

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S MARCH 2006 MEETING

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JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

Attendance: The March 27, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum of Marti Miller, Raena Schraer, Linda Kelley, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Susie Kaiser, and Jori Dittmer. Carolyn Schultz and Jayne Dittmer also attended. Jennifer Lundberg and Emily Miner were not present.

Minutes: The February 2006 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Raena Schraer worked with former treasurer Deana Johnson to update our profit and loss statement and balance sheet. She reported we have assets of \$8,451.81, including considerable accounts receivable. Raena will need Quickbooks (a basic version will probably do) to maintain our accounts. There is no news yet on our nonprofit filing with the IRS, but Marti will check with our CPA to find out if contributions made now will be tax-deductible after the IRS completes its review.

Show committee:

- Raena reported that her father will supply flower boxes to decorate the dressage arena. We will also have a show photographer, Wendy Spencer; she should be invited to the May schooling show.
- Carolyn Schultz reported that "Anne and Company" —Anne Sundquist and fellow volunteers—will be the chefs for the ADA show dinners. She handed out flyers that will be used to publicize the two events.
- The Omnibus will be done by early April. We'll print 100 copies. Pre-labeled copies for ADA members will be handed out at the spring meeting, and Jayne Dittmer will take a stack for Pony Clubbers.
- Sigrun Robertson was surprised that she was not asked to be TD for either of our 2006 shows. There may have been an e-mail mishap: Deana had asked for expressions of interest and thought Sigrun had not replied. The board decided to send Sigrun a card inviting her to the spring meeting and banquet, **and** to be TD at one of our 2007 shows. We'll also invite her to judge dressage at one of the 2006 schooling shows.
- For the Patty Russell clinic, still unresolved is the issue of per-rider arena rental and whether the Chamberlin arena will be available for the clinic on Sunday. Carolyn will check with Debbie Erickson on both issues. Jori

- Dittmer expressed the Pony Club's thanks for ADA's decision to cover all of Patty's air fare. She reported that six Pony Clubbers have already signed up for the clinic and plan to stay for the schooling show.
- Mary Kaye will find the USDF website link that has a checklist of membership requirements for shows, and will send it to Linda.
 - The board adopted a policy on emergency cancellations of a show (e.g. due to severe weather): we will refund 75% of an entrant's class fees if requested to do so within 30 days.
 - As our Valley liaison, Linda reported that the prize list for the Valley Circuit (including dressage at Midsummer) will be out in a couple of weeks. No Dover Medal class will be offered. Susie will check whether ASH will allow Midsummer scores earned at Third Level and above to count for ASH awards. (The judge's "r" rating means he cannot judge classes above Second Level that count for USDF awards.) Linda also reported that the Palmer Fairgrounds warmup area is being converted to a rodeo arena.
 - The board decided who will buy show awards, including those we will contribute for Midsummer, and how many we'll need.
 - Susie has no update yet on our request for a new show office at Chamberlin, as the Anchorage Horse Council is meeting tonight.

Membership outreach: Raena will ask Jennifer Lundberg to organize the presentation at our spring membership meeting, which will be the same topic as last year (getting paperwork in order for the show season). We'll need to send our members a reminder of the meeting. "New" ADA member Loretta Andress (she was really an ADA member in its early years) has volunteered to be our newsletter editor. The board decided that we will do newsletters at least three times a year—before the awards banquet, after the awards banquet, and in the spring—and on other occasions as needed. Peggy Bowker, our new promotions/fundraising chief, plans to post promotional flyers about ADA at Animal Food Warehouse, tack shops, etc.

Bylaws/Handbook revision: Carolyn Schultz reported as the chair of the bylaws/handbook revision committee. She completed draft changes to the handbook and Jennifer McLeod is nearly finished drafting proposed revisions to the bylaws. After checking with state officials, Marti reported that there is no state oversight of bylaw revisions: when an organization amends its bylaws, it simply files the new version with its own corporate records.

Miscellaneous events: On April 29, the ASH Swap 'n Sell will be hosted at the new Sindorf arena in Palmer. In early May there will be a garage sale at the home of the late Christine Erikson, with proceeds to benefit ADA. On May 6, there will be an arena/barn cleanup day at Chamberlin.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 23, at Bella Vista Restaurant after the spring general meeting.