

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
JULY 2008 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The July 21, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum of Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, and Raena Schraer. Susan Ritter also attended. Charlene Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Victoria Fredenhagen, and Shelbie Fredenhagen were out of state.

**Minutes:** The June 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported ADA has \$12,588.18 in the bank. She said that it costs us about \$5,000 to put on each show, not counting ribbons and awards (which are ordered in bulk). We're facing higher air fares this year.

**Show committee:**

- We have some entries already for the August show. Raena gave show manager Susan Ritter a list of possible show volunteers.
- The Alaska State Fair organization won't sponsor horse shows any more, which could result in the loss of the Valley Circuit, as a four-day open show costs \$15,000 to \$25,000 upfront. ASH treasurer James Hancock is trying to salvage the circuit and held a meeting July 19 during the WCCEC Annual Show to inform riders of the situation. Perhaps ASH could sponsor the circuit, or at least organize it, although ASH bylaws might need amending to allow this. [If the Valley Circuit does get resurrected, ADA suggests two shows only, not including State Fair, to avoid complications.] Lori Carr expressed that Chamberlin is not fully utilized and could offer another show. The ADA board decided to wait until the ASH Forum to see if the issue gets resolved. If no solution is in sight by then, ADA—perhaps Raena Schraer or Carolyn Schultz—will talk to Lori Carr to request that the Anchorage Horse Council hold a second show in late June. Or ADA could hold a two-day dressage show during Labor Day weekend. Even with a September show, scores would be posted in plenty of time to meet USDF's Oct. 15 deadline for any corrections: show secretary Brit Kaiser sends in the results immediately after the show and they are posted within two weeks. [Note: USDF is very late in posting results of the WCCEC Annual Show.]
- Improvements for the 2009 show season: ADA should add one day to Springfest (our existing 2009 license is for a one-day show only); we should

ask the Anchorage Horse Council to allow two days' dressage at the WCCEC Annual Show; our daily class schedules should offer Tests 1, 2, and 4 on Saturday and 2, 3, and 4 on Sunday, rather than Test 1 each day; our spring meeting should once again explain the ground rules for award programs; we need more scribes—Susan Ritter suggested a mid-winter clinic to explain scribing, scoring, etc.; we should set minimum scores for Champion and Reserve show awards, maybe 55 percent; Marti Miller suggested we offer a Reserve Horse of the Year, or add a ribbon, or otherwise make it more worthwhile to record a horse with ADA—perhaps raise the \$25 award fee and drop the separate \$10 recording fee.

- ADA's sound system—essential so that we can offer musical freestyle—is missing. We have two sets of speakers but no amplifier or CD player. They will need to be replaced.

#### **AHC/WCCEC:**

- The Rainbow Connection arena might be installed at the western arena instead of the warmup ring near the dressage arena, because a parking lot will be required.
- Our show office at Chamberlin needs steps, preferably something that can slide under the building when not in use. A crank-out awning on the window side might be nice if we post tests there. Susan Ritter will call the Botanical Garden to find out where free mulch can be obtained for around and under the building. Do we have a blanket for the judge in case of chilly weather?

**Nominating committee:** Raena will ask Carolyn Schultz if she's willing to be on the nominating committee once again, and suggest Susie Merritt as the second person. Susan and Aimee Ritter are both willing to be nominated.

**Awards banquet arrangements:** The banquet will be Nov. 1 with a ticket price of \$40. Peggy Bowker said that scores need to be computed by Sept. 15 to prepare for awards; Marti Miller assured her she can meet that date.

**ASH dressage rule change:** Dressage riders will need to show up en masse at the ASH Forum this fall to support the dressage rule changes submitted by Carolyn Schultz. If those changes are accepted, the ASH recording form will need to be tweaked.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. There won't be an August meeting, so our next board meeting will be Monday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m., probably at Huffman.