

MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING

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Attendance: The Sept. 28, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, and Marti Miller. Victoria Fredenhagen also attended. Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, Raena Schraer, and Shelby Fredenhagen were not present.

Minutes: The August meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Linda Kelley passed on Raena Schraer's report that we have about \$10,500 in the bank, having already paid our last USDF roster update fees, our expenses for year-end awards, postage for the ballots, and the deposit for the banquet. Our only remaining expenses for the year will be the remainder of the banquet costs.

Awards and banquet: Raena has gotten awards for our volunteers and has ordered ADA pins. She also has 60% patches. Victoria Fredenhagen has found a little attendee award that will run about \$1 for each place setting; Mary Kaye Hession will let her know how many people we had at last year's banquet. Everyone wondered if Raena had reminded O'Malley's that we want lots of chocolate desserts. The silent auction committee has changed to Ardene Eaton and Carolyn Schultz, not Nancy Farris. Our junior board members will be asked to design a poster advertising the banquet; Peggy Bowker and Linda are willing to post it in their vicinity if it can be emailed to them. Linda plans to speak at the banquet, doing the year-end wrap-up. That will include announcing the year-end (circuit) awards for the schooling shows and highlighting the dressage accomplishments of our junior members who are also in Pony Club.

AHC/WCCEC:

- Our list of dressage building projects remains, except that thanks to Victoria (plus Linda's paint donation), the bleachers and the porch have been painted. We need to remember to notify AHC's Lori Hackenberger before any major project is done so that there are no surprises.
- The center closes Oct. 1. AHC will try to keep the road plowed to the western arena and the office.
- Again thanks to Victoria, the need to set up a cleanup/takedown day is moot; Victoria and Shelby put the arena into storage. Victoria reported that our storage stall is reasonably orderly. She thinks we may need a pressure washer to clean the black marks off the arena bases. Linda has taken the letter marker bands home to repaint.

Show committee:

- Our new show committee will be Raena, Erin Downey, Marti, Deana Johnson, Carolyn Schultz, Susan Ritter (who will again be show manager), and Kerri Geppert (who will learn the show-secretary ropes from Brit Kaiser). Deana will look for judges and wants to have them all named by Christmas. Erin will arrange for the vet, farrier, and EMT coverage. Raena will arrange show committee meetings and double-check that everything gets done, plus arrange for ASH recognition, the AHC arena reservations, Dover medal, show insurance, and housing for licensed officials. Carolyn will be in charge of show licensing and Marti will do the contracting.
- There will be no dressage at the WCCEC Annual Show in 2010, but we have proposed that AHC sponsor a one-day dressage show in July, to be followed by a clinic. Raena is following up and we expect a decision soon.
- Our Margaret Adams schooling show will be May 15, with Shari Humble-Lamb judging. We'll have a July schooling show with a local judge.
- Springfest is to be June 5-6; the existing WCCEC dressage show is June 26-27, with Jacquie Oldham judging; ADA Biggest Event is Aug. 7-8, with Debbie Moloznik as TD.
- There was discussion of one of last year's judges. Linda did the scoring and noticed some scoring disparities: a high score for a flawed walk, yet harsh scoring and negative comments on other tests. Victoria suggested polling our members to find out what they thought of our judges/clinicians, and keeping a file on judges' performances for later hiring decisions. Marti will broach the idea to the show committee.
- Marti is comfortable being the point of contact for our licensed officials once Deana has found them.
- We won't pay for licensed officials' parking at their departure airport, and the contract does not cover alcoholic beverages.
- Marti suggested asking at the spring meeting if anyone would like to "understudy" for the show manager or show secretary job.
- If AHC does not choose to offer a July dressage show, we'll only have three shows on the schedule. Linda asked Cherie Ruesch if there could be dressage at State Fair in that case. The answer was yes. But the date would conflict with the Zone 12 Finals (the other State Fair weekend is the rodeo). The show could be postponed for a week or two if necessary.
- Susan said there's no word yet from Debbie McDonald on a clinic for 2010. There may be a Wayne Quarles clinic, and we'll definitely ask Shari Humble-Lamb for a clinic; we're willing to share her with Pony Club and prorate travel costs.

USEF rules:

- Marti discreetly asked USEF whether a horse can show the maximum number of dressage classes in a day while also showing in hunter-jumper classes. Jennifer Keeler, USEF national director of dressage, said she'd be very hesitant with the idea of combined shows. How can we get a definitive answer? Victoria suggested that Marti ask her source what specific rule quandaries she sees, and Linda will try to contact a combined TD/steward she knew from Oklahoma.
- Shelbie asked Jennifer Bryant, *USDF Connection* editor, how a rider can withdraw in the middle of a test that is going badly. She was told that USEF rules require the rider to face the judge and ask to be excused. (The rider must also request permission before dismounting, assuming it is not an emergency.) Victoria will ask Brit Kaiser what official term the show secretary uses to report this conclusion in the show results

- ("retiring"?). This educational item could be added to the spring meeting agenda.
- When the 2010 USEF rule change cycle opens, Mary Kaye will coordinate with Linda on a proposal to exempt Alaska, like Hawaii, from the rule limiting shows to using a TD only twice in a row.

Board elections: Nominating committee chair Victoria reported on the status of the board elections. Some, not all, of the biography inserts that were sent out with the 77 ballots were copied from an outdated file that omitted one junior candidate. To rectify the error, the correct file was emailed to the membership and printed in the October *Centerline*. All ballots were numbered. The post office box will be checked in the final days before the banquet to gather all that were postmarked by Oct. 14. The entire nominating committee will count the ballots together.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. We won't need to meet in October because of the banquet, nor in December. Mondays are still okay for meetings, so our final meeting of the year will be Monday, Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m., with the place to be determined. We were a bit too lively for Loussac Library, but Marti Miller will look for a meeting place in Eagle River, possibly the Sleepy Dog Cafe [ultimately changed to Jitters].