

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING

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Attendance: The Nov. 23, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Susan and Aimee Ritter were not present. Angie Krylo also attended.

Minutes: The September meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (There was no October meeting owing to the banquet.)

Treasurer's report: Raena Schraer's computer was not working so she could not complete the treasurer's report, which she plans to email to us. We made a little money at the banquet although we had only 55 attendees compared to about 70 last year, and this year's silent auction earned less than in 2008. We already have one large donor for 2010: Jeff Ritter.

AHC/WCCEC: Our list of dressage building projects is still on tap for next summer.

Show committee:

- Raena and Marti Miller reported there'd been no recent show committee meeting. We need to finalize clinic arrangements with Shari Humble-Lamb, our Margaret Adams Schooling Show judge. Deborah Spence is our Springfest judge, with Sigrun Robertson as TD. There may be a clinic with Deborah (her clinic was well received in the past). The June AHC judge is Jacquie Oldham (S), again with Sigrun as TD; no clinic this time. AHC agreed to our request for a July dressage show too, with Lois Heyerdahl as judge [later changed to Diane Royce] and Shari Humble-Lamb as TD. We'd like a clinic after this show, perhaps with Shari. Our August Big Event judge is Jacquie Lindberg (S), with Debbie Moloznik as TD. We believe that Robin can house all of these officials. Linda Kelley will contact Jayne Dittmer, DC of the Midnite Run Pony Club, to assess Pony Club interest in sharing clinic time. We hear that one of the Valley Pony Clubs is planning a clinic for April. There may be an Eleanor Thibodeau clinic in 2010, too.
- For 2011, Natalie Lamping will judge Big Event, and Wayne Quarles may judge another show.
- Linda will start working on the 2010 *Omnibus* and will need bios eventually. Should we do a single *Omnibus* covering both ADA and AHC shows, or two, as we did last year?
- Susan Ritter will manage and Kerri Geppert will be show secretary for all of the recognized shows except for the new July AHC show. Raena will generously serve as both manager and show secretary for that new one-day show without charge. Raena

will double-check that AHC has covered the insurance for its shows to avoid a repetition of last year's incident, in which Susan was briefly suspended by USEF because AHC had not filed proof of insurance.

- As the person in charge of contracts for our licensed officials, Marti Miller needs information on Lois and Shari's rates and will also ask the TD's for their rates. ADA will sign the contracts with officials for the AHC shows "as agent for AHC." Raena will be the point of contact. As showtime approaches, Marti will formalize arrangements with other show personnel (farrier, vet, EMT's, etc.) using letters rather than formal contracts.
- The board decided to remove the requirement that there be at least three competitors to hold a Prix Caprilli class. However, Prix Caprilli will only be offered at the two-day shows.
- Raena will find out if Huffman's Lynn Paterna wants a July schooling show for her students, and if so, when. Will Susie Merritt be willing to manage the schooling show(s)?
- Again for 2010, there will be three Valley schooling shows, and Linda will again coordinate schooling show schooling awards. To qualify, riders need attend only two of the four or five shows in the circuit.

USEF rules:

- We won't pursue the issue of dressage horses also competing in hunter-jumper classes at combined shows as there aren't any combined shows this year.
- As soon as the 2010 USEF rule change proposal form is posted, Mary Kaye Hession is to write up a proposal to add Alaska to the "Hawaii exception." Linda should be kept in the loop.
- USEF has revised DR126 (effective December 2009) to divide dressage shows into five different competition levels based on classes offered, facilities, etc. Our shows likely qualify as Level 2. We should become familiar with these and other changes in the dressage rules.

Election of new officers: On the agenda for the January 2010 meeting will be the election of new officers. Raena asked that we also discuss whether term limits are needed for officers' positions and board terms generally. After the election we need to update ADA's check signature card at our bank.

Misc. paperwork: Linda submitted our proxy delegation for the USDF convention. Mary Kaye will file the USDF Annual GMO Verification Form after new officers are elected in January. Mary Kaye is willing to be listed as the general contact for USDF. Incoming board member Angie Krylo will be the Junior/YR contact. USDF has requested that we submit a gift basket for auction at the USDF convention. Linda will ask Deana Johnson whether we've done this in the past and whether we can just donate \$50 or so instead.

Jr/YR fundraising meeting: Region 6 wants to organize a fundraising effort for junior riders with a liaison in each state. Angie will get in touch with the Region 6 contact and find out if this effort would promote junior riders in general or only those wishing to declare for the North American Junior Young Rider Championships. The latter has little relevance for dressage riders in Alaska.

Web page ads: An agent had expressed interest in buying ad space on ADA's website on behalf of a "reputable client base." The board decided to decline the proposal because we don't know who is involved. If it were a business we're familiar with, either local or otherwise, it would be different. Angie has some contacts who might want ads.

ASH rule changes: Linda attended the ASH Forum and reported that proposals that would have required volunteer work at shows and attendance at meetings were both rejected. ASH's dressage committee chair Sharon Sadlon wanted to expand ASH's "Third Level and Above" division to FEI classes. Raena pointed out that this would be an expansion from the current third and fourth level, not just a clarification. The board did not support the change.

Spring meeting topics: Sharon Sadlon requested that we explain the new USEF competition levels. Marti is willing to explain how ASH and ADA calculate award standings and how to qualify for both award systems, or could just do a handout on this topic instead of a presentation. Shelbie Fredenhagen will explain how to properly withdraw from a test that is already in progress. Other possibilities: how to fill out an entry form (did Carolyn Schultz cover this last time?), or the issue of low levels of vitamin A/vitamin E/selenium in Alaska horses (this could be presented by Dr. Julie Grohs or Dr. Sammy Pittman). Should we poll the membership as to whether they want a speaker? Or organize an event with a speaker in conjunction with the spring schooling show clinic? Last year our spring meeting was at Kinley's and people liked the place and the food. Susan Ritter is our volunteer to come up with some possible meeting dates: perhaps the third weekend in March, as in 2009, or early April. Angie is willing to help.

Thanks to Peggy: The board thanks outgoing board member Peggy Bowker for her outstanding service as awards/promotions/fundraising guru. She's willing to continue arranging for awards and ribbons in 2010. She wants her successor at fundraising to note that Animal Food Warehouse was a great donor.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m., at Jitters in Eagle River.