

North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

October 17, 2013

Board Meeting ~ Minutes

Century High School

President Tom called the meeting to order at 2:40. Present were: President Tom Johnson, President-Elect Boyd Westman, NW Rep Dale Ludwig, NE Rep Bob Green, DOT Rep Carol Thurn, and Sec/Treas Becky Hardy. Absent were SE Rep Janet Erhardt and SW Rep Darin Bardal.

Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as posted on the web site, Boyd seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Becky gave the treasurer's report stating that on June 30, 2012 our checking account balance was \$16,531.03 and in December of 2012 we put \$7000 in a mutual fund. Our 2012 conference expenses were \$3,621.91. DOT covered the expenses for our speaker. As of September 30, 2013 our checking account balance is \$11,646.60. Our mutual fund at Dougherty and Company, LLC is currently at \$18,877. We discussed an audit of the books at our March Conference with Carol Gurule and Brad Webster on the audit committee. Also, Carol presented a format for a financial report to the membership and it was agreed that we would use the first two pages and have those prepared as a hand-out for our March meeting. Dale made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Bob seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

President Tom stated that he is current with reporting for our taxes and he will send a copy of the paperwork to Becky.

Much discussion occurred on the subject of the ADTSEA conference. Tom and Carol both reported that last summer's conference was great! It will be in Wichita, Kansas this summer and the consensus was that about half of the board should attempt to attend the conference this year and the other half plan to go next year, as we would like to be more involved and possibly even host the ADTSEA conference in ND in the future.

Boyd and Becky attended the ODTSEA conference in Oregon last weekend. They reported that it was so exciting to see the new Playbook and DVD Interface! Discussion followed on how to adapt the curriculum for ND and volunteers for the committee to work on it. Tom, Dale, Bob, Boyd, Brad, and Becky (Possibly Bardal too.) will work on adapting the curriculum once copies are received. The plan is to have the curriculum ready for the membership at our annual conference in March!

Discussion about the 2014 NDDTSEA Conference presenters concluded that Rich Hanson will be the main presenter as we focus on our curriculum. Dr. Shari Willis will also present new ideas for learning activities. Other presenters will include a Drug Recognition Expert, a small group session on the use of in-car cameras, a demo of Ford's Park Assist Parallel Parking, and possibly someone to present on the crash recognition systems. The board decided not to go with Dr. Fred Mottola or a presentation on Autism this year in order to focus on the curriculum.

Ideas for booths were discussed, with the recommendation to ask Ryan Gellner of the ND Association of Counties to return, ABATE, the Safety Council, Health Department and insurance companies. Possibly the Convincer may be able to be there. We need more people to get out and ask for funds to assist in putting on this conference. A personal approach from any one of our members to any and all local businesses for any amount of a donation to our NDDTSEA conference would be greatly appreciated!

The "Train the Trainer" program was discussed by Tom. He will have a conference call with Bill and Rich to see when the trainers can be trained. Melissa Young, Jason New, Jean Baird, Boyd Westman, Jim Keller, and Tom Johnson are the trainers. Carol will ask some driver ed instructors from the SW to see if they would be willing to be one of the trainers also, so that we have good regional representatives.

Carol has been seeking AND FINDING donations to provide in-car cameras for teachers throughout the state. AAA donated the funds to provide 13 cameras! Donations have also been received from Strasburg State Bank, FCCU Napoleon, Dakota Plains of Ellendale, Dakota West of Watford City, Westlie Motors of Minot, Bob's Oil Field Service of Belfield, and Gate City of Wahpeton.

Boyd made a motion to adjourn at 4:27 and Bob seconded it, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by ~

Becky Hardy