

ADA Meeting

Attendance: Charlene Cohen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Linda Kelley, Victoria Fredenhagen, Marti Miller, Angie Krylo

Start time 7:10pm

Minutes: farriers is spelled with an "a"/ otherwise minutes are approved

ADA Website: Charlene and Raena are working on becoming website savvy. Still need to put dates of upcoming events on the website, add percentage minimums for year end awards which can be found in the omnibus. Also need to update the Christine Erikson award for 2009 and 2010 and update who is on what committee so members are able to contact the right person.

Treasurer's Report: Raena sent the Treasurer's Report via email: "\$4300 ish in the bank right now, no major checks yet to be cashed. Horse council still owes us \$2000 ish. No changes to report since the last meeting. This is enough to pay for the banquet. Hopefully it will be well attended and the silent auction will be a hit. We can all help by calling around to people we know who might want to attend and encouraging them to go, and also we can help by getting out silent auction items to Lisa Susich and Ardene beforehand so that they can organize a good silent auction."

Deana has brought up the fact that USDF group rates has gone from 17 to 20. Membership is 35 for ADA.... should we increase membership fee? Angie will mention that USDF is increasing their fees in the next Centerline letter so everyone is aware of it.

Old Business: Susie said that she will order the missing parts for the tent at the Clean Up. ADA stall at the Center is clean and organized

Show business: Show dates and judges are set for 2011. We have one TD to set up. Jean Krauss could be a possibility of another TD if Sigrum isn't able to do the shows. Marti still needs to send paperwork to Dr. Grohs for the shows (being on call vet). Angie and Linda counted the ribbons.. Angie needs to back track and find the list then send it to Peggy. Susan and Linda counted out all the prizes and has already sent the list to Peggy. We still need to find our more information for the Opportunity Classes. Such as figuring out what levels we have, what the entry fee will be, etc. ASH is looking at adding Opportunity classes as well for the hunter/jumper shows.

ADA Banquet: Victoria was not sure if the Ballots were received or not (waiting to hear from Carolyn and/or Raena about checking the mailbox). We will just announce who the new board is at the banquet. Lisa and Ardeen are in charge of the silent auction, Marti and Shelbie are announcing the awards. Linda will be making tasty sweets as door prizes. Need to ask Raena if she would do the volunteer awards. Deana found a lovely award to give to Mary Kaye. Peggy and Nicole earned Bronze and should be recognized at the award banquet. 60% awards, patches and non patches – need to check with Raena how many we have. Victoria will announce the next board.

Update Handbook – Marti will have the handbook done by February and then we can approve it at the February meeting. She will have a draft done by January which the board will review at the January meeting.

New Business: Sheblie talked to Anna and she will be willing to do photography at the summer shows. She wanted to know if there were any fees. We would like to see about ADA getting a cut from the proceeds. If she commits to the shows she can have a half page ad in the omnibus. If she comes to the 2

ADA shows ad will go in ADA omnibus. We need to find out of WCCEC charges vendors. If she does both WCCEC shows half page ad in WCCEC omnibus.

Additional Important Tidbits:

Victoria found a website with virtual dressage test. She will email the link to Angie so she can add to the newsletter

HI/AK – Mary Kaye is our contact

No new news from WCCEC on the Dressage arena. It should be the same as 2010

ASH forum- Nov 6th at Jitters, time TBA

January 24th will be the next board meeting

Meeting ended 8:15pm

ADA meeting September 27, 2010

Attendance: The meeting started at 7:10pm with Angie Krylo, Raena Schraer, Marti Miller, Linda Kelley, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Victoria Fredenhagen in attendance.

Minutes Amendments: Raena does not want to be webmaster and Linda does not know how to work the website. We need to find out about the Opportunity Classes for training level and first level. Minutes approved via adjustments above

Treasurer's Report: We have no money... give us more money. Lowest level of cash since Raena has been with ADA. One horse show costs around \$6k. We need to think of ways to cut down on costs such as not paying for show secretary and manager (have volunteers for those roles). Try not to pay vet fee for being on call. (Dr Grohs generally will volunteer – Dr Kelly generally wants to be paid to be on call) Raena has a vet friend who moved to Anchorage who might help. We will try to see if ferriars volunteer time to be on call at shows. We do not need a 2nd arena for show. We can save money by only renting the one show arena.

Show Business: Marti will send Dr. Grohs a letter letting her know show dates. Deana Johnson is looking at making sure judges are in order. Raena is going to meet with AHC before show season to make sure things are good to go. We also need a master list of all ferriars and vets in the local area for reference.

Lisa Susich will work on getting ADA donations throu Midnite Sun Pony Club and is also working on the silent auction with Ardene Eaton. She is marketing to find show and class sponsors as well as ads in omnibus. We discussed ADA logo on more products then just shirts, such as saddle pads, jackets, etc. We also need pop up tents donated. We will have a wish list of things that ADA needs donated.

We talked about having a photographer at shows. See if we can make any money from the agreement with the photographer... Anna Tailson was brought up as a suggestion. Anna can have ad in ADA publications. Another option would be a random photographer from an email that was sent to Raena and Shelbie.

Need to take inventory of ribbons – Shelbie will call Peggy to do inventory on ribbons. Then we will have the inventory on paper. Does she have open show vs. schooling show ribbons? Also see what prizes she has left too.

Dressage Equitation Class: only applies to juniors for USDF – still looking into if we can do it or not. See if it is legitimate USDF or something we could make an ADA class (non USDF)

Clean Up Day: Linda and Shelbie are going to clean out the ADA stall on Oct 2nd for WCECC Clean up day – we need to take down the arena and scrub down the letters. We need to contact Susie Merritt to see if she knows where we can get the parts to fix the tent, otherwise we need to toss it.

Nominated committee: We have the ballots and bios ready to go, they just need to be stuffed and mailed. Bios have been emailed to Angie already and she will have them posted in the next newsletter.

Raena gave Victoria stamps and Marti helped with answering Victoria's questions. There are around 57 households are members

ADA Banquet: NOV 20th is the ADA banquet. Mary Kaye has won the Christine Anderson Award – whatever ADA cannot afford to purchase for that award Deana and Linda will pay the difference. Mary Kaye is 5th award winner. Silent auction contacts Lisa and Ardeen. Since we are a nonprofit – donations are tax deductible. Just make sure the folks who donate get a receipt from Raena (non profit donation slip for taxes). Have blank gift donation letter that can be filled out easily.

There were only 2 qualified winners of the Schooling Show Awards. The senior winner (Linda Kelley) volunteered to pay for the junior winner's (Mallory Reeves) award.

Email or call Linda to RSVP to banquet.

We need to get the email list with past and current ADA members and be sure to invite everyone to the Banquet this year. We will use Deana's email list and sponsor email list.

Other notes: Carolyn Shultz will write an article about 30 yrs of ADA – Raena will contact her

Alaska/HI: Mary Kaye is still the contact.

Hand book is in review.

Website is a work in progress.

We discussed Perfect World Dressage being posted in the upcoming news letter. The secret code for free membership is: GMOGOLD. The cost is \$15 a year, but the 1st yr free. It could be an education opportunity.

No one has heard anything about the Chamberlin dressage ring. It will probably be the same as it is this year for next year.

The Annual Convention: –proxy has been sent that we have no representative. Maybe Ceri Bannet will be able to attend and represent us since she is already in FL.

ASH forum : is Nov 6th at Jitters in Eagle River: time TBD

Next Board meeting at Jitters October 25th 7pm

Tudor and C St office can be used as an option for the next meeting

Meeting ended 8:35pm

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

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Attendance: The August 23, 2010 meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Charlene Cohen, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Angie Krylo, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter. Shelbie Fredenhagen and Raena Schraer were out of town. Jeff Ritter and Barbara Dey also attended.

Minutes: The June meeting minutes were approved. (There was no July meeting.)

Treasurer's report: Raena Schraer was out of town, but had reported that we lost money throughout this show season and she is not sure the ADA budget can withstand another such year.

AHC/Chamberlin:

- Most of the dressage building improvement projects remain on our to-do list. The arena flowers looked great this year. We're not sure the replacement tent parts have been ordered; it might be simpler to get a pop-up tent for extra shelter.
- There's no date scheduled for a Chamberlin fall cleanup yet; Susan Ritter will check with AHC's Lori Hackenberger about this. The dressage storage stall still needs organizing. Shelbie Fredenhagen's horse will be stabled at Chamberlin to the end of September and it would be nice to leave the dressage arena up until then so that she can use it. We could help her take it down afterward.
- We've heard nothing further on the proposed dressage arena improvements. Susan recommended we ask Lori Hackenberger to contact ADA before any work is done so there are no surprises.

Show business:

- The show committee noted that Dr. Julie Grohs had never charged us to be veterinarian-on-call at our shows, but this year she couldn't accommodate us and it was necessary to pay for a substitute vet.
- Eric Grohs has not yet been paid to be farrier for the one-day show, and Marti Miller noted that her husband had not been paid either for his day of farrier service. Susan will coordinate with Raena to be sure this gets done.
- We have all four judges for next year but have only sent out one contract so far.
- Next year's ADA shows are June 4-5 and Aug. 6-7. Sue Madden Mandas will judge

our first show. A combined TD/steward will serve at the first hunter-jumper show in the Valley and then cover our first show.

- The show committee needs to confirm whether AHC plans to offer both dressage shows next year. We will send contracts out to the ADA judges but hold off for the AHC shows until their status is confirmed.
- We need to check our contract with AHC too; mowing around the arena was an issue at two shows this year, as was stall-cleaning. Perhaps we should say in the *Omnibus* that we expect the stalls to be left in a specified condition, maybe "Remove all soiled bedding and manure." The show committee will meet with Lori to be sure what she wants.
- Kerri Geppert has learned that dressage equitation classes are now only for junior riders (they used to allow adult amateurs too). Aimee Ritter pointed out that we could have an ADA class that follows the dressage equitation format but allows both classes of riders. Kerri had suggested that the ASH Dressage Medal division could follow this format, too.
- Charlene Cohen recommended we offer opportunity classes next year. For our category of shows, we could legally offer two classes at Training Level and First Level. This could help to encourage new riders. Linda Kelley pointed out there's a downside, though: opportunity classes don't count for awards and riders can't cross-enter into other classes.

ADA administration:

- By Oct. 15 ADA needs to designate someone to represent us as our proxy at the USDF convention.
- With Mary Kaye Hession's impending move, we need to find someone to take over the ADA website administration. August Axtell's husband might be willing; Aimee and Raena are also interested in learning the process, and Linda already knows it.
- Thanks to Angie Krylo, who is willing to be secretary and newsletter editor.
- Charlene is hopeful that Victoria Fredenhagen would serve on this year's nominating committee. Marti Miller will check with Deana Johnson and Carolyn Schultz; possibly Susie Merritt would do it too. Charlene will email the names of proposed nominating committee members for our approval. As for board candidates, Linda, Susan, Charlene, and Aimee are all willing to be nominated again. Shelbie will be old enough to serve as a senior board member for 2011 but might be out of state for much of the year; she'll know soon whether that will happen. Other possible nominees include Rebecca Carrington, Sue Banet, Ardene Eaton, Anne Hancock, Kari Hancock, Carolyn Haddad, and Amelia Haddad.

Handbook update: The membership handbook update is underway.

Awards banquet:

- The banquet is set for Oct. 30 at O'Malley's.
- Awards chair Peggy Bowker reported that we've been frugal in our award choices to stay within our \$750 budget. As for show awards for next summer, we have lots of prizes left over that we can use then.
- Marti will start computing awards standings and Linda will cross-check them. Charlene will also help.
- We had originally intended to offer schooling show circuit awards. However, Linda

reported that only the first valley show took place. Other than Linda herself, there was only one other rider, a little girl who didn't show in either of the Anchorage shows. Linda will review the names of those who showed at the Anchorage schooling shows, and at the next board meeting we'll decide whether to do schooling show awards.

- Charlene will ask Ardene Eaton whether she will coordinate the silent auction at our awards banquet.
- As for the 2010 ASH awards, the pledge date has been extended to Sept. 4. Only a handful of divisions (and no dressage divisions) have reached the "funded for awards" level so far.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m., at Jitters in Eagle River.