

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S FEBRUARY 2009 MEETING

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Attendance: The Feb. 12, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Peggy Bowker, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, and Charlene Cohen. Victoria Fredenhagen, Carolyn Haddad, and Sarah Cohen also attended. Raena Schraer was out of town.

Minutes: The January meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Awards:

- Peggy Bowker ordered first and second place show ribbons (including champion and reserve) for the season at a cost of \$1,159, even with a 10% discount. Shipping alone was near \$300. We'll have to do this again next year, and will also need to replenish our supply of lower-place ribbons then.
- We will need about \$1,400 for show awards, but will be reimbursed by AHC for about \$400 of this. Peggy asked whether we should offer separate awards for FEI classes or, as the current *Handbook* states, offer an all-inclusive Third Level and Above award. The board asked her to seek the Show Committee's advice on this point. We also decided to offer schooling show circuit championships, using some of our leftover awards such as clippers and bridle bags. We'll ask Susie Merritt to set the rules.
- This year's awards banquet is set for Oct. 24, 2009.

ASH rules: ASH rule changes are posted on ASH's website. They require prize lists to be submitted 90 days before the show, a deadline our *Omnibus* can meet. Riders must now record in individual divisions (\$35, with an early-bird discount). We must collect a \$2 fee from non-ASH members who wish to show. Mary Kaye Hession will ask ASH President Brena Doolen whether excess recordings go toward funding "like" divisions.

Spring meeting arrangements:

- Susan Ritter will try to get Kinley's for Saturday, March 21 for the spring meeting.
- The spring meeting will focus on the 2009 show season, including membership requirements and qualifying for ADA, USDF, and ASH awards.

Subtopics will include the new ASH dressage rules (we can explain this ourselves, as ADA proposed them in the first place), changes in ASH's recording system (we'll invite an ASH representative to cover this), and new features in USEF's dressage rules.

- Other attractions at the spring meeting: Linda Kelley will have the 2009 *Omnibus*, which will include the schooling shows, ready to hand out (she hopes it will have an insert covering the new AHC dressage show). We'll explain where our members' dues go and how much volunteer time it takes to put on ADA's shows and other activities. There will be a "horse personality" presentation and an opportunity to swap or donate unused glass show awards. Finally, members can order outerwear screen-printed with the ADA logo, such as a full-zip hooded sweatshirt (\$40, plus \$10 for the screenprinting) or a slip-on sweatshirt (\$22 plus screenprinting). Victoria will design an order form with a few basic choices, sizes and colors.
- Susan Ritter will check again with Sigrun Robertson, who asked to address the board regarding information she gathered at the USDF convention. Perhaps her information should be presented to the general membership at the spring meeting, not just to the board.

AHC/WCCEC:

- We'll meet May 16 at 9 a.m. to get the Chamberlin dressage arena set up and ready for the show season. Equifest may be scheduled for the same day, but we should be able to avoid any conflicts. Susan will confirm with Lori Hackenberger that the water will be turned on, in case the arena bases and rails need to be rinsed off. Susan will ask husband Jeff how he recommends leveling the letter bases (the M-F side has a slope); we'll probably need people to bring scrap wood for that purpose.
- There may be a stallion at this year's shows. Susan will ask Lori H. if the Anchorage Horse Council has special requirements we need to follow for stallion stabling, etc. Victoria Fredenhagen suggested a review of our insurance policy.
- Victoria brought grey paint samples for the trim on the Chamberlin judge's stand and dressage office. We liked either "Honest Abe" or "Sheet Metal."

Show committee:

- Judging contracts are coming in; housing is set; Deana Johnson is getting show insurance.
- Sue Kolstad will judge the Chamberlin annual show. The judge we found for the June Anchorage Horse Council recognized dressage show will need to be replaced due to her grave illness.
- We still don't know if there will be any schooling shows in the Valley, or any dressage classes in the two recognized shows that may replace the Valley Circuit.
- There will be two schooling shows offering dressage at Chamberlin: ADA's spring schooling show May 23 and another ADA schooling show on July 25. The AHC/Rainbow Connection show June 13-14 will have hunter-jumper classes but not dressage.

- Eleanor Thibodeau can judge our May 23 show and do two days of clinics, although Pony Clubbers in the Valley are also interested in getting clinic time with her. Eleanor has waived her judging fee; we'll pay for her travel and clinic days only, and she will be housed with the Kelleys. The clinic fee will be the same as last year, \$110 (see March 2009 minutes for update).
- Susan volunteered Raena and herself to find volunteers for the May 23 show. We hope that Susie Merritt will manage it.
- Susie Merritt would like us to keep the dressage class lists consistent this year, which will ease the burden on show secretary Brit Kaiser.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., at Loussac Library in the 900's, third floor, northwest corner. (For future reference, Jayne Dittmer's church at 15th and C might also be available for our meetings.)