardy