

North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

October 18, 2012

Davies High School

Fargo, ND

Board Meeting Minutes

President Tom Johnson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:08 P.M.

Roll Call – members present: Tom Johnson, Joe Bren, Becky Hardy, Carol Thurn, Janet Erhardt, Dale Ludwig, and Bob Green. Members absent: Jim Haluska and Larry Nagel.

Bob G. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Dale L. seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Conference Committee – An email was sent out to the membership asking for volunteers to work on the 2013 Conference. No one has come forward to volunteer. The board was asked to look at the membership list and make any recommendations to Carol T. and she will contact the member. She is looking for 4 people to assist with conference preparations, and this can be done from anywhere, without a meeting in Mandan.

ADTSEA Conference – President Tom reported on the ADTSEA conference that he attended this summer. Carol T. also attended and both thought that it may be possible for North Dakota to host this nationwide event! Next year it is in Portland, and Tom mentioned the possibility of having more than one member attend.

Financial Report – Our current balance is 15,108.42 with this being an increase of 1300 since January. However, NDOT has paid for our conference presenter and their airfare for the past two years. This is not something we can always count on. Janet made a motion and Joe seconded it that that we move 7000 to a money market account as long as it is still readily accessible. All in favor, motion carried.

Technology – Dvorak Motors donated money to the NDDTSEA to be used for technology. The board agreed to purchase Logitech Presenters to be distributed at the annual conference.

NDDTSEA Conference – Tom will send out more information to members about what the Pre-Conference entails, so that those teachers that need a refresher or just better understanding of the curriculum know that this day of the pre-conference is available to them. Becky will also

get a list of new teachers from Howard to be sure that they are included. Discussion about booths/displays – do we want these again? Yes! was the consensus. Donations to sponsor breaks – it may be better to verbally ask for a donation, the businesses will be recognized in the conference booklet as well as at the conference. This should include all businesses possible – not just those from Bismarck or Mandan. The board members are encouraged to ask their local businesses for a donation to sponsor the 2013 NDDTSEA Conference. Break-out sessions for the conference were discussed. A break-out session is needed for the dvr cameras that have been purchased through donations for various area schools – for example all of the Cass County schools. Other possible break-out sessions include The Drug Recognition police officer, sleep deprivation, and Alive at 25. Dale will contact the Devil Lake National Guard about the possibility of the pedal cars and their hands-on demonstration of impaired driving. Shari Willis was discussed as a possible presenter at the conference – she presented at ADTSEA and did a great job with PEP activities. Tom will contact her about this possibility. Brian Larson has donated some old driver ed books and it was decided that these will be used for display at the conference.

Train the Trainer Program – Much discussion occurred around this topic. Bill Warner and Rich Hanson are willing to come to ND during the summer and train 8 driver ed instructors – two from each of the 4 regions of the state and then GO with them back to their region and train the other driver ed instructors in their respective regions. More information is needed as to the time frame involved, available dates, and possible teachers to do this in-car driving experience with other teachers. Any driver education instructor interested in becoming a Trainer for your region of the state, please contact a board member.

Taxes/IRS – We are missing the odd year's taxes. We are a 501(3)c and require some official documentation to attest to that for some grants that we apply for. Tom will contact the IRS to see about that.

Legislative Issues – We NEED our membership to speak speak to their Legislatures and the people of their communities in support of full GDL. AAA will work with us! A Primary Safety Belt Bill may be an option this session and we need the membership's support to get it passed! As the "Local Expert" in driver and traffic safety, your opinion DOES count! Make it heard!

Webpage – The link for the member's names and addresses has been de-activated. The list posted on the web in 2013 will include only the member's name, email address, and school.

Handouts – Carol provided some hand-outs for leisurely reading.

Adjournment – Dale made a motion and Janet seconded it to adjourn the meeting at 4:55. All in favor, motion carried.