

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JANUARY 2007 MEETING

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Attendance: The January 22, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Jennifer Lundberg, Marti Miller, Linda Kelley, Sarah Cohen, and Shelbie Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz was also present. Peggy Bowker, Raena Schraer, and Mary Kaye Hession could not attend.

Minutes: The November 2006 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz reported that the show committee met on Dec. 16.
- Jennifer Lundberg hoped to confirm that Carrie McLain could be our judge and clinician for the May schooling show. However, Carrie had a schedule conflict for that weekend. Jennifer then contacted Anne Appleby (now an "r" judge), who is 99% certain she can accept.
- On Thursday, May 10, ADA will host a buffet at Gallo's on Old Seward at which our judge and clinician will focus on the new dressage tests. The event will be open to everyone, advertised with ASH and the *Alaska Horse Journal*, and costs will be kept down. On Friday we'll offer standard clinic or ride-a-test sessions. The Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show is Saturday, May 12.
- Wayne Quarles has confirmed to judge our August 9-10, 2008 show. Deana will try to get Debbie Meloznik and Diane Stanley for our 2008 TD's. Brent Hicks was mentioned for our other judge but he is only an "r"; perhaps we could use him for our May 2008 schooling show—people liked him at Midsummer 2006. Michael Osinski, an "R," is another possibility for 2008.
- Deana was to talk to Lori Hackenberger about ADA's role in the Chamberlin annual show. We'll offer to manage the whole dressage part; if the judge and TD haven't been hired yet, we can help out; we've noticed that the show's licensed dates (July 14-17) don't appear to be correct. We will also recommend that there be dressage classes at the May and June schooling shows only. Deana is out of state now and we don't know if she has talked to Lori yet. We need to follow up right away.
- *Omnibus* changes: The tentative start time will go to 8 a.m., and we'll accept late entries only if times have not yet been assigned and with a late fee of \$20 per class. If ride times have already been assigned, no late entries will be accepted. We'll define post entries too: the entry was timely but the rider now wishes to add a different class, if a ride time is available (e.g. because of a scratch).

- Linda was told by the Kornegays there will be two days of dressage at Midsummer, June 23-24. The Kornegays have a TD; Linda gave them Alistair Buchanin's name for a judge. They'll provide ribbons and the Dover medal; we'll update the class list and provide scribes and other volunteer assistance as we did last year. There will be inexpensive "exhibition" classes as in 2006. (The Kornegays would welcome demonstration rides, too—even vaulting or reining.) ADA provided dressage show championships last year and Susie suggested we could probably cover them this year too with awards we already have.
- Will Prix Caprilli be dropped? With two of last year's shows running only one day (which will be true for the Chamberlin annual show again this year), and with Prix Caprilli counting against the three-class-per-day limit, riders didn't have room for any "extra" classes and entries were low. Linda Kelley recommended we offer Prix Caprilli and see how it goes—she plans to enter! The Show Committee will reconsider the issue.
- Do we need definitions for "junior" and "senior" (for show high-point awards)? Amateur, junior, and young rider are defined; those who no longer qualify as juniors are seniors.
- ADA's show dates are June 2-3 and August 11-12. Colony Days (no dressage) is May 25-28, Midsummer is June 21-24 with dressage the last two days, and State Fair (no dressage) is August 30-Sept. 2.
- We need to make contact with Lori Hackenberger before the next Show Committee meeting. Linda anticipates she could have a draft of the *Omnibus* ready by then. The meeting was set for Sunday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. at Jennifer's house.

Newsletter: Jennifer volunteered to do the newsletter for February to congratulate the 2006 award winners, thank the old board, welcome the new board, announce this year's show dates, announce our spring meeting (April), and tell people about the May schooling show. She'll ask for help if she needs it.

ASH Dressage Medal: The board revisited the controversy over calculating the ASH Dressage Medal winner (counting 100% of the person's scores vs. 80% of the scores). ASH has asked us for our recommendation. Linda said the process is simply to submit the recommendation in writing, with our reasoning, to the full ASH Board rather than to ASH dressage representative Sharon Sadlon. The most urgent matter is to ensure that 100% of the scores are counted, not just the top 80%. Linda felt a bigger issue is that the median should be computed for each horse and then averaged, so that each horse's scores (no matter how many) count equally. But Carolyn pointed out that someone who has two good dressage horses, but is then asked to ride a greener horse too, might be reluctant to do so for fear of ruining her average. Perhaps the rider should nominate which horses' scores they want included? Susie explained that the original idea had been based on the ASH Hunter Seat Medal, whose finalists are required to switch horses—that's why the ASH Dressage Medal requires rides on two different horses. She opposed requiring the rider to nominate or designate horses in advance. Why exclude a competitor who doesn't get a chance to ride a second horse until the last show? She felt that the competitor should ride one horse at one level, the other(s) at a different level. Otherwise someone can ride their top horse at two different levels, then hop on another horse for two rides, doing the bare minimum to qualify. The consensus was that there are too many different ways to interpret the rule—each of the three 2006 competitors computed her score by a different process. A committee of Linda, Marti,

Deana, and Jennifer McLeod will be asked to make recommendations for a proposal we can submit in this fall's ASH rule change process (for the 2008 show season). Meantime, Linda will write up our "100% of the scores" recommendation and email it to the board (and the committee) so that we can get it to ASH right away for 2007.

ASH Dressage Medal trophy: We finally have the replacement trophy and Susie says it's gorgeous. We need to supply the names of all the past winners so that they can be engraved on the base. Might it be in the Handbook? Or on our website?

Show software: Jennifer Lundberg reported she'd received our new show management software. She'll practice on it at our spring schooling show.

Election of officers: The board elected Susie Kaiser to continue as president, Marti Miller as vice-president, Raena Schraer as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary.

Spring meeting: Susie came up with a good topic for the spring meeting: Dr. Julie Grohs has offered to explain how the hoof is put together (she has a new program that can compare it to the "perfect" foot). We could also repeat our 2005-2006 presentation on how to join organizations, enter shows, and qualify for awards, but that's something most trainers already explain to their clients, and we can help out if needed. (We'd originally planned to show USDF's *On the Levels* DVD at this meeting, but the DVD will now be reserved for Thursday session before the May schooling show.) Susie will check out when Dr. Julie is available in April, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon; Dr. Julie might even be able to recommend a venue, and there's a cute tea-shop in Palmer that might be suitable. Susie will let us know the date by email so that it can be included in the February newsletter.

Moving: Our show secretary Jennifer Lundberg announced her family is moving Outside in late August, so we'll definitely need to get others trained on our new show management software!

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.