

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JANUARY 2005 MEETING

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Attendance: The Jan. 22, 2005 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Susie Kaiser, Linda Kelley, Jennifer Lundberg, and Jori Dittmer, with Deana Johnson arriving at 7 p.m. Jayne Dittmer also attended. Emily Carr could not participate. Welcome to all new and returning board members!

Minutes: The November meeting minutes were approved (no meeting in December).

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Deana Johnson reported there had been no change in ADA's accounts since her last report. We should send a letter thanking Debbie Moloznik for her contribution.

Proposed dressage camp: Raena Schraer found it impossible to file our U.S. Dressage Foundation grant application for an adult dressage camp (kids are welcome too!) because it asked for more detail than she could supply. It was decided that she would work on the application with Deana and Carolyn Schultz (who filed for a USDF grant years ago). Ideally our event would use the USDF crew that specializes in putting on adult camps.

Show committee:

- Jennifer Lundberg agreed to head up our show committee. Sue Mues and Ardene Eaton have volunteered their help. Mary Kaye Hession will send Jennifer Kari Bazy Garber's advice on hiring officials, and show management tips are covered in the ADA *Handbook*, available at <http://www.alaskadressage.org/forms.html>.
- We're still not sure we've solved our TD problem (USEF GR1120 says a TD can't officiate at a show more than two years in a row, nor at more than two consecutive shows run by the same manager). Susie Kaiser will look into this.
- Susie finally got a definitive answer (from TD Veronica Holt) on our long-standing Prix Caprilli question: a Prix Caprilli class does not count against a horse's three-classes-per-day limit because it falls outside the list of recognized classes. However, it can be run as an "exhibition" or "special event" and it can be judged. (Maybe such classes can be packaged

together at mid-day or the end of the day.) Prix Caprilli scores should not be submitted to USDF.

- Veronica Holt also volunteered to edit our prize list. Better yet, she is willing to serve at one of our 2006 shows.
- We have completed the show recognition process with USEF and USDF for this year's ADA shows, but are still working on ASH recognition, and haven't reserved arena space yet. Susie will e-mail our dates to Lori Hackenberger at the Anchorage Horse Council, and Deana will check with ASH.
- We don't yet know which Valley Circuit shows will have dressage classes. Susie will get circuit manager Bill Kornegay's phone number and call him.
- The Anchorage Horse Council has already asked if Susie Kaiser will help with the dressage part of its schooling shows, but we want to save her for our recognized shows. Instead, Raena, Deana, and Jennifer Lundberg will cover these shows, and Jayne Dittmer will ask for youthful volunteers from the local Pony Club. We'll also recommend that dressage be offered at only two of the four schooling shows: May 14-15 (ADA's Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show occurs during this show) and July 30-31. (The other AHC shows are June 21-22 and Aug. 27-28. Pony Club has its own commitments for a camp June 21-26 at Peter's Creek and a rally July 13-16 in Palmer.) Getting entries on time was a problem last year: AHC welcomed entries up until its classes started, but dressage entries need to be scheduled in advance. Can we get the schooling show entries earlier, or leave slots open for last-minute additions?
- Jayne Dittmer said she had room to house a clinician if that's needed during the summer.

USEF competitor penalty: Susie has received no reply to her letter protesting USEF's severe penalty against an ADA member/dressage competitor who mistakenly thought she had renewed her USEF membership. Susie plans to forward the letter to Veronica Holt and ask for advice on what else we can do.

ASH divisions: The board had considered asking ASH to merge Junior/Young Rider divisions at Training and First Level into the Open division, in view of declining Junior/YR entries. However, it decided to drop the idea for now, as there have been so many ASH changes this year already.

Election of officers: Raena Schraer will continue to serve as president, Deana Johnson as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary. Our new vice president is Susie Kaiser, with Jori Dittmer as her assistant. Linda Kelley volunteered to prepare the Omnibus this year.

Membership outreach:

- The spring open membership meeting will be Sunday afternoon, April 3. Topic: helping everyone figure out what applications they need to get ready for the 2005 show season. Non-members will be welcome. We

might use the Bella Vista again; or La Cabana; or the Sourdough in Eagle River.

- Deana wants to update our horse recording form by asking for USDF and USEF horse ID numbers. Mary Kaye will look for a Word version of this file, make the changes, and send it to Deana to be turned into an Adobe Acrobat file for our website.
- We're checking with donor Christine Erickson on her preferences for our new "Super Volunteer" award. We'll try for something the awardee can keep, such as a wall plaque or a fleece throw with the ADA logo.
- We have books and movies now for our members to check out: a USDF freestyle video (Susie Kaiser has this now) and three sets of the Masters of Equitation series on the trot and canter (Linda Kelley checked out one of the sets).

Facility maintenance:

- We should plan to groom the dressage arena at the William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center this year. Bernie had some ideas on how to solve arena problems; are AHC funds available that we could match? Everyone hates the footing in the perimeter lane, including the people who ride Icelandics: it's too rocky.
- Linda reported that she helped take down the dressage tent at the Chamberlin Center during a blizzard last September. We will need to replace the tent pole flanges that were frozen in place and broken during disassembly. Also, the tent was wet and will need to be thawed and dried out before we can set it up.

IRS non-profit tax status: Before she left, Kari Bazy Garber gave Raena a binder full of what seems to be IRS 501(c)(3) paperwork. Is it possible our non-profit application never got filed? Raena will check with Kari. Meantime, Marti Miller volunteered to compare the binder with what she filed to get 501(c)(3) status for a geology organization. Marti's organization hired a lawyer for \$500 to prepare its application. 501(c)(3) status is important so that sponsors' contributions are tax-deductible.

Newsletter [send items via e-mail: schraer@hotmail.com; phone 345-0486]: Raena can't continue as newsletter editor, but agreed to do one more issue that will include asking for a volunteer. We may need to pay our newsletter editor as ASH does. In addition, the board decided to e-mail the newsletter to every member whose e-mail address we know: reducing the number of physical copies that have to be printed, folded, addressed and mailed will ease the pain and suffering for the editor. The editor needs your newsletter items/documents/classified ads within two weeks after each board meeting.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28, at Huffman Equestrian Center. Possibly Deana, Jori and Emily won't be able to attend.