

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S MAY 2005 MEETING

PRESIDENT: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882 SEC'Y.: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090
VICE-PRESIDENT: SUSIE KAISER, 346-2351 SHOW COMM.: JENNIFER LUNDBERG, 301-2738
TREASURER: DEANA JOHNSON, 348-2503 AWARDS: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882
SENIOR BOARD: MARTI MILLER, 694-6123, 786-7437 (w) SENIOR BOARD: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994
JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY CARR, 345-8665 JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

Attendance: The May 10, 2005 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. with a quorum of Mary Kaye Hession, Susie Kaiser, Deana Johnson, and Jennifer Lundberg. Linda Kelley, Emily Carr, and Jori Dittmer could not attend. Raena Schraer brought the agenda but could not stay for the meeting; Marti Miller phoned in a report on Valley Circuit dressage possibilities.

Minutes: The April meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Deana Johnson reported that we have \$6,119.33 in hand and have paid for almost all awards and ribbons we'll need this season, plus insurance and arena deposits for our shows and fees for ASH recognition. Until entries begin flowing in, we have no income stream except for memberships. Susie Kaiser submitted invoices for printing tests and shipping prize lists to officials; Mary Kaye Hession submitted an invoice for ADA's biennial report as an Alaska nonprofit corporation. The ASH board voted to contribute \$100 to ADA.

Membership outreach: Some participants in the May 7 cleanup day at Chamberlin expressed disappointment that there were not more dressage riders present. However, Mary Kaye participated; Susie had hand-raked the dressage arena and picked rocks every day the previous week; and a Pony Club group plans to groom the dressage arena and surroundings the afternoon before the schooling show.

Show committee:

- Sigrun Robertson will judge the May schooling show, and Dr. Julie Grohs will judge in July. Susie has already collected many entries for the May show and is doing ride times.
- Raena Schraer has received Anita Owen's contract to judge our June show.
- Marti Miller called in to report her telephone conversation with Valley Circuit manager Joe Kornegay. She had asked him whether he still plans to hold any dressage classes (none were listed in the Valley Circuit prize list). He proposed a day of dressage on Sept. 5, Labor Day (the State Fair Horse Show ends Sept. 4). He asked for help with officials (judge, TD, housing, hospitality, etc.), sponsors, and the class list. The consensus at the meeting was that Sept. 5 is not a good choice for a dressage show in

Palmer, what with heavy Labor Day traffic to trailer home in, junior riders needing to get ready for school, and some of the horses already being tired from four days of showing at State Fair. Plus we have our hands full preparing for the two recognized ADA shows and at least two WCCEC schooling shows. Deana will call him, explain our reasoning, and recommend a date earlier in the show season.

- We will house Dr. Lothar Pinkers (June TD) at a hotel. Robin and Bjorne will house judge Anita Owen and transport her to and from the show grounds.
- A question arose whether juniors must pay the \$5 discipline fee. No, this fee is not applicable to juniors.
- USDF's Krystina Firth reviewed the ADA prize list and asked for some corrections, all of which have been made in the on-line version. We were subsequently fined \$50 for printing a USDF membership page instead of the USDF recognition page in the Omnibus.
- USDF will advertise our Omnibus on its website and asked us how much we charge per copy. Our decision: The Omnibus will continue to be free to anyone who requests it in Alaska (including non-members); the fee will be \$3 to send it out of state.

IRS non-profit status: Marti Miller reported that the accountant who will prepare our IRS 501(c)(3) filing has been tied up doing taxes, but is ready to work on our filing now.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, at Deana's house, 2503 Wintercrest, and will also be a show work party.