

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S NOVEMBER 2007 MEETING

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JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074	JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBBIE FREDENHAGEN

Attendance: The Nov. 19, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Susie Kaiser, and Mary Kaye Hession. Linda Kelley participated by phone. Raena Schraer (out of town), Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Sarah Cohen were not present. Carolyn Schultz also attended.

Minutes: The October 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: On Nov. 11 Raena Schraer had e-mailed her most recent treasurer's report to the committee. It showed a current balance of \$17,097.93, and ADA earned \$753 at the silent auction.

Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz will check with Deana Johnson to confirm Wayne Quarles' credentials to judge our August show.
- The Anchorage Horse Council doesn't have a show manager yet for the Chamberlin annual show (Judy Eaken will be AHC's show secretary and ours too). We'll brainstorm with AHC to see how we can help out.
- There will be dressage classes in the Valley at both Midsummer and State Fair, but scheduling for the latter is still up in the air. Ray Ritari is the new general manager for the fairgrounds. He has run major equine facilities in the Lower 48 and recognizes the need to avoid fireworks/horse show conflicts so that there are no more injuries like last year's. He would prefer to run the State Fair Horse Show Tuesday-Friday of the second Fair week (the rodeo gear gets taken away Monday morning), but those are all school/work days. Linda Kelley volunteered to meet with Ray to broach other options. Joe and Madeline Kornegay will continue to manage the Valley shows for 2008.
- Mary Kaye Hession is to check with Janine Malone, USEF Dressage Committee, on the intent of a proposed national rule change that seems to affect concurrent rides.
- A show committee meeting was set for December 10.

ASH dressage rules:

- Susie Kaiser proposed we write to ASH objecting to a proposed rule change, approved by attendees at the ASH Forum, that would bar professionals from the ASH Dressage Medal division. She then volunteered to write the letter herself. As she noted, ADA wrote that rule in the first place. Also, she suggested that ADA members attend next year's ASH Forum in force to represent our interests.
- Another ASH initiative, which may or may not have reached the stage of a written proposal, would change dressage awards to a class points basis rather than scores. Although this would be consistent with how other divisions' winners are computed, it doesn't work for dressage.
- ASH also wants to reduce the number of dressage awards, to two or even one per level. ASH board members may feel that dressage riders are getting more than their share of awards funding. However, by ADA's computation, 25 of ASH's 70 recorded horses—more than a third—showed in dressage classes. ASH gave awards in eight dressage divisions, compared to about 20 hunter-jumper divisions. Or, perhaps they are confused by the way qualifying median scores are reported; if the computation shows that only two junior riders qualified for awards at Training Level, they may assume that only two juniors competed in the division.
- If award numbers must be reduced, Linda suggested there be a single award at each level for Juniors and Adult Amateurs, with no Open champion. Instead, all the Open riders would compete for a single high-score award. Carolyn Schultz opposed this idea, feeling it would not be fair to our local professionals.

Newsletter: For our next newsletter (probably spring), Susie received permission to let us reprint a great article on turnout for dressage horses. That issue would also feature Peggy Bowker's 2008 fundraising letter.

Awards and banquet:

- Raena had suggested we might ask for a non-board volunteer to purchase the awards next year, but our 2007 awards coordinator Peggy Bowker said she is happy to keep doing it.
- The board also decided Raena should go ahead and make reservations at O'Malley's on the Green for our November 1, 2008 banquet.

AHC/WCCEC news:

- Susie has placed calls to two people who have existing buildings for sale that could serve as a dressage office at Chamberlin. She will also check with a builder in the Matanuska Valley.
- We took down the Chamberlin arena for winter storage and it will need re-erecting in the spring.
- Peggy Bowker's project of designing windows for the judge's booth is on hold for spring.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8 p.m. (Mary Kaye forgot to note the time). The next board meeting will be later than usual (we'll skip December): Monday, January 28 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.