

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S NOVEMBER 2004 MEETING

PRESIDENT: RAENA SCHRAER, 345-0486 SEC'Y.: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090
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SENIOR BOARD: MARTI MILLER, 694-6123, 786-7437 (w) SENIOR BOARD/PRESIDENTIAL
MENTOR: SUE MUES, 346-2209
JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY CARR, 345-8665 JUNIOR BOARD: VACANT

Attendance: The Nov. 22, 2004 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Kari Bazy Garber, Sue Mues, and Emily Carr. Susie Kaiser and Jennifer Lundberg (new board members for 2005, along with Linda Kelley) also participated. Deana Johnson and Sandy Gibbs did not attend.

Minutes: The October meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Deana Johnson prepared an updated profit and loss statement and balance sheet for Raena Schraer to distribute. The balance sheet shows current assets of \$7,884.01. However, Raena noted that she has some \$830 in receipts for awards and newsletter expenses to be submitted for reimbursement. Further discussion was tabled until Deana could be present.

President's New Year's resolutions: Raena committed to filling out our U.S. Dressage Foundation grant proposal by Jan. 15, proposing a dressage camp that would be held approximately July 15. She also vows to put more emphasis on committee organization next year.

Show committee:

- Our Prix Caprilli question (do such classes count against a horse's three-test-per-day limit?) is still unresolved. Susie Kaiser will check whether Veronica Holt can answer it.
- Sue Mues clarified that she doesn't want to chair the Show Committee next year, as she can't commit to attend all the board meetings, but will be happy to serve on the committee.
- We received Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez' contract to judge our August 13-14 show. Apparently Debbie Moloznik is able to be the TD for this show after all (we had previously been told there was a rule conflict), but Susie will check whether this is correct. Debbie Moloznik also graciously sent us a donation of \$75.
- Cheryl Connoll Marsh could judge a July show for us and Dr. Lothar Pinkars could be TD. Raena felt that if the dressage community is as supportive in 2005 as in 2004, we should definitely plan for a July show, and we have the funds for it. Kari Bazy Garber pointed out that one

reason we have a healthy balance now is that we watched show expenses so carefully—plus, Susie added, we had income of \$300 for each Chamberlin schooling show.

- The Anchorage Horse Council will have dressage at its recognized show again this year, as well as several schooling shows, and the new (and former) Valley Circuit manager, Bill Kornegay, wants to include dressage classes (he has been discussing this with Debbie Erickson).
- Deana will make sure that the show recognition process is underway, especially if we don't hold a meeting in December, so that we keep our show dates.
- Susie Kaiser wrote to USEF asking reconsideration for an ADA member who was suspended for mistakenly entering dressage shows as a USEF member when she had not actually sent in her renewal. This competitor already paid \$200 for an unsuccessful appeal, and will remain suspended permanently unless she pays another \$600. Susie noted that this punishment for an innocent error was harsher than USEF has imposed for some cases of horse abuse.

Awards:

- Christine Erickson donated \$100 for a "super volunteer award." Her intention was that this be a perpetual award, and needn't be a trophy. Raena will check with her to confirm what she wanted.
- To ease administration, Deana wants horse ID numbers listed on the ADA recording form.

Ballot security: The next time the member's handbook is revised, it should specify that even if ballots are sent out as part of the newsletter, they won't go on our website. The handbook should also address related ballot security issues.

Spring membership meeting: Susie suggested we hold a clinic this spring, perhaps as the focus of the spring membership meeting, explaining which memberships and award programs competitors should join to be ready for the 2005 show season.

Rule changes, etc.:

- Marti Miller has not yet had a chance to consult with Carolyn Schultz on her proposed ASH rule change, but still plans to do so. Marti's proposal would change how ASH computes the winners in its dressage divisions. Marti acknowledged that ASH's method is the same as USDF's. Kari felt that ASH's method rewards consistency over the show season.
- Mary Kaye reported on rule changes discussed at ASH's fall Forum. One would remove the word "open" from the titles of dressage classes that are not restricted to juniors/young riders or adult amateurs. This change will likely be approved by the ASH board, on grounds that an unrestricted class is inherently an open class and doesn't need to say so. While that is legally correct, ADA board members worried that the change will confuse

- competitors. It looks as though ASH will also change its recording structure, so that competitors will pay a single recording fee to earn points in any performance division.
- Jennifer Lundberg is willing to sponsor sporthorse-in-hand classes (for yearlings, two-year-olds, etc.) Susie suggested that Jennifer ask the Anchorage Horse Council to include such classes in the first schooling show of the year. These classes can't count for points at recognized shows because they would require specialized judges.

Membership outreach:

- Mary Kaye is to sign up for another year's hosting for ADA's website.
- ADA has received its copy of a USDF video on musical freestyle. Marti Miller is reviewing it. Raena said that in the past we have received other items from USDF that would be of interest to our members. She suggested we list them on the ADA website and invite members to check them out.

Newsletter [send items via e-mail: schraer@hotmail.com; phone 345-0486]: We'll continue to urge our members to get their newsletters via e-mail, to save printing and mailing costs. Raena Schraer needs your newsletter items/documents/classified ads within two weeks after each board meeting.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, at Huffman Equestrian Center.