



North Dakota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

Executive Committee Meeting

March 31, 2016

Baymont Inn & Suites

Mandan, ND

President Boyd Westman called the meeting to order at 8 PM and welcomed the board to Mandan and the 2016 NDDTSEA Conference. All board members were present: President Boyd Westman; President-Elect Jim Keller; Past-President Tom Johnson; Secretary/Treasurer Becky Hardy; Carol Thurn, ND DOT Program Manager; NE Representative Bob Green; SE Representative Darin Bardal; SW Representative Dave Erickson; NW Representative Dale Ludwig; Minot State University Driver Traffic Safety Instructor Brad Webster; and Jon Dondoneau.

President Boyd Westman called for a reading of the minutes from the October 2015 meeting. Tom Johnson made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes as they are posted online. Darin Bardal seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jon Dondoneau explained the procedure of putting the Playbook online. The cost estimate is \$4,500 and it would be done in about two weeks. NHTSA website would be the host, or we would have our own domain for a nominal cost. Utilizing Power School, teachers and students with a gmail, Outlook, or Microsoft Office email account would be given access to enroll in classes. The tests would be set up so that they would be graded immediately online and the grades posted. Carol Thurn said that she has money in her program for this endeavor, but it will not be available until November. Need to do more research on this project. This was approved by the board!

The financial report was discussed. Due to our current cash flow issues, Dale Ludwig moved to take out the necessary funds from our money market account to maintain the checking account with that money being replaced in the money market account when possible. Dave Erickson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The applications for the Cal Lundberg Scholarship of \$500 were reviewed by the board. Dave Erickson made a motion to award the Cal Lundberg Scholarship to Marc Michaelson. Bob Green seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Carol Thurn reminded us to thank the vendors for their support of our conference. We all need to do a better job of asking for donations to support OUR conference - even \$20 would make a difference. If unwilling to ask for money, give the name and contact information to Carol and she will ask!

There was some discussion about the low conference attendance - 73 members this year. We need more driver education instructors. Jon Dondoneau suggested a scholarship for new driver education teachers. We would need a write up for the superintendents to promote the scholarship. Another idea was the possibility of holding the conference every other year.

Jim Keller proposed an idea of a twenty-five cent surcharge added to license plate renewals, which would create about \$75,000 for the organization and distributed through DOT. It would give us the money to provide scholarships, Playbooks, cameras, and other instructional tools as well as the ability to promote traffic safety throughout the state. All were in favor of this idea to be presented to the legislature.

The ADTSEA conference is in Portland OR this year. Boyd Westman and Jim Keller will attend. Darin Bardal, Becky Hardy and Jon Dondoneau would also like to attend. The estimate per person of attendance including airfare, registration, the banquet, per diem and hotel is approximately \$2100. There is a possibility that O DOT has money to pay the registration fee of \$425.

President Boyd Westman adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Hardy, Secretary/Treasurer