

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JUNE 2008 MEETING

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Attendance: The June 23, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. with a quorum of Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Victoria Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, and Brena Doolen also attended. Charlene and Sarah Cohen were out of town.

Minutes: The May 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Raena Schraer reported ADA has \$13,064 in the bank, with expenses of \$5,783.85 on the June show and horse show income about \$100 less than that amount. *Omnibus* sponsorships are all paid in full. Raena will arrange for awards for volunteers again this year.

Show committee:

- Historically we've reimbursed members \$20 for taking a judge out to dinner. The board decided to update that allowance to \$30.
- USDF wishes to assess shows \$1 per entry (per show) to help fund the Regional Championships. The ADA board concurred.
- Show secretary Britany Kaiser found a way to make our Fox Village show software cope with concurrent rides: force the ride order, put all the concurrent rides at the end of a class without any ride time, and start the next class at the next available time slot.
- At our June show, we forgot to announce the winner of the Dover award: Peggy Bowker.
- Susan Ritter, our June show manager, will also manage our August show.
- Joe and Madeline Kornegay, Valley Circuit managers, hope to hire Karen Adams to judge State Fair and asked if this would cause any conflict. Carolyn Schultz explained that it won't. Riders can participate in our July 27 clinic with her and still be eligible to compete in State Fair dressage (Aug. 31-Sept. 1), as USEF rules require only a 30-day separation between clinics and shows. ADA and the Valley Circuit will split the cost of Karen's return air fare. We might add another clinic day in the Valley, and perhaps other people could arrange clinics with her, allowing for the 30-day window. Carolyn Schultz will find out if Karen would be interested in this.

- ADA donated championship awards for Midsummer; the Kornegays gave ADA a supply of bridle numbers.
- Jayne Dittmer, DC of the Midnite Run Pony Club, accepted our proposal that Pony Club pay for one day of Wayne Quarles clinics (\$650), plus a quarter of his air fare. We'll cover all his other expenses for judging our August show and for a second clinic day. Deana Johnson will work with Jayne to arrange the split between the two clinic periods; the Pony Club might want two half-day clinics rather than a full day to ease scheduling.
- Lisa O'Dell, our member who hopes to show PSG next year, would love to earn her USDF Silver Medal, but says it's more important just to show the horse for owner Zo Hawkins. ADA's mission is to encourage a high standard of dressage in Alaska, and hosting an FEI class—even for just one horse—would be consistent with this goal. So if we can find S judges (eligible to judge FEI classes) for a price roughly equivalent to R judges, or if we find sponsors to make up the difference, we should do it. Kari Garber will give us some recommendations of S judges who would be willing to come to Alaska for reasonable rates.
- Bad news from the Valley Circuit: Nothing is planned beyond 2008 for the circuit, which has surrendered its USEF show dates for 2009 onward. The Kornegays cannot continue managing it for personal reasons, up-front costs for a four-day show run to about \$25,000, and no one else is immediately available, although James Hancock might be willing to take on the job. Are sponsorships available? If a circuit manager can be found, ADA could support the dressage classes as we've done in the past. Linda Kelley will contact the *Alaska Horse Journal's* Sandy Shacklett to suggest an article on this topic so that riders are aware of the problem.
- USDF breed awards require four dressage shows before four judges, so if the Valley Circuit disappears, ADA might need to put on an extra show: either run Saturday and Sunday as separate shows with different judges, or better yet do an entirely new show on a new date.

AHC/WCCEC:

- Shelves are being erected in our new dressage building for show supplies. Linda Kelley suggested we apply mulch in front of and under the building to suppress mud and grass, and setting up a corkboard that could be hung outside to post notices. The entrance needs some type of steps (Linda is working on this) and it would be good to have a place to put finished test sheets for riders to pick up.
- The WCCEC Annual Show prize list has just been published. What is ADA's role? It's possible that Britany Kaiser will be the secretary. Raena Schraer will contact volunteers and Susan Ritter is willing to score. Carie Sciss and Lisa Johnson can scribe and Sabrina Stratton's father is willing to be a bit checker.
- We'll have a WCCEC Annual Show work party Wednesday, July 16, 6:00 p.m. at Chamberlin.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, July 21 at 6 p.m. at Chamberlin.