

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
JULY 2009 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The July 19, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, Susan and Aimee Ritter, Marti Miller, and Shelbie Fredenhagen. Deana Johnson also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported that we have about \$14,000 in the bank. She gave the Anchorage Horse Council an invoice for ADA's services at the WCCEC Dressage Show, documenting that we were donating back all of the costs of printing the Chamberlin *Omnibus* and half the administrative fee. We have 73 members at present and may have gained one or two more at the WCCEC Annual Show.

**AHC/WCCEC:**

- Our new ADA banners (one for the Chamberlin road entrance, another for the building) look great. The board asked Shelbie Fredenhagen to pass on our thanks to Victoria.
- We're continuing to look for a portable microphone for the ADA sound system. A simple karaoke rig might work, or we could just plug a mike into our existing sound system—Susan Ritter reported there's an extra mike in the main judge's stand.
- Susie Merritt reported that we need only two repair parts, which she'll order, to begin using our old tent as a sheltered area for spectators.
- Linda Kelley will donate a can of grey stain for the footboards on the dressage bleachers. We need to run a weed-whacker under the bleachers, too.

**Show committee:**

- We have three weeks until our August show, and everything is ready. Susan Ritter will collect volunteers. We'll house the judge at the Dimond Center Hotel and the TD at Robin Holm's place. Assuming AHC approves, we'll set up the old dressage arena in the big ring for schooling, starting at noon on Aug. 7. Susan needs volunteers for this, as well as to help take down that

arena after the show. We'll ask Carolyn Schultz to check that the snack shack will be staffed for the show.

- Shelbie reported that the junior board members have volunteered to clean up the judge's booth after the show.
- Next year's show dates are June 5-6 for the Spring Festival, June 26-27 for the WCCEC dressage show (for which Carolyn will secure the license and Deana Johnson the licensed officials), and Aug. 7-8 for the Big Event.
- Raena asked whether Deana should look for S judges for next year. The board decided she shouldn't take extreme measures, but should go for it if they're available and the price is reasonable (including travel costs—S judges tend to live farther away from Alaska). A big cost differential is not cost-effective for one ride per day.
- Cheri Rousch asked Linda to find out if ADA is interested in having a State Fair dressage show next year. State Fair management would pay the full costs (Linda made her aware that ADA loses \$500-800 at each show) and ADA would provide volunteers. The issue was tabled until August, but in the meantime Linda will tell Cheri there's interest if details can be worked out, including that Cheri would manage the show, all our expenses would be covered, the secretary would be paid \$250, there would be free passes for the volunteers, the show would be scheduled for the first weekend rather than Labor Day, and there would be clear rules for fireworks night regarding horses staying or being required to leave. Yet another detail: one day or two?
- Raena reported that her proposal to increase both entry fees and office fees was discussed at the last show committee meeting (judges and TD's have commented that our fees are amazingly low compared to licensed shows nationally). The show committee recommended raising only the office fee by \$10. That wouldn't bring in much—\$250 to \$350 per show—so we'd still lose a considerable amount on each show. Instead, the board decided to raise all class fees except Introductory by \$5, and to eliminate the Beginning Dressage rider category.
- At the show committee meeting it was also made known that Shari Humble-Lamb, an (r) judge who was the TD at this year's WCCEC dressage show, would like to be our schooling show judge/clinician in 2010 and perhaps do something in conjunction with Pony Club. Shari is "very affordable." Eleanor Thibodeau, our 2009 spring schooling show judge, is also willing to come back.
- Susan Ritter will do a writeup on show results and send it to Mary Kaye, to forward to the membership, and to the *Alaska Horse Journal*. Susie Merritt offered to supply the schooling show results too.
- Aimee Ritter sent Debbie McDonald a letter and an ADA T-shirt and Debbie confirmed that she does indeed want to come to Alaska. Should we plan this for the 2011 schooling show? Or the 2010 Rainbow Connection schooling show? Or even a non-summer event at the soon-to-be-constructed indoor arena at Chamberlin? Perhaps Homer could be incorporated in her tour—it has an indoor arena too. In addition to riding events, we could host a dinner

at which Debbie speaks. Aimee will continue to be our contact with Debbie. Raena suggested we apply for a Dressage Foundation and/or BP grant to help cover expenses.

### **Awards**

- Peggy Bowker needs ideas for year-end awards.
- The board dropped the idea of sponsoring a division for ASH awards, as it wasn't clear how to do it fairly, we're losing money on each show, and the deadline for ASH sponsorships is August 1, before our next meeting. Mary Kaye will check on ASH funding status, and maybe we'll reconsider this idea next year.
- The proposals to raise the minimums for ADA annual awards and show awards are tabled until the August meeting. Linda will work up statistics, including this year's shows, to demonstrate how different minimums would have affected the awards.

### **New business**

- Shari Humble-Lamb raised the issue of USEF's GR1032, which exempts Hawaii from the general rule that a TD cannot officiate more than twice in a row at the same competition or under the same competition management. We could (again) propose adding Alaska to this exemption.
- We need to find out if any ADA member plans to attend the next USDF convention and would like to be our official Board of Governors delegate. We can make a delegation later, but the delegate will receive advance convention material if it is done soon enough.
- GMO award nominations are due August 31.
- Susan followed up with USEF on TD Debbie Moloznik's assumption that there is a rule governing cavesson tightness. USEF said there is no specific rule. This may be a grey area. Another grey area: Are spurs that are engraved on the inside "smooth", as the rules require?

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, August 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin dressage office.