

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S
FEBRUARY 2008 MEETING**

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Attendance: The Feb. 25, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Sarah Cohen, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, and new board member Victoria Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz also attended.

Minutes: The January 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: There has been no change in ADA's finances. Raena Schraer will coordinate with Deana Johnson to resolve the USDF Roster issue, so that ADA does not pay USDF \$17 per person for those who pledge but never actually join ADA. One suggestion was to have a formal membership drive at the November banquet, in time to meet USEF's initial Roster deadline (Dec. 1), then another one in February. Those who have not paid their dues will not be included in the Roster, and of course their scores won't count for year-end awards. When we send out dues invoices, we should include a deadline for payment.

Show committee:

- Linda Kelley expects to have the *Omnibus* finished and printed in time for the spring meeting (March 30).
- Carolyn Schultz reported that all arrangements are ready for all our 2008 show officials, including housing. Judy Eaken will be our show secretary. Raena Schraer will manage one of the licensed shows (she doesn't care which one) but we need someone for the other one: Charlene Cohen? Sue Mues? Nicole Ringler?
- Carolyn also reported that Deana Johnson knows how to make our Fox Village software handle concurrent class entries. If necessary, Carolyn will check with Jennifer Lundberg on how to get access to the software. Likely we need a license code from Jennifer.
- Deana found a judge for WCCEC's annual show.
- ADA will be in charge of both dressage schooling shows at Chamberlin, not just the May show. But we don't know who will manage them; maybe Susie Kaiser? Anne Appleby will judge the May show and Karen Adams the July show.

- Should the July schooling show have a special name? (Originally the Margaret Adams Memorial Show was the July show.) Perhaps we could name it in honor of Christine Erickson, who always cooked for the July show along with Anne Sundquist. Or we could honor a different person each year.
- Carolyn can't coordinate show dinners for 2008.
- Linda Kelley confirmed that the State Fair show will be Aug. 26-29, with dressage the last two days. There won't be any exhibition classes, but the show will have musical freestyle, plus pas de deux and quadrille classes—and there may be entries in those classes! It's imperative for horses to be off the show grounds before the fireworks begin Friday evening.
- The WCCEC annual show will have only one day of dressage, July 19.
- We'll supply championship prizes (not ribbons) for the Valley Circuit show. Peggy will coordinate with Susie Kaiser to replenish our awards supply.
- Linda needs *Omnibus* ads/sponsors by mid-March. Carolyn Schultz will acquire show officials' biographies for her.

Membership outreach:

- March 7 is the deadline for March newsletter material. Peggy Bowker's 2008 fundraising letter will be in that issue, plus publicity for the spring meeting.
- The March 30 spring meeting will be at Gallo's, with a ticket price of \$10. ADA will pay the rest (\$3-4 per person). Linda will see if Dr. Sandi Farris could speak to the group, perhaps covering skin problems and the new EIA system. Marti Miller can explain the USDF score check issue. Linda will cover the fireworks issue at State Fair as well as the membership requirements for award programs. Raena will explain why applicants must pay their dues before we can officially list them as members.

ASH dressage rules: Carolyn circulated draft changes to the ASH dressage rules. One issue is whether to base scores on horse-rider combinations. That's what USDF does for its Junior/Young Rider and Adult Amateur awards, but ASH has traditionally kept "horse performance" awards (which disregard the rider) separate from its "equitation awards" (which disregard the horse). Her proposal used scores from horse-rider combinations for Junior/YR and AA awards, but perhaps the Open awards should be based only on the horse. She'll continue to hash this out—e-mailed comments are welcome—and see what Jennifer McLeod thinks. There was a consensus that 55% should be the minimum median for an ASH award, not 50%, and that no more than two scores per judge should count.

AHC/WCCEC news: Raena will coordinate with Susie to seek a discount from SBS and purchase a kit building suitable for a dressage office at Chamberlin.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.