

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S
MAY 2009 MEETING**

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Attendance: The May 18, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Peggy Bowker, and Mary Kaye Hession, followed by Charlene Cohen, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter. Raena Schraer and Shelby Fredenhagen were out of town. Carolyn Schultz and Deana Johnson also attended.

Minutes: The April meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: With Raena Schraer out of town, Linda Kelley noted that we'll need to reimburse our schooling show judge Eleanor Thibodeau for airfare only, plus her charge for clinic sessions. Linda is housing, feeding, and transporting her, plus taking her spouse fishing. Deana Johnson needs reimbursement for paying for our show insurance. We should update our checking account signing authorities to reflect current officers.

USDF compliance: We've sent the documents that USDF asked us to file for compliance with its requirements.

AHC/WCCEC:

- The dressage arena setup on May 16 at Chamberlin went well. Deana took pictures and will send them to Mary Kaye for the website.
- We have some remaining summer tasks at Chamberlin, but the dressage office building and judge's booth look great with their newly painted trim, courtesy of Victoria Fredenhagen. So do our new front steps, thanks to Raena and her friend Andy. Linda accomplished changing all three locks (the office and doors to the storage stall) to a single combination that will be easy for us to remember, and she's now working on another bulletin board for the outside wall of the office.
- Lori Hackenberger says we're welcome to repaint or even re-cover the bleachers closest to the dressage arena. Could Raena's friend scope out what it would cost to re-cover them, e.g. with Trek-style planks? Linda can get a 10 percent military discount on places such as Lowe's.
- A mounting block near the office would be handy. A big log would do (perhaps the one a short distance up Rimrock Trail at WCCEC, assuming

AHC allows access to it), cut with a step and maybe with ADA's initials routed into the top surface. Meantime perhaps we could borrow a mounting block.

- We found our original stereo system (plus the cart it was stored on), so now we have two. Linda will work on getting better connectors for it and maybe rig up a place at the back of the building where the system can be hooked up. We could use it for background music at shows, not just for musical dressage classes.
- For our power needs, Jeff Ritter suggested we put PVC pipe in an 8" trench and run an extension cord through it. Extension cords are stored in the stall.
- The footing in the arenas at Chamberlin will be re-done this summer, except for the dressage arena, which is already good.

Show committee:

- Susie Merritt needs people to help with the schooling show. Charlene Cohen will pick up the junior-senior champion awards, which are cookies donated by Frieda Koper. Peggy Bowker also has some leftover awards that can be used. Linda has made a list of all available awards that can be used for the schooling show, and we got great ribbons. Sherri Adams and Susan Ritter will run the concession stand.
- Linda talked to the schooling show judge Eleanor Thibodeau, who wants the rides scheduled loosely (we'll add 2 to 3 minutes per ride) so that she can talk to each rider. She's also willing to spend time after the show discussing how riders affects their horses—both positively and negatively—as they move up the levels. The clinic is almost full already; Linda will send out the schedule.
- Carolyn Schultz thinks we'll be able to use the big arena for warmups at our shows, unless it's being reworked. It will need dragging (starting as soon as the Pony Club camp is done) and rock-picking before Springfest. If the pipes are still frozen, could we rent a water truck to water the dressage arena Friday and Saturday night? Susan Ritter will ask her husband Jeff what this would cost.
- Springfest entries are very light so far. Carolyn gave the post office box key to Deana to check for last-minute entries.
- Lori Hackenberger says the concession stand is covered for the rated shows. Susie will get test copies and Carolyn obtained the USEF forms (maybe we should offer each rider the footing and judge evaluation forms, after confirming that they'll be used rather than just thrown away). Linda will put together the judge's basket, and Char Cohen will arrange for the flowers.
- Preparations are done for the WCCEC dressage show in June. It will be run just like an ADA show. For the dressage part of the WCCEC annual show in July, we're just volunteers with no management responsibilities. Susan Ritter raised the question of who's in charge of rounding up volunteers and whether there's a paid dressage show secretary. Carolyn checked her notes and found we'd committed to finding a show secretary, to be paid \$250, and

all volunteers; we'd asked AHC to charge a \$20 admin fee that would come to ADA to pay for tests, supplies, and other administrative costs.

- The board decided last June to raise the authorized reimbursement for taking a show judge out to dinner, but it was not clear whether the reimbursement was only for the judge's meal or for the host as well. Tonight the board clarified that the cost of the judge's dinner will be covered (this is typically required under our contracts with judges), but in addition, if an individual volunteer serves as the host, that person's meal will be covered for up to \$30. If a group of two or more people takes the judge out to dinner, only the judge's meal will be reimbursed. Receipts are required. Mary Kaye is to work up the verbiage and send it out to the board so that we can formally vote on it.

Membership outreach

- We decided to create a place on our website for classified ads, which (for the time being) will be free to members. We'll just send out the link when this is done.
- The membership form will be amended to state that newsletters will be sent out electronically only.

ASH We don't know the status of the proposed ASH emergency rule change that would let horses earn points toward ASH awards at AQHA shows. Raena's proposal that ADA sponsor an endangered ASH division is still tabled—and dressage recordings are light enough that we may need to worry about sponsoring “our” divisions instead.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin dressage office.