

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S SEPTEMBER 2006 MEETING

PRESIDENT: SUSIE KAISER, 346-2351	SEC'Y.: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090
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TREASURER: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882	AWARDS: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882
PROMOTIONS/FUNDRAISING: PEGGY BOWKER 373-2330	OMNIBUS EDITOR: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994
JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY MINER, 336-2383, 632-4762(c)	JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

Attendance: The September 25, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. with a quorum of Marti Miller, Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Susie Kaiser, Peggy Bowker, and Linda Kelley. Carolyn Schultz also attended. Jennifer Lundberg had to work that evening. Emily Miner and Jori Dittmer were not present.

Minutes: The August 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Raena Schraer presented a treasurer's report showing current assets of \$14,528.34 including accounts receivable. However, we still owe approximately \$1500 for arena rentals, purchasing awards, etc. The treasurer's records have now been successfully transferred from Deana Johnson's computer to Raena's.

IRS non-profit status: The status of our 501(c)(3) filing is still uncertain. Deana reported we received a third letter from the IRS agent, who was unhappy that we had not responded to the second letter. The letter was postmarked Sept. 11 and we received it Sept. 25—which was after the deadline set out in the letter. Marti Miller will get advice from the CPA who prepared our 501(c)(3) filing and then call the IRS agent.

Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz received USEF's renewal of the license for our August 2007 show, but not the June show. She'll try to track down the June paperwork. The August dates set out in the renewal will need changing (a problem USEF is aware of for shows nationwide in 2007).
- Marti reported that Kelly Ward, who was our farrier for part of our August show, greatly appreciated the thank-you note that Carolyn Schultz sent out to everyone who helped make our shows possible.
- We're planning on a two-day show in June 2007. We'd like to have a clinic then too, rather than after the August show. If our June judge doesn't want to do a clinic, maybe Sue Kolstad would be available in conjunction with judging the May schooling show. Other possibilities: an

L program participant, a clinic in conjunction with Midsummer in June, Brent Hicks, or Alistair Buchanin.

- The new dressage office trailer has not been moved; no change in the arena situation yet.
- Our August 2006 TD Veronica Holt thinks ADA is the only show management in the country willing to offer refunds if a show is cancelled due to an act of God. She suggested we change that policy. Instead of doing that, should we allow refunds for other valid reasons such as a rider's illness? The Show Committee will consider this.
- Veronica Holt also believes that we should count championship classes in our award rankings, and indeed championship scores are posted now on USDF's rankings. Carolyn asked Susie Kaiser to ask USDF if its policy on championship class scores has changed.
- Linda Kelley recommended against allowing color ads in the *Omnibus*, as the printing cost would be prohibitive—\$1 per page.
- After doing award rankings, Marti recommended we consider Horse of the Year score adjustments for First Level too, not just Second Level and Third Level. She found that median scores were lower at First Level than at Training Level.
- Susie Kaiser suggested that, sometime before May, the board or the Show Committee should review ASH specifications for dressage awards in case updates are needed.

ASH Dressage Medal: Kari Garber told Susie Kaiser she remembered handing off the ASH Dressage Medal perpetual trophy to a person in the Matanuska Valley (presumably Donna Woolen, whose daughter Danielle was the next recipient). There the trail goes cold; we'll replace the trophy.

Handbook revision: The board did a final review of Carolyn Shultz's most recent Handbook draft and decided that the Handbook should include short biographies of Margaret Adams and Christine Erikson; ballots should be sent by mail but need not be numbered; Marti will come up with a mathematical way to resolve ties for Horse of the Year and Rider of the Year awards.

Membership outreach:

- Raena did not have any update from our newsletter editor Loretta Andress on the next issue, which needs to include board candidate biographies, etc. Raena herself will be out of town as of Oct. 8. She will check with Loretta.
- Ideally we should pick up ADA's mail more often to speed up communication with members, IRS agents, etc. Carolyn Schultz volunteered to do this, using Raena's mailbox key. She will look through the mail and route it to the proper person.

Awards banquet:

- Peggy Bowker expects to receive all the level awards in a week or so. Raena will come up with awards for the volunteers. Marti will prepare the list of 60 Percent scorers, and Jennifer will print the certificates. Marti plans to ask Jennifer McLeod to double-check her award computations.
- Raena will check with O'Malley's to see if the banquet menu is similar to last year. We'll keep the same price of \$35 for each dinner unless the menu price has changed.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. We won't plan on a meeting in October, as we'll all see one another at the banquet on Nov. 3.