

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JULY 2006 MEETING

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JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY MINER, 336-2383, 632-4762(c)	JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

Attendance: The July 24, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum of Marti Miller, Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Jennifer Lundberg, Susie Kaiser, and Emily Miner. Jori Dittmer was not present.

Minutes: The May 2006 meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (There was no June meeting.)

Treasurer's Report: Raena Schraer presented a treasurer's report showing ADA's current assets as \$13,153.33 including accounts receivable. All of the proceeds of the Christine Erikson estate sale, including the tractor sale, were donated to ADA (total: \$2,845), and there are still some antique inkwell sets—appraised at \$500—that Raena Schraer will try to sell for us on eBay.

ASH Dressage Medal: So far we've had no luck locating the ASH Dressage Medal perpetual trophy. On Raena Schraer's motion, the board decided that ADA will pay for a new bowl, with base, if the trophy cannot be found within the next week.

IRS non-profit status: On June 6 the IRS sent ADA a letter challenging our 501(c)(3) non-profit filing. The IRS charged that we had not included certain information needed to determine our eligibility and set a June 27 deadline to supply it. We collected the information (including a chronology of our activities and copies of our yearly *Omnibus*) and sent it to the IRS on June 21, but have heard nothing further.

Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz could not be present as she was running a clinic, but Susie Kaiser reported that everything is in progress for our August show. The dinner will be held in the same place as at the June show, and the price may be less than the original estimate of \$20. This time we really do need everyone to make reservations.
- We'll need to schedule another "rock party" on Wednesday, August 8, to clear the arena, track, and warmup arena before the show.

- USEF rules say we need red markers on the arena rail at the letters, and we need intermediate arena letters too. On Marti's motion, the board authorized Susie Kaiser to choose and acquire the markers and letters.
- At this weekend's schooling show, Dr. Julie Grohs will judge the dressage; if she can't make it, Jennifer Lundberg will fill in, with Deana Johnson as her back-up. People who plan to enter dressage should send an e-mail to Susie Kaiser so she can plan ride times.
- The Anchorage Horse Council acquired a free trailer for a new dressage office. It's very large, and will be expensive to move into its final location. AHC plans to replace the siding and add windows to make it more attractive. Its wheels must be left on, but the trailer could be skirted.
- The board decided to put together a portable sound system that could be used for freestyle competition and clinics. Marti Miller said her husband has some old speakers, Linda Kelley's husband has a PA system, and Deana Johnson knows someone who has a stereo/CD player to offer.
- We should send out an e-mail notifying those who have already qualified for the 2006 ADA Championship classes on August 13. Jennifer will get the Chamberlin scores to Marti (who already has the results of the other shows) to check who else has qualified. It would be great if we could take photos of the top horses at the 2006 Championship.
- ADA supplied high-score ribbons and awards for the Chamberlin show. The Chamberlin show management awarded dressage championships on class points (as is done for hunter classes, Western classes, etc.), rather than on the basis of the highest test scores. Some competitors raised questions about this, but ADA had no role in the decision.
- We already have judges (Betsy Gosling and Debbie Spence) and TD's (Sigrun Robertson) for next year's shows.

Handbook revision: Tabled, as Carolyn Schultz could not be present.

Membership outreach: Raena Schraer will take news items to our newsletter editor Loretta Andress for the August issue. It should include a show wrap-up and seek nominations for this fall's board election and for the Kathryn Brooks award. We could also give early notice of the awards banquet.

Donors wanted: Peggy Bowker plans to start soliciting donations now for next year's shows so that the donors can be thanked in next year's *Omnibus*.

Awards presentation:

- The awards banquet is scheduled for November 4. Raena will contact O'Malley's on the Green about banquet arrangements. The board lobbied for "more chocolate desserts."
- Susie Kaiser and Peggy Bowker will arrange for awards at the banquet.
- Deana Johnson drafted a form (to be posted on ADA's website) to nominate people for the Kathryn Brooks Perpetual Achievement Award. The board decided that only ADA members can submit nominations.

- The engraver we have used in the past for awards no longer does engraving, although the shop can still handle graphics. We'll need to find a substitute (perhaps Beca Alterations?) and to move our logo.

Volunteer appreciation: Deana will come up with a system to track volunteers' efforts. Linda will give Deana her list of volunteers who assisted at the Midsummer Festival dressage in Palmer. We'll send out an e-mail asking all those who pick rocks before our August show to keep track of how many buckets of rocks they collect, so that Deana can incorporate the count into her system.

Huffman appreciation: Susie presented a \$50 restaurant gift certificate to Lynn Paterna in gratitude for Lynn's permitting us to meet in the Huffman Horse Center office every month.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28 at Huffman Horse Center.