

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S NOVEMBER 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: TBA (Deana volunteered to continue doing books!) AWARDS: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882
SENIOR BOARD: MARTI MILLER, 694-6123, 786-7437 (w) SENIOR BOARD: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994
SENIOR BOARD: PEGGY BOWKER 373-2330
JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY MINER, 336-2383, 632-4762(c) JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

Attendance: The November 28, 2005 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. with a quorum of Marti Miller, Deana Johnson, Jennifer Lundberg, Raena Schraer, Linda Kelley, and Mary Kaye Hession. Carolyn Schultz was also present. Jori Dittmer and Emily Carr were not present; Susie Kaiser was in Fairbanks.

Minutes: The September meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Deana Johnson presented a current balance sheet and profit and loss statement. We currently have assets of \$6,110.29 (before deducting the \$500 check noted below). The Anchorage Horse Council credited ADA \$540 for managing the dressage schooling shows, and Alaska State Horseshows contributed \$250 for any dressage-related purpose. However, we had high travel costs for our 2005 officials. Our June judge's airfare was \$600 (fortunately, she reduced her fee by \$250 per day), and our TD's ticket cost over \$1,440 due to its last-minute purchase (another TD had been scheduled but could not serve).

IRS non-profit status: Marti Miller reported that the IRS forms to file for non-profit status have been changed, but CPA Leslie Schmitz reworked our package. On the CPA's recommendation, Raena signed a power of attorney that will let the CPA answer any questions the IRS may ask. Deana prepared a check for the IRS fee of \$500. The CPA will give us a partial bill for her services. Our tax ID appears to be 20-3829575.

Conversion to new USDF membership year: Because USDF is changing its membership year, on March 1 we must submit our membership roster with a prorated payment to USDF of \$11.33 per individual (\$5.33 for supporting family members—an optional category). In November we must submit a second roster with the full fee of \$17 per individual, \$7 for supporting family members. ADA could offer a family membership category; Deana will circulate the facts to us.

Board elections: Marti Miller and Raena Schraer were reelected, and Peggy Bowker was elected, to new terms as senior board members beginning in 2006; Emily Miner was elected and Jori Dittmer was reelected as junior board members.

Show committee:

- Kim Hale will manage the Spring Festival; the judge will be Diane Royce, with Debbie Moloznik as TD and Jennifer Lundberg as secretary.
- Carolyn Schultz will manage our August show, with Lois Heyerdahl as judge, Veronica Holt as TD, and Jennifer Lundberg as secretary.
- Linda Kelley reported that dressage at Midsummer (Valley Circuit) will be June 24-25, 2006, and that in 2007, the Valley Circuit would also be willing to add two days of dressage at State Fair.
- Linda suggested we make maximum use of the USEF's membership exemption (GR1401.9) for academy classes (for school horses), 4-H members, exhibitions, and USDF Introductory level, pas de deux, and quadrille classes to encourage more children to try dressage. The Valley Circuit manager would be willing to drop such entry fees as far as possible. Such classes could be held on a space-available basis. Cross-entry into regular classes would need to be restricted.
- The Show Committee will check into getting Patty Russell to judge the Margaret Adams Schooling Show (May 13).
- Omnibus revisions: Carolyn Schultz, who scribed for Karen Adams last August, reported that the judge criticized our prohibition on whips in our championship classes. The board decided to drop that prohibition. Carolyn also suggested that we raise our entry fees again (we had reduced them for 2005) to make our shows self-supporting and free up more of our funds for education. On the other hand, Veronica Holt had thought our fees were quite high. The proposal was tabled while the Show Committee researches comparable organizations' show fees (Oregon Dressage Society and Equestrians' Institute).
- Susie Kaiser has a shoer recommendation if Kelly Ward isn't interested in being our show farrier for 2006.
- The next Show Committee meeting is tentatively set for Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Jennifer's house.
- Our show tent at Chamberlin is wearing out. Susie Kaiser suggested we purchase a relocatable building to use as our show office. Lowe's has one big enough for two tables, with windows, for \$3500. She mentioned this need at a recent Anchorage Horse Council open forum, along with a request for footing upgrades and a solution to the hazardous railing (boards elevated on rebar) between the dressage arena and the track.

Award program:

- On our rider award program application, we should ask for the rider's preferences as to saddle pads (color and size) and blanket sizes in case we use those items as awards.

- Linda Kelley still wants to sponsor a super-senior dressage horse award. She will circulate her original proposal.
- The board reconfirmed that our Super Volunteer award is not necessarily an annual award. Mary Kaye will research the minutes and circulate the board's most recent discussion of this award.
- The board decided we should offer a Prix Caprilli award. The same horse-rider combination must have a minimum of two scores, which must be earned before two different judges at recognized shows. The top two scores meeting the criteria will be averaged.
- Our 2005 awards banquet at O'Malley's on the Green was well received but expensive, and we were charged an extra \$100 for underutilizing the bar. Carolyn felt that problem was due to an inadequate wine list. Could we provide our own wines and sell them as a fund-raiser? (We would undoubtedly be charged a corkage fee.)

Bylaws/Handbook revision: The Handbook was last revised in January 2004. Carolyn Schultz, Deana Johnson, Raena Schraer, and Jennifer McLeod have volunteered to look into needed revisions of the Handbook as well as our bylaws (Carolyn will serve as chair). The Handbook is on our website. If we end up revising our bylaws, they should go on the website too.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2006 at Huffman Horse Center.