

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JANUARY 2009 MEETING

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Attendance: The Jan. 20, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Peggy Bowker, Susan Ritter, and Raena Schraer. Victoria Fredenhagen and Erin Downey also attended. Charlene Cohen and Aimee Ritter were not present.

Officers: New officers for 2009 will remain unchanged: Linda Kelley, president; Marti Miller, vice president; Raena Schraer, treasurer; Mary Kaye Hession, secretary.

Minutes: The October 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Raena Schraer reported we already have 52 members for 2009 and \$1300 in sponsorships (compared to \$2300 for the whole of 2008). Raena said that judging fees plus airfare have gone up from about \$1,000 in 2004 to a high of \$2,367 for one of our 2008 judges (Wayne Quarles), although that included clinic days, not just higher travel costs. She is researching typical per-ride charges by our clinicians. At the 2008 banquet, we made \$500 (after counting auction proceeds) instead of going in the hole as in the past. The silent auction produced \$2000. To thank our auction organizers, we're comping Ardene Eaton's banquet charge and giving Nancy Farris an equivalent gift card. For next year, Nancy suggested we give out ADA pins to all attendees.

ASH dressage rules: ASH says our dressage rule change proposal was approved intact on Jan. 19, except that it added a requirement to send show results to ASH. The status of the other rule changes is uncertain. If ASH requires show managers to submit prize lists 90 days in advance, Linda said our 2009 *Omnibus* can meet the deadline, at least in draft form.

Show committee:

- This year's Margaret Adams schooling show will be May 23, later than usual, but school will be out. Karen Adams can possibly judge the show, or Eleanor Thibodeau (Linda Kelley will talk to her). Catherine Reed, an FEI rider, is another possibility.

- We don't know if there will be schooling shows in the Valley this year.
- We'll have a clinic with Natalie Lamping after our June licensed show, but our August show won't have a clinic. Possibly we could host a freestyle clinic with Cynthia Collins of Luna Tunes Freestyles later in August or even September?
- We have housing for all our judges. Not all of the judging contracts have been returned yet.
- A second Anchorage-area EMT group (Linda has their contact information) could possibly provide EMT services for us. We need to check prices.
- Susan Ritter will ask Carolyn Schultz whether Susan must be a "participating" USDF member to serve as show manager.
- Three USEF rule changes for 2009 affect dressage: whips can be up to 47.2"; riders through First Level can wear plain half-chaps that match their boots; a score of 60% at the highest test of the level is required to qualify for a freestyle ride.

AHC/WCCEC:

- We'll schedule a work party at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, to set up the dressage arena at WCCEC. The arena letters need to be leveled, too.
- The consensus was that the trim on the dressage office building and judge's stand should be painted dark grey. Victoria Fredenhagen volunteered to do the honors.
- Raena and her friend Andy will build a set of steps at the front of the dressage office.
- Linda will change the lock on the dressage building (one set of keys vanished). She will also contact the municipality about free mulch to spread around the building; Susan Ritter will research whom to call.
- We should keep our eyes open for a good deal on an awning to shelter the west side of the building.
- The board will again allow Pony Club to use the dressage office for this summer's rally (early July).

Spring meeting: The spring meeting, which will likely be April 5 or March 22 (Susan will find the venue), will feature Richard Hinrichs' DVD *Motivation of Dressage Horses* (50 minutes), Linda's presentation of a Linda Parelli *Horse and Rider* feature on analyzing a horse's personality, a joint presentation on the paperwork needed to sign up for shows and year-end award programs, and a swap of mismatched glass awards. We might also solicit donations of surplus glass awards, bridle bags, etc. for re-awarding.

Awards: Raena's records show that our awards fee brings in \$700 to \$1000 each year. Year-end awards cost about \$1000, as do show awards. (Awards needed for our shows are listed in the *Handbook* and each year's *Omnibus*.) ADA could supply champion and reserve awards for the WCCEC Annual Show and AHC's new dressage show, but we'll be reimbursed only for the latter. Reserve awards can be something smaller such as a gift certificate. The board decided to expand the Horse of the Year and Rider of the Year awards to three places (perhaps later we'll expand our level awards to three places), which requires a *Handbook* revision. Mary Kaye

will take care of the revision in coordination with Carolyn Schultz. Whenever we spot a nice award possibility, we should notify Peggy Bowker. (Peggy will also send us this year's sponsor solicitation letter.)

Logo: Victoria Fredenhagen and Carolyn Schultz chose a nice vest and sweatshirt model for our logo at Alaska Monogramming. Becky, the owner, said it would be \$20-\$30 to embroider a sweatshirt; there is no minimum order. She still has our original silkscreen logo design, but it's large—suitable only for the back—and doesn't center well. The setup fee would be \$50 to change the design, including producing the same design in a smaller size. Board members considered various options, so many that it was difficult to choose. Victoria volunteered to get the existing design embroidered on a sweatshirt for Shelbie so that we can see an actual example; to be continued.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 19; place TBA. Sigrun Robertson has asked to make a presentation to the board on information she gathered at the USDF conference; Susan will invite her to this February meeting.