

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S MARCH 2009 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The March 10, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Peggy Bowker, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter. Mary Kaye Hession arrived later. Marti Miller was out of town. Carolyn Schultz, Victoria Fredenhagen, Sigrun Robertson, Sarah Cohen, and Erin Downey also attended.

**Minutes:** The February meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer presented the March treasurer's report, showing current assets of \$13,948.01, in an expanded format that included memberships and sponsorships to date, possible sponsorship opportunities, and an estimated budget for the schooling show. The board liked the new format for sponsorship opportunities.

**Sponsorships:** It was suggested that Carolyn Haddad might be able to obtain a sponsorship grant from Conoco Phillips. Raena will contact her and write up a grant proposal. Raena has an updated list of sponsors, which she will send Linda Kelley for printing in the *Omnibus*. The board discussed the distinction between advertisers and sponsors.

**News from USDF conference:** Sigrun Robertson presented information she learned at the USDF convention. Proposals for dues increases (to combat a \$300,000 deficit) and rider performance standards (which might evolve into a test that judges the rider instead of the horse) provoked much controversy and are currently on hold. The Board of Governors may be restructured to reduce and simplify it. Show standards may be imposed in the future, possibly as early as next year (our shows would probably qualify as Level 2). USDF has produced a new spectator's guide and the Dressage Foundation has a number of good educational programs. Members who need help to attend the convention can apply for a Ruth Arvanette scholarship to cover airfare and other expenses.

### **Spring meeting arrangements:**

- The board approved Raena's proposal that she and Victoria Fredenhagen would acquire a weatherproof black-and-white ADA banner. They'll also present the logo shirts to be ordered at the spring meeting.

- We need a presenter for the meeting's membership and award information. Char Cohen will ask Marti Miller to do this; they'll bring forms, too (except for ASH forms, which the ASH representative will bring). Susan Ritter volunteered to help, and the information can be cross-checked with Linda, Mary Kaye Hession, and Carolyn Schultz as needed.
- As part of her show committee report, Carolyn will explain how to fill out an entry form. Susan will bring paper and pencils so people can take notes.
- Linda Kelley will present the 2009 *Omnibus*, and hopefully the Chamberlin dressage show *Omnibus*, as well as the horse personality analysis. Ads will totally cover the cost of our *Omnibus*, and the Anchorage Horse Council will fully reimburse us for the cost of the Chamberlin *Omnibus*.
- Mary Kaye will prepare the meeting agenda, Susan will cover ADA's volunteer needs, and Aimee Ritter will collect donated glass awards and arrange swaps.

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

- There's a possibility that AHC will be working on the arena footing at Chamberlin this year. The board doesn't want the dressage arena footing altered, although the track and surrounding drainage need work.
- We have various tasks to accomplish at Chamberlin this summer (new lock for the dressage office, steps, trim paint, mulch, possibly an awning, and bases for the arena letters at least on the M-F side). More immediately, we need to replace our vanished amplifier and CD player or we can't offer musical freestyle at our shows. Perhaps we could get a sound system sponsor?

#### **Show committee:**

- ADA will charge \$100 for the Thibodeau clinic, plus the arena fee (e.g. \$13 at Chamberlin, plus an extra \$15 if the rider isn't a WCCEC member). The lecture part is free and open to all.
- Carolyn has asked Jayne Dittmer to run the food booth at the schooling shows. However, using the espresso machine requires special training and a cut of the proceeds.
- Raena created an entry form for the schooling shows. Awards will be ribbons, carrots, and Flying Dutchman cookies.
- Natalie Lamping, our Spring Festival judge, is charging us only \$250 per day for judging because there will be two days of clinics afterwards. We'll need to charge \$120 for clinic sessions this year because air fares to bring in our licensed officials are up.
- Our arena rentals are paid up for the season. We should confirm that the rental includes use of the mobile microphone for clinic sessions.
- Susie Merritt will manage both schooling shows. Dr. Julie Grohs will be pleased to judge the July schooling show. The class list is done and the ribbons ordered.
- Jennifer Kilfoyle will manage the WCCEC annual show. Carolyn urged her to keep checking whether Sue Kolstad has achieved her S judge status and add/drop the FEI classes accordingly. (Betsy Gosling, the WCCEC dressage show judge, is an R and cannot judge FEI classes.)

- Our Big Event S judge, Charlotte Trentelman, didn't charge us any fee the last time she judged for us, so we're putting her up at the Diamond Hotel this time.
- There will be two dressage schooling shows in the Valley this year, July 11 or 12 and August 22 or 23. Organizer Cherrie Ruesch will have firm dates by the end of the week. With these schooling shows and the two in Anchorage, we can offer circuit awards! To be eligible, riders must show in at least two of the shows. Susie, Linda, and Cherrie will set the other rules. We could even present the circuit awards at ADA's fall awards banquet.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., and will tentatively be at Loussac Library in the 900's, third floor, northwest corner.