

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S AUGUST 2005 MEETING

PRESIDENT: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882 SEC'Y.: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090
VICE-PRESIDENT: SUSIE KAISER, 346- SHOW COMM.: JENNIFER LUNDBERG,
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TREASURER: DEANA JOHNSON, 348-2503 AWARDS: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882
SENIOR BOARD: MARTI MILLER, 694- SENIOR BOARD: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994
6123, 786-7437 (w)
JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY CARR, 345-8665 JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

Attendance: The August 10, 2005 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Linda Kelley, Mary Kaye Hession, Susie Kaiser, Deana Johnson, Jennifer Lundberg, and Jori Dittmer. Emily Carr and Marti Miller were not present. Jayne Dittmer and Anne Marie Rowland also attended.

Minutes: The May meeting minutes were approved. (The June meeting was strictly a work session for the ADA Spring Festival, and there was no meeting in July.)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Deana Johnson did not have a formal analysis, but reported that we have about \$6,000 in our account, plus a batch of show checks to deposit. Susie Kaiser had several show expenditures to be reimbursed.

Membership outreach: Raena Schraer said that our Dressage Foundation grant application for a dressage camp next year has not progressed. We discussed possible dates for the camp. Jayne Dittmer suggested we could do the camp in conjunction with a Pony Club group session, perhaps in early May 2006.

Awards banquet: Everyone seemed to like O'Malley's on the Green, last year's banquet site and a lovely venue. Raena will check on available dates at the end of October. Jori Dittmer offered to help Sue Mues with the table decorations, if Sue is interested. Susie Kaiser will ask Britany Kaiser to coordinate the silent auction, and will find out if Solstice Saddlery can donate something for the auction.

Board elections: It's time to come up with nominations for this fall's board elections. Assuming they accept the task, the board will appoint Carolyn Schultz and Christine Erikson to be our nominating committee. For this fall's election, we will need to fill three senior seats (Deana Johnson's, Marti Miller's, and Raena Schraer's two-year terms are up) and both junior seats (junior terms are for one year).

Show committee:

- Susie Kaiser reported that USEF asked for some corrections in our Omnibus, e.g. stating the physical address of the William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center. She supplied those corrections.
- Next year we will plan to do two one-day shows. There will also be a day of dressage at the Chamberlin annual show, and State Fair Horse Shows (Valley Circuit) wants to offer a day of dressage, which Susie agreed to help with. This scaled-down schedule will still allow riders to qualify for national USDF awards, which require participation in at least four shows.
- We can hire good, enthusiastic “r” judges for \$200 rather than \$600/\$700 per day for an “R” judge. Deana will get suggestions; Raena offered to do the search for 2006 officials, with some guidance. Susie will find out if the comments that riders submit on show judges are available for us to review online.
- If we hold our 2006 shows on a Saturday, we can offer a clinic on Sunday.
- Possible candidates: Lois Heyerdahl would like to judge one of our shows; Debbie Meloznik and Veronica Holt would like to serve as TD’s. Perhaps Ali Buchanan could judge in June.

IRS non-profit status: Marti Miller was not present, and we had no new information on our IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit filing.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Linda Kelley’s house in Palmer (we should carpool). Linda’s directions are summarized below:

At the second stop light in Palmer, turn right onto West Arctic. Continue out of town approximately four miles. You will cross the Matanuska River, see a sign for Clark-Wolverine Road and then a sign for Smith Road. Turn left onto Smith Road (actually East Smith Road), and continue on East Smith for approximately 1/2 mile. Then turn right onto North Smith Road. (Again no correct signage; however North Smith only turns right and it is the first paved opportunity to turn right—can’t miss it!) Proceed on North Smith approximately 1/2 mile and turn right into the Kelley driveway, which is directly across from her mailbox. The mailbox has "1200 KELLEY" on its nameplate on top, and the driveway has a power pole directly in the middle of the drive. The drive makes a "Y" at the street so that you can enter on either side of the power pole. It will look like you are driving down a little wooded trail, but just keep coming; it will open up to pastures briefly. Park on the grass in front of the deck on the front of the house or around the drive.