

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S AUGUST 2006 MEETING

PRESIDENT: SUSIE KAISER, 346-2351	SEC'Y.: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090
VICE-PRESIDENT: MARTI MILLER, 694-6123, 786-7437 (w)	SHOW COMM.: JENNIFER LUNDBERG, 301-2738
TREASURER: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882	AWARDS: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882
PROMOTIONS/FUNDRAISING: PEGGY BOWKER 373-2330	OMNIBUS EDITOR: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994
JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY MINER, 336-2383, 632-4762(c)	JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

**Attendance:** The August 28, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. with a quorum of Marti Miller, Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Jennifer Lundberg, and Susie Kaiser. Carolyn Schultz also attended. Linda Kelley, Peggy Bowker, Emily Miner, and Jori Dittmer were not present.

**Minutes:** The July 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Raena Schraer presented a treasurer's report showing ADA's current assets as \$14,578.34. However, we still owe horse show arena rental, and must buy awards for the November banquet and pay USDF for our membership roster in November. For one more month, our records will remain on former treasurer Deana Johnson's computer: the files can't be opened on any other computer. The board voted to get this apparent technical problem fixed; Susie recommended we call Alaska Web Action.

**IRS non-profit status:** Deana received a new IRS letter saying ADA better fits the criteria for a 501(c)(4) organization rather than 501(c)(3) (Raena did not have a copy of the letter). Deana e-mailed our CPA asking what the IRS letter means, but hasn't received a reply yet.

### Show committee:

- The next show committee meeting is set for Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m., at Carolyn Schultz's house, 8501 Sultana Drive.
- Dressage at the last 2006 Anchorage Horse Council schooling show was cancelled due to light entries (one) and heavy weather (lakes) in the dressage arena.
- Carolyn Schultz sent thank-you notes to everyone who helped make our shows possible. Max, the volunteer host at WCCEC who did so much arena grooming for us, loved the Flying Dutchman treats he received. We're also sending a gift to Alaska Equine and Small Animal Hospital, which served gratis as our on-call vet.
- Susie Kaiser reported she told AHC president Lori Hackenberger we'd like the new dressage office trailer moved back somewhat. Lori planned to get

bids, but the trailer hasn't moved yet. Susie bought a lock for the trailer. AHC directed Max to reset the plastic bases for the white planks around the arena, some of which had toppled over, but the real problem is that the timbers underneath are rotten and need to be replaced.

- Our new arena markers and letter bases have arrived. The bases look great and have room for flowers.
- Raena has volunteered to manage Springfest 2007. We still need a manager for the August show. Jennifer Lundberg will be secretary for both events.
- We hadn't made any clinic arrangements for 2007 yet, but decided we'll offer a clinic after the June show.
- Lois Heyerdahl, our August 2006 judge, sent us a thank-you note and recommended a TD, Susan Moran, who is eager to come to Alaska. We already have Sigrun Robertson lined up as our TD for 2007, but can consider Susan Moran for 2008.
- Springfest 2007 will be June 2 or 2-3. We hope to move Biggest Event Ever to Aug. 11-12, 2007, with a similar date for 2008 (USEF's current date rotation system has caused the standard dates for 2007-2008 to be a week late).
- Our August 2006 TD Veronica Holt recommended we obtain Fox Village Dressage show software. The price has dropped to an initial \$300, plus a \$35 annual fee. Jennifer will try it out before we decide.
- The show management committee will also decide on ad rates for the *Omnibus*, including color ads. Peggy Bowker is seeking more sponsors, so we might have more ads to run next year.

**Nominations:** Jennifer McLeod and Sue Banet have agreed to serve as our nominating committee for the fall election. Board nominations and bios are due Sept. 25, with Kathryn Brooks nominations due Sept. 30. Including our senior and junior incumbents, suggestions for people to be contacted about running for the board included Jayne Dittmer, Kim Hale, Darlene Capps, Susie McCaughly, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Emily Carr. The board decided that the show committee should brainstorm nominations (if any) for the Super Volunteer Award.

**ASH Dressage Medal:** Susie e-mailed Kari Garber in our continuing attempt to locate the ASH Dressage Medal perpetual trophy. Kari hasn't replied yet, as she is attending the World Equestrian Games in Aachen. If Kari can't tell us anything more, we'll get a replacement trophy from Bovey's.

**Handbook revision:** Tabled again. Mary Kaye Hession is to remind everyone that this is our homework for the September meeting! Carolyn will send Mary Kaye a copy of our updated bylaws to be posted on our website.

**Membership outreach:**

- Raena reported that the August-September newsletter is coming along fine; our editor Loretta Andress circulated her first draft for comment.

Jennifer Lundberg recommended that we not print everyone's full scores in the newsletter, as that would take too much space. Instead, the newsletter should list only our show and 2006 championship awards, and ask all our members to check their scores on USDF's website. That's the official listing, and any errors must be corrected through USDF first. We also decided to remove the photos from the newsletter and offer them separately on our website, so that the document won't take so long to load.

- ADA is in good shape financially and is in a position to give back to the membership. The board decided that the show committee should come up with recommendations on how to do this: extra clinics? Discounts? Carolyn Schultz said that if someone else can be found to manage the August show, she'd be willing to plan an adult camp. (ADA did this before, years ago, at WCCEC.) Once we have a plan, we could apply for a Violet Hopkins grant to help fund it. If we can't pull it together for 2007, we could do it in 2008. We could invite a renowned clinician to lead the camp—maybe even Debbie McDonald!

**Awards banquet:**

- The awards banquet had to be moved to November 3 because O'Malley's was already booked for November 4.
- Marti Miller will do the calculations for ADA awards, including the 60 Percent certificates.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25 at Huffman Horse Center.