

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S OCTOBER 2008 MEETING

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Attendance: The Oct. 20, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Victoria Fredenhagen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Raena Schraer. Carolyn Schultz, Deana Johnson, and Susan Ritter also attended. Peggy Bowker was not present.

Minutes: The September 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: No change from our last meeting.

Awards banquet:

- Before Raena Schraer's arrival at the meeting, the nominating committee proposed her for the 2008 Kathryn Brooks award with the board's unanimous consent.
- The purchased awards are all ready to present. Their total cost was \$887.16, including embroidery and shipping, well under budget. The 60% certificates are printed.
- Peggy Bowker will serve as our master of ceremonies; Linda Kelley will do the year-end wrap-up; Raena will present awards to volunteers; Susie Merritt, on behalf of the nominating committee, will introduce the new board members; Raena and Deana Johnson will collect payments at the door; and Shelbie Fredenhagen and Sarah Cohen will present rider awards.
- Raena will bring ADA patches to the banquet, and will check whether O'Malley's will provide table decorations.
- Victoria Fredenhagen and Raena will work out a banquet invitation to send to sponsors, at the same time inviting them to continue their sponsorship for 2009 and notifying them of our tax ID.

ASH dressage rules: The ASH Forum will be Nov. 8, 3-6 p.m., at Bella Vista. ASH's website divided ADA's dressage rule change proposal into four parts that are difficult to understand. Carolyn Schultz urged ADA members to attend the forum and to emphasize that this was written as a single, coherent proposal that will harmonize with USDF's award scheme, drop the concurrent ride concept, and simplify show management's job. She offered to take proxies and present the views

of ADA/ASH members who can't attend the forum. The board accepted her suggestion that Marti Miller should present a statement at the forum on ADA's behalf (Linda Kelley will be out of town). In addition to supporting our own rule change proposal, Marti's statement will express our concerns about three other ASH proposals: 1) requiring a separate \$95 fee to record for dressage could deter crossover by hunter-jumper riders; 2) requiring prize lists to be submitted 90 days in advance for ASH's review is a burden for all show managers and unnecessary in ADA's case; and 3) requiring all ASH division results to be final by Sept. 15 is problematical, as the USDF data base on which dressage results are calculated is not final until Oct. 15.

Show committee:

- WCCEC Annual Show judge Sue Kolstad won't know until April whether she has been granted S status, which will allow her to judge FEI classes. We are still looking for a judge (preferably an S judge) for the June Anchorage Horse Council show, which will be called the William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center Dressage Show. Susie Merritt will arrange for a farrier and other show officials for this new show; its USDF/USEF recognition is already done.
- The show committee will meet after the ASH forum to consider any changes we want in the 2009 *Omnibus*, which Linda will prepare. The prize list for the new AHC show can be an insert in the *Omnibus*.

AHC/WCCEC:

- Not only did ADA's sound system vanish, so did the cart it was stored on. Had anyone checked with Susie whether she moved it into storage? We need to start scouting on Craigslist for a replacement amplifier and CD player.
- Thanks to Victoria Fredenhagen for dismantling and putting away the dressage arena at Chamberlin for the winter!

Spring meeting: We'll have jackets with the ADA logo available for order at the spring meeting. (Our logo is on file with Alaska Monogramming.)

Region 6 Volunteer of the Year: Congratulations to Carolyn Schultz, who has been awarded the Region 6 Volunteer of the Year based on a nomination submitted by Linda and Victoria.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. No meeting will be scheduled for November or December, and we can transact business at the banquet if needed. Our next board meeting will be Monday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m., place TBA.