

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S MAY 2006 MEETING

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Attendance: The May 22, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. with a quorum of Marti Miller, Linda Kelley, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Jennifer Lundberg, and Susie Kaiser. Emily Miner and Jori Dittmer were absent, and Raena Schraer had to work that evening. Carolyn Schultz and Jennifer McLeod also attended.

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

Treasurer's Report: Raena Schraer had circulated a treasurer's report by e-mail. It showed ADA's current balance as \$9,960.19, of which \$1,595 was the proceeds from the Christine Erickson estate sale. The estate sale also made \$1,250 on a tractor, but it was not yet certain that this portion will come to ADA. We still haven't received any word from the IRS on our 501(c)(3) filing.

Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz reported that the show committee had met and everyone is following through on their tasks. We have switched to a new insurer (Equisure); Deana Johnson will check to be sure the insurance certificates have been sent in.
- Susie Kaiser reported that the Anchorage Horse Council ended up purchasing two relocatable buildings, one of which will be our new dressage show office. But the expenditure has not yet been approved by the municipality, so the office won't be in place by our June show. We need a contingency plan: perhaps an "easy-up" tent? But there are none in stock locally. There's an old trailer we could borrow, and AHC will let us store the trailer contents temporarily in a stall or garage at Chamberlin. Susie said that Anne Sundquist will coordinate to get this done. Our judge's and show workers' chairs, signs, etc., are also stored in a stall, along with our old tent (which should be discarded).
- Jennifer Lundberg said we'd received kudos from USDF on our Omnibus.
- The Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show went well. We had a full day of rides, the youngsters had fun, and judge Patty Russell helped all the riders. The Pony Clubbers sent charming hand-made thank-you notes to ADA members who had helped to sponsor their clinic participation.

- We need to schedule another “rock party” to work on the Chamberlin dressage warmup ring the Wednesday evening before our June show. AHC is aware of the footing problem in the warmup ring. It also wants to replace the timbers and railing around the dressage arena itself, but here again its funding plans have not yet been approved and the improvements won't be done before our June show.
- Linda Kelley reported that the Midsummer show (Valley Circuit) will need as much help as we can offer, as the show managers haven't run a dressage show in many years. Jennifer is willing to serve as the de-facto secretary to get them started, although she can't be on site throughout the show. We'll also need to provide runners, scorers, another scribe, awards, and copies of tests. Carolyn noted that the awards we ordered have arrived and were forwarded to Kim Hale, our June show manager; we'll need to separate out the Midsummer portion. A Dover Medal class will be offered at the Midsummer show.

Bylaws revision: Jennifer McLeod presented her proposed changes to ADA's bylaws. After discussion and consensus on several changes, Linda Kelley moved and the board voted to approve the bylaw changes as amended.

Handbook revision: Carolyn Schultz presented her proposed changes to the ADA Handbook. After an extensive work session, the board decided the committee section should be subdivided and restructured. Carolyn agreed to prepare and distribute another draft for review at our next meeting.

Membership outreach: The next newsletter, which is to be compiled by our new editor Loretta Andress using content we provide for her, is scheduled for August. At that time we'll need to seek nominations for board candidates and for the Kathryn Brooks Perpetual Award.

ASH Dressage Medal: The ASH Dressage Medal bowl (perpetual trophy) is still missing. Marti Miller was the 2005 ASH Dressage Medal winner. Susie Kaiser checked with Debbie Erickson, the winner in both 2004 and 2003, who said she never received the trophy. Can we check further back? (2000: Kari Bazy Garber; 2001: Danielle Woolen; 2002: Nicole Mues.)

Appreciation: The board decided to thank Lynn Paterna, who generously allows us to meet in the Huffman Horse Center office every month, by giving her a \$50 restaurant gift certificate. Susie will sleuth out Lynn's favorite restaurant.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. There won't be a June board meeting, although the show committee will meet on May 30th and the “rock party” at the Chamberlin dressage warmup arena will take place on May 31. The next board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. (earlier than the usual time) on Monday, July 24 at Huffman Horse Center.