

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S OCTOBER 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 Oct. 11, 2004 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Deana Johnson, Sue Mues, and Emily Carr. Susie Kaiser also participated. Kari Bazy Garber and Sandy Gibbs did not attend.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Deana Johnson said our financial status remained the same as last month except that she prepaid the rental for our awards banquet. We owe \$465 for arena rental at our last show. The Anchorage Horse Council gave us a financial credit against our rentals as thanks for Susie Kaiser's organizing dressage at AHC's schooling shows.

Minutes: The September meeting minutes were approved.

Show committee:

- Debbie Meloznik cannot be the TD for our August 2005 show because of a rule saying TD's can't officiate more than twice in a row at the same show, nor at consecutive shows. Kari Bazy Garber may have advice on how to solve this problem. Sue Mues agreed to take over the job of getting show officials (which Kari has done in the past) and will pick Kari's brain before she leaves for Florida.
- We're still not sure whether Prix Caprilli classes count against a horse's three-classes-per-day limit. TD Veronica Holt had intended to e-mail the final answer to Susie Kaiser.
- We did indeed end up paying a fee to USEF for horses or riders deemed "ineligible to compete."

Awards banquet: Year-end awards are en route for the awards banquet. (Raena reported that she worked on awards rather than filing for a grant through the US Dressage Foundation.) Marti Miller double-checked the final scores compiled by Jennifer Watson. Deana needs special paper to print the certificates for riders who achieved scores of 60% or above; Sue Mues will look for this. Banquet preparations are under control. We have lots of patches to give out and our volunteer list is complete. At the banquet, Sue will collect ticket payments and Deana will encourage people to sign up for membership and award program renewals. Deana plans to send out an e-mail reminding people to RSVP for the banquet and to contribute items for the silent auction. Britany Kaiser was our

only Kathryn Brooks award nominee, for her years of service as our show scorer, and before that as a ribbon girl. The board accepted that nomination. Sue will get the award engraved with Britany's name. Sue will also look into flowers or other decorations for the tables; Emily Carr will help. We might auction the table decorations at the end of the evening.

Ballot security: The board discussed ballot security and decided not to take special measures (e.g. hand-numbering ballots or requiring a signature), but ballots won't be put on our website. The ballot was part of last month's newsletter file but Mary Kaye will remove it from the Word document posted on the website.

Rule changes: Marti explained her proposal to change how ASH calculates year-end awards for dressage. She believes that ASH should use the mean, not the median, of the top 80% of the horse's scores. During the discussion, board members also suggested that the number of Test 1's that can be used in the top 80% should also be limited. At Susie's recommendation, the board decided that Marti should run her proposal by Carolyn Schultz, who is a math teacher and has years of experience with awards programs, and then get back to us. We have ample time to fine-tune the proposal, as the deadline has already passed (July 1) for amendments that would go into effect for 2005. Susie also raised the question of rolling the Training and First Level Junior/Young Rider divisions in with Open, as they have very few entrants. She reminded everyone that we should participate in this year's ASH Forum, as it will debate at least one proposed rule change that affects dressage.

Newsletter [send items via e-mail: schraer@hotmail.com; phone 345-0486]: The board decided that all board members should receive the newsletter via e-mail to save printing and mailing costs, and we'll continue urging other ADA members to get their newsletters this way. The board also set ad rates for the newsletter. Members will be allowed to post a business-card-size ad for free. For non-members, that size will be \$15; a quarter-page ad will be \$35; a half-page ad will be \$50; a full page will be \$100. Raena Schraer needs your newsletter items/documents/classified ads within two weeks after each board meeting.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, at Huffman Equestrian Center.