

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S SEPTEMBER 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 Sept. 7, 2004 ADA board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Deana Johnson, and Emily Carr. Susie Kaiser also participated. Kari Bazy Garber (out of town), Sue Mues (at a family dinner), and Sandy Gibbs did not attend.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Deana Johnson distributed an updated balance sheet and profit-and-loss statement. ADA currently has assets of \$9,359.81, including accounts receivable of \$86.00. There are still a couple of horse show bills to be paid (ASH, Region 6), plus annual awards to buy (the awards program brought in \$700). We have 52 members now, the best in recent memory. With our healthy balance sheet, Deana urged that we find ways to give back to our membership.

Minutes: The July meeting minutes were approved (no August meeting).

Show committee:

- By e-mail, Kari Bazy Garber had circulated a status report for the next show season: we have judges for June and August (Anita Owen, Debbie Reihl-Rodriguez) and a TD for August (Debbie Moloznik; Kari planned to ask Sigrun Robertson to be the June TD). She had tentative names for a July show, if held (judge Cheryl Connell-Marsh and TD Dr. Pinkers). Unfortunately for ADA, Kari intends to relocate to Florida in the spring.
- We offered the Dover Medal at all three of our shows. Debbie Erickson won all three times, qualifying for a special award.
- Emily Carr reported that she placed fourth individually at Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival in August, and her team was ninth out of 57.
- 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.
- The conflict between our post-competition report and the TD's report for the June show has been resolved.
- Susie reported that we have received a USEF invoice and competition penalty in the amount of \$50 for two horses and riders that were "ineligible to compete." We think that horse ID applications may have been submitted for the two horses, but will find out and pay up if the penalty is valid.

Giving back to the membership: The board decided that Raena should apply for a \$1500 grant through the US Dressage Foundation, and ADA will match that amount if received. Carolyn Shultz had said we received such a grant in the past; possibly Sue Mues has Carolyn's copy of the original application for Raena to review. Grants can be used for purposes such as camps or highly subsidized clinics (so that participants' fees are low). Raena will ask for member feedback in the next newsletter. Mary Kaye Hession reported that ADA is entitled to a copy of USDF's *Musical Freestyle Fundamentals* video (free except for shipping), and is to send away for our copy.

Nominations: The board appointed Susie Kaiser, Carolyn Schultz, and Christine Erickson as this year's nominating committee to find candidates for the board election (Raena will officially invite Carolyn and Christine to serve). This year the nominating committee will be in charge of preparing the ballot as well as receiving voted ballots, to guard against miscommunication. Deana asked that the committee contact Debra Wilson (who had said she is willing to be treasurer) and Jennifer Lundberg (willing to be show secretary). Susie and Mary Kaye are both willing to be nominated. Emily Carr and Jory Dittmer were suggested as junior board nominees. Mary Kaye is to research which senior board seats are expiring (both junior board seats are filled annually), and update last year's call for board nominations and Kathryn Brooks award nominations.

Awards banquet: Sue Mues has already started checking possible venues for the banquet. The board decided on a date of Oct. 30. We will need a banquet committee to choose the food and settle on other details. We'll do another silent auction; Susie and Britany Kaiser will coordinate it, possibly with Haley Carr's help. Susie will send Sue a list of volunteers to be officially recognized at the banquet. Meantime, Jennifer Watson has compiled this summer's scores. The board suggested that Jennifer might team up with Raena to purchase awards. If they run a little over the \$700 available, it's no problem: the amount can be supplemented from general funds. Award suggestions included polo wraps, saddle pads, and Dressage Extensions gift certificates.

Newsletter [send items via e-mail: schraer@hotmail.com; phone 345-0486]: Raena Schraer needs your newsletter items/documents/classified ads within two weeks after each board meeting.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, at Huffman Equestrian Center.