



Alaska Dressage Association  
**Special Spring Event** Board Meeting  
April 27, 2023

**Call to Order:** By President Rosa Meehan at 7:00 PM

**Roll Call:**

Present: Rosa Meehan, Hilary Starzynski, Janet Mulder, Killian Deano and Ruth Spees

Excused: Marcia Beck, Kai Beck and Lauren Eaton

Absent: Kristi Seymour

**Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: N/A**

**Treasurer's Report: N/A**

**Old Business: N/A**

**New Business:** The goal for this meeting is to lay out a schedule for how the event for Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, will proceed.

1:00-1:30 PM Social time, snacks and opportunity to inspect the tack swap. Rosa has a dressage saddle she plans to bring. Snacks will be provided by the Board. Marcia plans to attend and will bring an item, Rosa will make cookies, Killian will bring a veggie & fruit tray, Ruth opted for a bakery basket and Hillary will produce the leftover drinks and paper items from the previous event.

1:30-2:00 PM Review of the show paperwork by Show Secretary Kerri Geppert and Shelby Blades who will be visiting from Texas. Kerri is in possession of the ADA laptop, and we need to ensure she has proper access to the Fox Village show software. Killian will bring her projector and screen so Hillary can demonstrate how to access the Master Verification on the USDF website. Additionally, Hillary can prepare a Power Point presentation on her laptop for further illustration.

2:00-2:20 PM Rosa as Show Manager will review show logistics and solicit volunteers for the show season. Volunteer Kim Deano will review the lunch protocol at shows and will suggest a sign-up sheet for meal coverage. Apart from the event, Ruth is to encourage the Summit Equestrian barn to take advantage of the on-site lunch efforts instead of procuring food elsewhere.

Rosa will close this section with an update on the Arena Footing Project. Specifically, Project Manager Deana Johnson has contacted Cooley Trucking who can start with the groundwork, once the ground thaws, with the \$14,000.00 that ADA has already collected. Bookkeeper Daralene Capps has several donation checks which have been mailed in and will post this update to the Cloud which Treasurer Kristi

Seymour will be able to access. Rosa is working on the thank you letters to acknowledge each donation for taxation purposes. Ruth is to include the nonprofit 501C3 status for ADA as well as a request for employer matching funds on the post-event report for the Facebook page. Ruth has been reporting back on the engagement of these posts, noting that video clips are gaining the most engagement. The ADA page has also come to the attention of USDF Region 6 President, Noah Rattner.

Further discussion ensued regarding the monetary request from the Anchorage Horse Council. Introduced by Vice Present Hilary, she was advised by AHC President Raena Schraer, that it is now time to formally petition for an amount. Ruth encouraged \$10,000.00 as in the early meeting of this project, AHC indicated they could do a match of what ADA was able to raise on its own.

2:20-3:00 PM Hilary will be the demonstration rider on Cody to illustrate the changes taking place, especially in Training Test 3 and Level 1 Test 1. Hilary will bring the instructional placards used at our previous event as well as the test packets. Rosa or Hilary can make more copies if needed. Ruth can film the tests while Janet calls and either Volunteer Sigrun Robertson or Trainer Deana Johnson can talk through the demonstration.

As suggested by Killian, our junior riders will then be invited to walk the course while we train the next generation of readers and volunteers.

In Marcia's absence, Ruth will compile and distribute minutes for comment and approval.

**Adjourn:** 7:57 PM by President Rosa Meehan

**Next ADA Board Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:30 PM.**