

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JUNE 2007 MEETING

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JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBY FREDENHAGEN

Attendance: The June 18, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Linda Kelley, Jennifer Lundberg, and Sarah Cohen. Carolyn Schultz also attended. Raena Schraer and Shelby Fredenhagen were not present.

Minutes: The April 2007 meeting minutes were approved. (No May board meeting.)

Treasurer's report: Raena Schraer presented the treasurer's report showing current assets of \$16,006.49.

Membership outreach:

- We plan to issue a July newsletter with show results to date, including Midsummer, and perhaps even Peggy Bowker's letter requesting sponsors. Jennifer Lundberg will work on the newsletter. Carolyn Schultz suggested we list and thank all of those donating food and effort toward the show dinners. We need thank-you's to our new show sponsors too; they are still coming in and could perhaps be listed in the newsletter also.
- ADA will give Lynn Paterna another gift certificate to thank her for continuing to let the board meet at Huffman this year.
- Annemarie Weiland won the Fence Emporium gift certificate.

Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz reported we had 34 horse-rider combinations at Spring Festival, our highest attendance in years, and an excellent dinner. (Everything is ready for our August show, too.) The TD's report did fault the lack of wind protection for the show office and speakers located too close to the judge's box.
- Food service at Spring Festival was an issue. We should write to Annie Mabry and Mary Dodge, thanking them profusely for their past efforts, acknowledging that it's not cost-effective for them to provide food service at our small shows, and saying ADA will provide our own. Susie will talk to Lori about this, then Carolyn will shop around for alternatives: ready-made food, Costco rollups, sandwiches wrapped by Costco, Cafe Europa, etc.
- Linda Kelley said that all helpers are ready for dressage at Midsummer, including some new volunteers. ADA will supply tests and championship awards; the show management will provide ribbons. Linda will work with the show secretary and then send out ride times, building in some flexibility for those showing in both arenas. Results reporting could be a problem because of Linda's and Jennifer's

overlapping vacations, but the report could go out July 2 or 3 if Midsummer's show software can't format the huge spreadsheet USEF requires (our Fox Village software can).

- The WCCEC annual show will be managed by Teresa Michels, with Teresa, Lori Carr, Lori Hackenberger, Kim Ross, Deana Johnson, and Susie Kaiser as the show committee. ADA volunteered to put on the dressage classes. The show was fined \$150 due to a misunderstanding: Teresa assumed ADA had applied for USDF recognition for the show when we'd actually only applied, and requested reimbursement for, ASH recognition. To avoid further miscommunication, Jennifer will draft a letter to the show manager, with a copy to "the Lori's," explaining exactly what ADA offers to do, listing what remains to be done, and asking who will do those other tasks. Susie will send the letter by e-mail.
- Linda said there may dressage during State Fair next year before the main show, avoiding fireworks nights and incorporating musical rides.
- Carolyn urged us to be thinking of show secretaries for next year (after Jennifer's departure). Raena Schraer might be interested and perhaps Sue Banet, although her horse competes and the USEF rules might not allow this.
- Our USEF license renewal is due August 2. We decided we should license our June show as a one-day show and amend its name to Spring Festival I. Closer to show time, we will add a second show day, or a separate show designated Spring Festival II with a separate USEF fee, license number, and judge, if the Chamberlin and/or Valley show looks uncertain. We also need to change the 2009 Spring Festival show date: USEF's standard date rotation would have it fall on May 30 and we want it a week later. The 2010 and 2011 dates are fine, June 5 and 4 respectively. As for the August show, it needs to be kept at two days to allow time for our championships. (Do its 2009 dates work out?)

AHC/WCCEC news:

- The arena blocks Susie ordered on a trial basis for Chamberlin proved unsuitable for our long planks. She found and ordered an alternative from Premier. SpanAlaska will ship them for far less than the original estimate and they'll be here before the Chamberlin show. We'll need a work party to remove the rotting 4x4 timbers and install the new blocks.
- Peggy will look into installing a door on the judge's box to block drafts.
- No news on our proposed dressage show office. Matt Carr will check Craigslist for relocatable buildings. The Anchorage Horse Council hopes to limit the purchase price to \$3,500.

Rule changes:

- We need to ponder what fine-tuning we want in ASH's Dressage Medal rule and submit our proposal to ASH by October.
- Jennifer urged us to change ASH rules to eliminate the concept of concurrent rides. Only about 50 shows nationwide still do this, and it's difficult to handle with our show software: the program wants to give each "ride" its own time slot.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. No regular board meeting is scheduled for next month, but we'll need a work party before the Chamberlin show. Jennifer will let us know the date and time.