

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JANUARY 2008 MEETING

PRESIDENT/OMNIBUS EDITOR: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994	VICE-PRESIDENT: MARTI MILLER, 694-6123, 786-7437 (w)
TREASURER: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882	SEC'Y./WEBMASTER: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090
FUNDRAISING/AWARDS: PEGGY BOWKER, 373-2330	SENIOR BOARD: CHARLENE COHEN, 345-9074
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JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074	JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBY FREDENHAGEN, 243-5214

Attendance: The Jan. 28, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Susie Kaiser, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Sarah Cohen, and Mary Kaye Hession. Raena Schraer was out of town.

Minutes: The November 2007 meeting minutes were approved (there had been no meeting in December).

Treasurer's report:

- Raena Schraer's current treasurer's report was presented, showing a profit and loss comparison of 2007 to 2006. Our 2007 income went up slightly, but our expenses, especially for our two rated shows, increased appreciably. Income still exceeded costs, but to a lesser degree than in 2006.
- Raena wanted us to address the roster issue. Each November we must send USDF a roster of our membership, along with a \$17-per-person payment. Being listed ensures that the person receives benefits as a USDF member. Unfortunately, each year our roster has included people who intend to join ADA but who have not paid their ADA dues yet—and never get around to doing so. Last year we had seven people (an expense of \$119) in this category. The consensus of the board was that this practice must change. If people haven't paid their dues by a date to be set by our membership chair Deana Johnson, they won't be included in the roster.

Show committee:

- Linda Kelley read Raena Schraer's show committee report from the December 10 meeting. The show committee concluded there is no need to abandon our concurrent ride system; our software can handle it.
- Linda reported there will be three schooling shows offering dressage in the Valley this summer: May 31-June 1, July 19-20, and Aug. 21-22. ADA will provide a copy of each test and some suggestions for judges.
- Linda also reported that Midsummer will have two days of dressage. State Fair will likely change to Aug. 26-29, with dressage the last two days

(Thursday-Friday). The Valley Circuit will probably have no exhibition classes this year, as the schooling shows will provide an opportunity to try dressage at low cost. ADA may need to purchase more awards to donate for Valley show champions.

- Karen Adams will judge dressage at the July 26 schooling show at Chamberlin.

Membership outreach:

- We have about 55 members at present.
- Peggy Bowker has finished her 2008 fundraising letter and wants everyone to come up with a company or individual to receive the letter, which should also be printed in the spring newsletter.
- Marti Miller was contacted by an ADA member asking that her 2007 scores be adjusted and republished due to an error. But because our award calculations rely on scores as shown in USDF's data base, we can't change them unless USDF does. The spring newsletter should have an item on how to check scores in USDF's records, and we should emphasize (including on our website) that any errors should be pointed out to USDF before the applicable deadline.
- Anne Appleby will return to speak to ADA members at a May 8 meeting (Susie will get reservations at Gallo's, the place we used last year) and hold a May 9 clinic before judging the Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show at Chamberlin on May 10.
- Our spring meeting will be March 30, 1 p.m., at Gallo's; we need a theme.

Board elections: Susie Kaiser announced her resignation from the board for personal reasons. She noted that except for a break of about two years, she has been serving on equestrian boards non-stop since 1980. Linda Kelley accepted the board's nomination as our new president. Marti Miller will continue as vice president, Raena Schraer as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary. The president's job should not include show management tasks, which should be done by our show managers (not yet determined). Meantime, Marti will check with Carolyn Schultz to find out who had the next highest vote tally in the fall 2007 board election. That person will be asked to fill out the remaining year in Susie's term.

AHC/WCCEC news: Susie still did not have callbacks on the two buildings she knew of that could potentially serve as a dressage office at Chamberlin, but another possibility is an SBS kit. We would have to get someone to put it together, but would be able to place the windows and door exactly where we want them. The price is under \$5,000 and SBS knows we want a discount!

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next board meeting will be later than usual: Monday, February 25 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.