

## NDDTSEA Board Meeting

March 27, 2014

Seven Seas Hotel & Waterpark

President Tom called the meeting to order at 8:45 PM and welcomed us to Mandan. Present were: Carol Thurn, DOT; Boyd Westman, President-Elect; Janet Erhardt, SW region; Dale Ludwig, NW region, Bob Green, NE region; and Becky Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer. Darin Bardal, SE region was excused – he would arrive in Mandan later.

Brad Webster asked to be on the agenda and spoke about having a dedicated fund for driver ed. This would have to go through the legislature. We would need help in the form of research and a lobby group. If we asked for a \$1 surcharge on vehicle license renewals, the estimate is 800,000 vehicles are registered in the state annually. Janet motioned and Bob seconded that Brad proceed with hiring a lobbyist. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of the October 17, 2013 board meeting – Dale made a motion and Boyd seconded it not to read the minutes as they were emailed to the board and placed on the web site. All in favor, motion carried.

The 2016 conference was discussed as the 2015 conference is already booked at the Seven Seas. Other cities have indicated that they would be interested in hosting our annual conference, but we discussed the traveling distance and difficulties in organizing a conference from a distance, so it was agreed that the conference will remain in Mandan. The weekend was also discussed. As there seems to be no perfect dates for everyone, it was agreed to stick with the last weekend in March unless it interferes with Easter. This appears to work best.

Becky reported that there is currently \$17,603.35 in checking and \$19,188 in the money market account at Dougherty & Company, LLC. Conference costs are estimated at \$3,555 and some money is committed for travel and expenses to the ADTSEA convention.

Dale made a motion to accept the financial report and Bob seconded it, all in favor, motion carried. Carol Gurule and Brad Webster have agreed to audit the financial books during the conference.

No applications were received for the TOY award. Superintendents and/or Principals received information about this in an email from Carol.

The Cal Lundberg Scholarship was discussed. This is a \$500 scholarship that is paid to the chosen student at the beginning of their second semester with the proof of first semester (grades) and enrollment in second semester (class schedule). Dale made a motion that Hannah Alto of North Star – Cando be the scholarship winner this year. Janet seconded it, all in favor, motion carried. Congratulations Hannah!

The conference was discussed. The board members need to make a point of thanking the vendors personally for coming to our conference and their support. Becky will write thank you notes to the companies that donated to the conference – AAA donated car blankets for our door prizes and ABATE donated \$500 to help defray conference costs!

ADTSEA conference is in Wichita, Kansas in July. Tom, Boyd, and Darin will attend. (Carol will attend also, but her conference costs will be covered by DOT.) Dale made a motion and Janet seconded it that NDDTSEA will pay for up to four board members to attend.

NDDTSEA needs a spokesperson for a media campaign about distracted driving. This will be sometime between April and September. Please contact Carol.

Carol reviewed the NHTSA Driver Education Assessment that will be conducted August 4 – 8 in Bismarck. Hopefully, this will lead to improving the program. Carol will send out an invitation to teachers that would be willing to be interviewed on August 5 and will reimburse travel costs.

Train the Trainers was discussed and will be tabled at this time, with a possibility of conducting some of the in-car training at next year's conference.

Dale made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 and Janet seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hardy

Secretary/Treasurer