

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JANUARY 2006 MEETING

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Attendance: The January 23, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum of Marti Miller, Raena Schraer, Linda Kelley, Mary Kaye Hession, Peggy Bowker, Susie Kaiser, Jori Dittmer, and Emily Miner. Carolyn Schultz, Jayne Dittmer, and Deana Johnson also attended. Jennifer Lundberg was not present.

Minutes: The November 2005 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Outgoing treasurer Deana Johnson, who has volunteered to continue as assistant treasurer, presented a current balance sheet and profit and loss statement. ADA currently has assets of \$7,333.18 including accounts receivable. Deana announced that we have \$790 in sponsorships pledged already, we have four brand-new members, and she is ready to invoice our 2005 members who have not yet renewed for 2006.

IRS non-profit status: As of mid-December, the IRS was reviewing our filing for 501(c)(3) status as a nonprofit. We were told that the review could take 120 days.

Show committee:

- Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show: Raena called Patty Russell, who agreed to judge this schooling show. Patty can supply biographical information for the Omnibus. Carolyn Schultz arranged with the Anchorage Horse Council (AHC) for the AHC to pay Patty's fee (AHC will also give us \$15 of each rider's entry fees, and will not charge arena rental). The Pony Club has agreed to pay a third of Patty's air fare, and Jayne Dittmer located a ticket for about \$350, which we agreed she should go for. We will have a clinic day before and after the show for Pony Club and ADA riders. Jayne provided contact names for Pony Clubbers who are interested in taking the clinic. One potential hitch: If there will be Icelandic classes on Sunday, May 14, we won't be able to use the Chamberlin dressage arena for that day's clinic.
- The rest of the show season includes Equifest on May 20, the ADA Spring Festival on June 3, the AHC's schooling show II on June 10-11, dressage at Midsummer on June 24-25, dressage at the Chamberlin rated show on

- July 15 (plus a clinic with judge Sue Kolstad on July 16), AHC schooling show III on July 29-30, ADA's Biggest Event Ever on August 12-13 (including our championship classes on August 13) followed by two days of clinics, and the AHC schooling show IV on Aug. 26-27.
- Linda Kelley wanted to encourage riders to try dressage at Midsummer. She had asked TD Veronica Holt about exempting certain classes (for 4-H members, Introductory level, etc.) from USEF membership requirements. Veronica did not think that any exemptions were possible, but ADA board members felt that USEF rule GR1401.9 explicitly allows them. Carolyn suggested that Linda consult with Lothar Pinkers, who is not only a TD but a show manager. We thought these new dressage riders might need to get a USDF horse ID number, however (\$20). Jennifer Lundberg has volunteered to assist with show secretary duties for the Midsummer dressage classes, and the Pony Club is also eager to help.
 - The Valley Circuit management has asked if we could find sponsors for dressage at State Fair in 2007. We would need to consider the costs and implications for our own shows. Susie Kaiser suggested that we could at least fund or find a sponsor for dressage championships at Midsummer or a high-point award. Carolyn pointed out we have to purchase 51 awards for our own show championships and a few more wouldn't matter. On Susie's motion, the board decided ADA will fund or find a sponsor for dressage awards at Midsummer, with details to be decided later.
 - To replace our worn-out show tent at Chamberlin, we could purchase a relocatable 10' x 14' building with loft at Lowe's for about \$3,500. Or, a boarder at Huffman said he could build such a structure for \$2,000 to \$2,500. Debbie Erickson, who is on the AHC, envisions a multi-use building on a platform that could be used as a stage; the AHC would be willing to build it. Susie will try to get a plan for the Lowe's structure; she and Carolyn will attend the next AHC meeting (Feb. 20).
 - AHC would like us to make its prize list available on our website, and it is willing to link to our Omnibus on the AHC site. The AHC is also very willing to give us the dressage results from its rated show in July, and even sent its new show secretary to the USDF convention.
 - On Susie's motion, the board approved the show committee's proposal to raise entry fees for Training/First Level to \$30, and Second Level and above to \$35. The other entry fees would remain the same as last year.

Awards:

- The board confirmed details for the year-end Prix Caprilli award. There will be only one award category (juniors and seniors together), with a championship and reserve championship awarded. Only scores from recognized shows will count.
- At our shows, we will offer an award at the Introductory level. We might consider year-end awards at that level next year.
- Linda Kelly confirmed details and sponsorship for the Super Senior year-end award for dressage horses competing at the age of 25 or older.

- ASH (Teresa Michels) inquired whether ADA would supply a base for the ASH Dressage Medal award. The award trophy already exists. A few years ago, a dressage competitor had volunteered to donate a nice base for the trophy. Marti Miller will let ASH know that the potential donor is no longer in Alaska, so ASH should plan to supply the base or seek another donor.

Bylaws/Handbook revision: Carolyn asked board members to read the Handbook and ADA bylaws before the next meeting. The Handbook is available at <http://www.alaskadressage.org/forms.html>, and if we end up needing to revise the Bylaws, they should go on our website too. Carolyn pointed out that the Handbook says junior board members are non-voting. Mary Kaye's recollection was that this change was made because juniors cannot enter into legal commitments [see September 2003 minutes].

Family memberships: USDF has created the option of a lower-priced family membership category (effective April 1, 2006). On Susie's motion, the board decided to create an ADA family membership category for 2007. The primary membership will continue to be \$35; additional or supporting memberships at the same address will be available for \$25.

New officers: Following nominations and elections, our new president is Susie Kaiser, with Marti Miller as vice-president, Raena Schraer as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary. Deana Johnson will serve officially or unofficially as assistant treasurer.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2006 at Huffman Horse Center.