

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S
JANUARY 2010 MEETING**

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Attendance: The Jan. 18, 2010 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, Angie Krylo, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, Mary Kaye Hession, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Marti Miller arrived later. Victoria Fredenhagen also attended.

Minutes: The November meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (There was no December meeting.)

Treasurer's report: Raena Schraer reported that we currently have 37 members, about the same as last year at this time, with \$15,441 in the bank. So far we don't have many sponsors.

AHC/WCCEC: Our list of dressage building projects is still on tap for this summer. The repair parts for the old tent (which will become an awning) have not yet been ordered. Raena thought that much of what is in our storage stall at WCCEC should be discarded. Shelby Fredenhagen and Aimee Ritter volunteered to organize the stored gear and Linda Kelley will make executive decisions about discards; they'll get in touch. Linda has not finished repainting the arena markers. Charlene Cohen volunteered to prepare potted flowers again this year to decorate the arena. For the tall planters by the judge's box, Susan Ritter suggested imitation flowers and Victoria Fredenhagen imitation topiary.

Show committee:

- There's been no recent show committee meeting, but all arrangements are underway. Raena has signed contracts from all licensed officials except Shari Humble-Lamb (whose TD and clinic rates we don't yet know—Marti Miller will e-mail her) and Diane Royce. Springfest judge Deborah Spence would like to do a clinic for us but is her parents' caretaker and can't commit to the extra days in advance. We'll list it in the *Omnibus* as a tentative clinic. There won't be a clinic after the June AHC show with S judge Jacquie Oldham, but Deana Johnson was enthusiastic about the possibility of a clinic after our August show with S judge Jacquie Lindberg. Still, that will be late in the season when our clinics tend not to do well; perhaps the judge could do lessons with individuals or Deana could organize private clinic sessions.
- Raena is working on our contracts with AHC for arena rentals. Erin Downey will get vets, EMT's, etc. Susan will give EMT chief Roy Sursa the dates of the recognized

- shows and pass his contact information on to Erin.
- Susie Merritt wondered if she was to order ribbons for all four shows, but awards coordinator Peggy Bowker is on top of the situation. ADA will order the prizes for the AHC shows.
 - Could we schedule a July schooling show for the day after the July AHC one-day show? We don't yet know what dates Lynn Paterna would prefer for her Huffman students.
 - Again this year, Linda prefers to separate the ADA *Omnibus* from the AHC *Omnibus*, and the board concurred. The deadline for material will be March 20.
 - We'll offer Training Level Test 1 on both days of each show, but for the higher levels Test 1 will be offered only on the first day. Prix Caprilli will be on the second day only (except for the August show, when it will be at the end of the first day).
 - Deana has arranged for Natalie Lamping to judge our August 2011 show and do a clinic. Marti will issue the contract.

USEF rules: Mary Kaye Hession will write up ADA's proposal to add Alaska to the "Hawaii exception" in GR1035.1 (limits on repeat hires of TD's). Linda should be kept in the loop.

New officers for 2010: The board elected Linda Kelley as the 2010 president, Marti Miller as vice president, Raena Schraer as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary. Mary Kaye will fill out the USDF form listing current officers. Raena recommended we review the *Handbook* this year and consider term limits. At this year's spring meeting we'll encourage new volunteers to come forward and "apprentice" for any position that interests them.

Spring meeting/membership outreach:

- Susan Ritter asked Kinley's for available lunch dates at the end of March or as late as April 18. Linda pointed out that later works better in terms of finishing the *Omnibus*, which we traditionally distribute at that meeting.
- Marti reminded us that last year we offered a one-page summary of membership and award program requirements; she or Carolyn Schultz (Marti will contact her) will present this year's version.
- People will also want to sign up for ADA and ASH programs; Linda will ask ASH's Brena Doolen if ASH signups can happen again this year. Thanks to Kerri Geppert, credit card payment are a possibility; Susan will ask Kerri to call Raena and explain what charges would be involved.
- Should we let people order ADA T-shirts at the meeting? We still have close to a dozen left; Raena recommended waiting until summer to offer them. We'd need to order 20/25 to get a discount.
- [Victoria reminded everyone that our embroiderer can't do the ADA logo. She suggested we spend \$100 to get a design our embroiderer could execute, or ask her what it would take to get the existing ADA logo used for patches transferred to or reconfigured for her machine.]
- A major spring meeting topic is the issue of low levels of vitamin A/vitamin E/selenium in Alaska horses. Linda will check whether Dr. Julie Grohs or Dr. Sammy Pittman can cover this in 15 to 30 minutes. We could provide a handout saying where supplements of these vitamins can be obtained.
- Angie Krylo suggested that supplement companies might even want to advertise in the *Omnibus* or on our website. She'll check what the *Alaska Horse Journal* charges for

ads. Suppliers might want to sponsor show championships if we compute what the ribbons and prizes cost.

- Do we need a Facebook page? We could start one and ask at the spring meeting for others to contribute, or would this be overkill that would stretch us too thin?
- Susan Ritter suggested another meeting topic: "Date" the judge! We need volunteers willing to take our judges out to dinner.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, 6:30 p.m. Shelbie proposed alternating Anchorage and Eagle River meeting sites during the winter. She'll look for an Anchorage meeting place for February, perhaps in Muldoon. If she can't find a place, the fallback is Jitters in Eagle River.