

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S
SEPTEMBER 2008 MEETING**

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Attendance: The Sept. 15, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. with a quorum of Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, Victoria Fredenhagen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Raena Schraer. Carolyn Schultz and Susan Ritter also attended. Sarah Cohen was not present.

Minutes: The July 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (There was no August meeting.)

Treasurer's report: Raena Schraer reported ADA has \$13,353 in the bank. ADA cleared about \$1,000 at our August show, as we did not have to pay full airfare for the judge, none for our technical delegate, and had a full clinic schedule—a big help. Raena updated her July figures, estimating that it costs us about \$6,500 to put on each show. The board approved her request to buy a \$50 gift certificate to Southside Bistro for Robin Holm, who provides such excellent hospitality (including chauffeur service) for our licensed officials.

Banquet: It turns out we didn't have a reservation for Nov. 1 at O'Malley's, but Raena will try for the weekend of Nov. 21-22, and at the same time get a reservation for Nov. 7, 2009. If O'Malley's is not available she'll check Josephine's and the Snow Goose. She will coordinate with Shelbie Fredenhagen and Sarah Cohen on table decorations. Our junior board members will also put together a flyer to advertise the event so that we can reach everyone who might like to attend, regardless of membership. The board decided that our 2008 sponsors should be invited to the banquet (but we should be clear they have to buy their own tickets), and Victoria Fredenhagen will do a writeup for the *Anchorage Daily News*.

Awards: The show committee will present a Super Volunteer award as well as the Kathryn Brooks Lifetime Achievement Perpetual Award. Raena will put together a list of volunteers to thank, including Chamberlin and Valley Circuit volunteers, and Linda Kelley will provide a wrap-up of 2008 events. We have \$1,025 in award program income for this year's banquet. Peggy Bowker said the awards bill will be under \$1,000, not counting shipping. Peggy can't present all the awards this year because some of them are coming to her! No one qualified for the Quadrille award, but we will have a Pas de Deux award. We don't offer an Introductory Level award

(and no one qualified anyhow). Post-banquet, we should review our award list and anything else that may need revising in the Handbook.

Auction: In the next ADA newsletter, we'll remind people to notify Ardene Eaton and Nancy Farris if they have items to donate to the silent auction.

ASH dressage rules: We need to publicize our ASH rule change proposal so that dressage riders show up in numbers at the Forum. If the Forum is held before the banquet, Carolyn Schultz will coordinate with Deana Johnson to send out a reminder, along with a copy of the rule change. Some interesting research by the show committee indicates that of 62 horses recorded with ASH, 26 (42%) compete in dressage. Of 48 rider (equitation) recordings, 16 (33%) show in dressage. Of ASH's 90 total members, 34% show in dressage.

Show committee: The show committee met in August to plan for next year's show schedule, bearing in mind that the Valley Circuit's future is uncertain. Carolyn gave the board a written report of those arrangements. Major enhancements for 2009: the Anchorage Horse Council will sponsor a new two-day dressage show for the last weekend in June; the WCCEC annual show will have two days of dressage; both of ADA's judges will have their S rating. We did not submit Championship results as official scores to USDF, although USDF would have allowed this.

AHC/WCCEC:

- ADA's sound system, essential for musical freestyle, has indeed vanished. We need an amplifier and CD player (we still have speakers); a home stereo system would do.
- Sept. 28 is scheduled to be cleanup day at WCCEC. The dressage arena planks should be set on the wooden platform to the south. The letters and bases can be stored in the judge's booth.
- Susan Ritter will ask Jeff Ritter for his recommendations on platforms for the dressage letters. Setting the letters directly on the uneven ground outside the arena makes them unsteady.
- Linda Kelley will make an additional bulletin board so that ride times can be posted in front of the dressage office. Raena will ask her friend Andy about making front steps for the office. The board agreed that the Pony Club could use the office again in 2009 as work space for its camp and rally officials.
- Susan encouraged ADA to support the creation of Rainbow Connection's Coverall arena where the western arena is now. She will ask Rainbow Connection's Annie Mabry whether the indoor arena will be available for rental when Rainbow Connection is not using it, whether Center membership would entitle people to ride there (will there be open ride times?), and how we can help.

Spring meeting: Award programs/memberships should again be one of the topics at our 2009 spring meeting.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Our next board meeting will be Monday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m., probably at Huffman.