

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S
APRIL 2009 MEETING**

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Attendance: The April 20, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, and Mary Kaye Hession. Shelbie Fredenhagen, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter arrived soon thereafter. Marti Miller and Peggy Bowker were not present. Victoria Fredenhagen and Jeff Ritter also attended.

Minutes: The March meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Raena Schraer said that we have approximately \$9,444 in the bank, with most of our 2009 show expenses already paid. Now is the time when income starts to come in. We made \$123 on our first batch of logo shirts. Ordering extra t-shirts in the second batch caused us to go in the hole temporarily. Our spring meeting arrangements worked out well; ADA's subsidy for the meeting was only \$40.16, less than we had expected to pay. We have 63 members to date.

USDF compliance: Raena, Mary Kaye Hession, and Carolyn Schultz are working to supply documents USDF says we must file for compliance with its requirements.

AHC/WCCEC:

- Linda Kelley checked with AHC's Lori Hackenberger on our plans to set up the dressage arena on May 16 at 9 a.m. Lori told her that Chugach Rangeriders had rented the entire facility that day for Equifest and advised calling Diane Sullivan. Diane said we could proceed with our plans; her gate people will have name tags to identify the ADA volunteers. The board decided to thank Chugach Rangeriders by donating \$30. In addition, we'll get the word out that arena workers (including Midnite Run Pony Clubbers) who plan to stay for Equifest should pay at the gate. Diane asked for dressage demonstration riders for Equifest; Aimee Ritter agreed and possibly Amelia Haddad will join her.
- Our summer "to-do" list at Chamberlin continues (trim painting, steps, changing the locks, mulch, possibly an awning, and bases for the arena letters at least on the M-F side). The bleachers closest to the dressage arena also need painting. However, our sound system needs have been met: Jo Gottstein as well as August Axtell and her husband donated sound system parts. Between them, we'll have a functional system before the show season.

Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz will check to be sure that we have the necessary show forms and copies of tests. We've applied for permission to award the Dover Medal and Deana Johnson will file for show insurance.
- There will be three Valley schooling shows this summer, each with Saturday dressage classes (July 12, August 23, Sept. 7). Susie Merritt, Linda Kelley, and Cherrie Ruesch are collaborating on circuit arrangements including awards.
- Sharon Sadlon plans to have a dressage table at the ASH swap on April 25. Char Cohen will coordinate with Marti Miller to get ADA forms left over from the spring meeting to Sharon's table. There will be copies of the *Omnibus* too; we'll make sure Sharon knows that only new members would be entitled to a copy.
- We have housing (at Robin's) for our Springfest judge. Deana Johnson will organize the clinic after that show.
- Raena will check with show secretary Brit Kaiser to be sure our Fox Village show software subscription is paid up. Susan Ritter will ask whether Brit wants a work party before Springfest.

Membership outreach

- Raena found some sort of glitch that caused some of our new members not to be identified as USDF GMO members. It has been fixed. She also checked into GMO benefits. Although USDF horse awards require a full participating membership, rider awards can be earned with just a GM membership, plus GM members are eligible to show.
- Mary Kaye listed the content available for the next newsletter. Linda will try to email a President's Passage while on vacation. We could advertise our logo t-shirts in the newsletter (they can be bought at the shows or by contacting Victoria). Aimee Ritter volunteered to write an item on her trip to the FEI World Cup Finals.
- Aimee reported that she met Steffen Peters (among others) and invited him to Alaska—he said yes! We suggested talking to Deana to see what can be worked out. Perhaps we could plan an educational event for 2010 or 2011 to be funded by a Dressage Foundation grant. Raena cautioned that the event must be completely set up before funding can be requested. Carolyn Haddad is a grant-writer; perhaps they could collaborate. Raena also said she could write up a request for a Conoco grant. Amounts below \$5,000 can be requested at any time; above that amount the fund request must be submitted in September.
- Victoria reported on the ADA banner project. We can get a 3' x 5' hemmed, grommeted banner for \$188, or a 2' x 3' for \$93.67. There's a \$25 editing fee, but we could get any color background and lettering. The consensus is that we should get the 3 x 5 in black and white with "Alaska Dressage Association" and our logo (sans words). Jeff Ritter will do a mockup and email it to us.

ASH

- ASH is considering an emergency rule change would let horses earn points toward ASH awards at AQHA shows (for Western and halter classes, divisions that are in trouble at open shows). Mary Kaye expressed her objection to the proposal because AQHA shows do not have USEF recognition, USEF-licensed

judges and stewards, USEF rules, or USEF drug testing. The shows would not even pay the ASH recognition fee.

- Raena proposed that ADA sponsor an endangered ASH division such as driving to reinvigorate it. Linda suggested the games or gymkhana divisions. The proposal was tabled until after the first show.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin dressage office (unless otherwise notified).