



Alaska Dressage Association  
Board Meeting Agenda  
January 9, 2023

Ruth Spees' home, Eagle River  
Sunday, March 5th, 2023 10:30AM to 12:30 PM

Board Members Present: Rosa, Hilary, Kristi, Janet, Ruth, Marcia, Kai and Killian (via speakerphone).

1. A) Review of ADA Mission Statement--proposed new mission: *The Alaska Dressage Association (ADA) is a non-profit 501c3 organization which seeks to promote and offer support for those interested in Dressage in the state of Alaska. The ADA focuses on providing our equestrian community with ongoing opportunities, such as: educational programs, competitions (that serve beginning riders and nationally competitive athletes alike), and a yearly awards program recognizing outstanding achievements by the club's members.* Kristi made a motion to adopt the new mission statement, seconded by Janet. The motion passed unanimously.

B) Board members' view of the future: Where to we want to be in five years?

- having the competition arena more clearly separated from the playground
- more educational opportunities
- sustaining (and growing) membership
- scholarship opportunities
- becoming more culturally diverse
- building relationships
- having shows at different locations
- having a high school season (horses donated for schooling shows)
- ADA summer camp
- weekly meet-ups (mounted and unmounted sessions)
- enlisting more people to assist on projects

2. Training on Teams by Hilary--goal: to increase the Board's effectiveness on Teams. Board members are encouraged to communicate primarily on Teams. Teams is available for phones (through the app store).

Recommendation to Chris--open up access to technology.

3. Arena Footing:

A) Status of Grants. Rosa provided the Board with a summary of her conversation with the people at the Rasmussen Foundation regarding a Tier 1 Grant. The Rasmussen Foundation encourages Board members to personally give to the project in a way which is meaningful. The requesting grant amount is 20K. Rosa also provided information about a grant from the USA Equestrian Trust. Also, information will be put out to the ADA membership at large asking for charitable giving.

B) Fundraising Ideas: Goal: to make fundraising a regular part of business. Ideas: Online auctions

4. Educational Activities: Through the levels--a clinic hosted by Summit Equestrian with USDF 'S' Judge Sue Kolstad on March 25th, 2023

- Future Project: A Taste of L Judges program

5. 2023 Show Season--Officials and Logistics

On Teams, under the file of Year End Awards, Rosa is the only owner. Teams will have a channel for each committee.

Questions for the Omnibus--creating a statement regarding the arena change due to construction

Hilary made a motion to remove the whip ban from Championship classes Kristi seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

In the Omnibus, Dr. Holland will be listed as a sponsor as she is the on-call vet for the June and July shows. Joshua Morris will be listed as a sponsor as he is the on-call farrier for the season. Raena and her business of horse blanket cleaning shall be listed in the Omnibus as a sponsor.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 12:47 PM Next meeting: Monday, April 3rd, 2023