

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S NOVEMBER 2004 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Nov. 22, 2004 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Kari Bazy Garber, Sue Mues, and Emily Carr. Susie Kaiser and Jennifer Lundberg (new board members for 2005, along with Linda Kelley) also participated. Deana Johnson and Sandy Gibbs did not attend.

**Minutes:** The October meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deana Johnson prepared an updated profit and loss statement and balance sheet for Raena Schraer to distribute. The balance sheet shows current assets of \$7,884.01. However, Raena noted that she has some \$830 in receipts for awards and newsletter expenses to be submitted for reimbursement. Further discussion was tabled until Deana could be present.

**President's New Year's resolutions:** Raena committed to filling out our U.S. Dressage Foundation grant proposal by Jan. 15, proposing a dressage camp that would be held approximately July 15. She also vows to put more emphasis on committee organization next year.

### Show committee:

- Our Prix Caprilli question (do such classes count against a horse's three-test-per-day limit?) is still unresolved. Susie Kaiser will check whether Veronica Holt can answer it.
- Sue Mues clarified that she doesn't want to chair the Show Committee next year, as she can't commit to attend all the board meetings, but will be happy to serve on the committee.
- We received Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez' contract to judge our August 13-14 show. Apparently Debbie Moloznik is able to be the TD for this show after all (we had previously been told there was a rule conflict), but Susie will check whether this is correct. Debbie Moloznik also graciously sent us a donation of \$75.
- Cheryl Connoll Marsh could judge a July show for us and Dr. Lothar Pinkars could be TD. Raena felt that if the dressage community is as supportive in 2005 as in 2004, we should definitely plan for a July show, and we have the funds for it. Kari Bazy Garber pointed out that one

reason we have a healthy balance now is that we watched show expenses so carefully—plus, Susie added, we had income of \$300 for each Chamberlin schooling show.

- The Anchorage Horse Council will have dressage at its recognized show again this year, as well as several schooling shows, and the new (and former) Valley Circuit manager, Bill Kornegay, wants to include dressage classes (he has been discussing this with Debbie Erickson).
- Deana will make sure that the show recognition process is underway, especially if we don't hold a meeting in December, so that we keep our show dates.
- Susie Kaiser wrote to USEF asking reconsideration for an ADA member who was suspended for mistakenly entering dressage shows as a USEF member when she had not actually sent in her renewal. This competitor already paid \$200 for an unsuccessful appeal, and will remain suspended permanently unless she pays another \$600. Susie noted that this punishment for an innocent error was harsher than USEF has imposed for some cases of horse abuse.

#### **Awards:**

- Christine Erickson donated \$100 for a "super volunteer award." Her intention was that this be a perpetual award, and needn't be a trophy. Raena will check with her to confirm what she wanted.
- To ease administration, Deana wants horse ID numbers listed on the ADA recording form.

**Ballot security:** The next time the member's handbook is revised, it should specify that even if ballots are sent out as part of the newsletter, they won't go on our website. The handbook should also address related ballot security issues.

**Spring membership meeting:** Susie suggested we hold a clinic this spring, perhaps as the focus of the spring membership meeting, explaining which memberships and award programs competitors should join to be ready for the 2005 show season.

#### **Rule changes, etc.:**

- Marti Miller has not yet had a chance to consult with Carolyn Schultz on her proposed ASH rule change, but still plans to do so. Marti's proposal would change how ASH computes the winners in its dressage divisions. Marti acknowledged that ASH's method is the same as USDF's. Kari felt that ASH's method rewards consistency over the show season.
- Mary Kaye reported on rule changes discussed at ASH's fall Forum. One would remove the word "open" from the titles of dressage classes that are not restricted to juniors/young riders or adult amateurs. This change will likely be approved by the ASH board, on grounds that an unrestricted class is inherently an open class and doesn't need to say so. While that is legally correct, ADA board members worried that the change will confuse

- competitors. It looks as though ASH will also change its recording structure, so that competitors will pay a single recording fee to earn points in any performance division.
- Jennifer Lundberg is willing to sponsor sporthorse-in-hand classes (for yearlings, two-year-olds, etc.) Susie suggested that Jennifer ask the Anchorage Horse Council to include such classes in the first schooling show of the year. These classes can't count for points at recognized shows because they would require specialized judges.

**Membership outreach:**

- Mary Kaye is to sign up for another year's hosting for ADA's website.
- ADA has received its copy of a USDF video on musical freestyle. Marti Miller is reviewing it. Raena said that in the past we have received other items from USDF that would be of interest to our members. She suggested we list them on the ADA website and invite members to check them out.

**Newsletter** [send items via e-mail: schraer@hotmail.com; phone 345-0486]: We'll continue to urge our members to get their newsletters via e-mail, to save printing and mailing costs. Raena Schraer needs your newsletter items/documents/classified ads within two weeks after each board meeting.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, at Huffman Equestrian Center.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S OCTOBER 2004 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Oct. 11, 2004 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Deana Johnson, Sue Mues, and Emily Carr. Susie Kaiser also participated. Kari Bazy Garber and Sandy Gibbs did not attend.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deana Johnson said our financial status remained the same as last month except that she prepaid the rental for our awards banquet. We owe \$465 for arena rental at our last show. The Anchorage Horse Council gave us a financial credit against our rentals as thanks for Susie Kaiser's organizing dressage at AHC's schooling shows.

**Minutes:** The September meeting minutes were approved.

### Show committee:

- Debbie Meloznik cannot be the TD for our August 2005 show because of a rule saying TD's can't officiate more than twice in a row at the same show, nor at consecutive shows. Kari Bazy Garber may have advice on how to solve this problem. Sue Mues agreed to take over the job of getting show officials (which Kari has done in the past) and will pick Kari's brain before she leaves for Florida.
- We're still not sure whether Prix Caprilli classes count against a horse's three-classes-per-day limit. TD Veronica Holt had intended to e-mail the final answer to Susie Kaiser.
- We did indeed end up paying a fee to USEF for horses or riders deemed "ineligible to compete."

**Awards banquet:** Year-end awards are en route for the awards banquet. (Raena reported that she worked on awards rather than filing for a grant through the US Dressage Foundation.) Marti Miller double-checked the final scores compiled by Jennifer Watson. Deana needs special paper to print the certificates for riders who achieved scores of 60% or above; Sue Mues will look for this. Banquet preparations are under control. We have lots of patches to give out and our volunteer list is complete. At the banquet, Sue will collect ticket payments and Deana will encourage people to sign up for membership and award program renewals. Deana plans to send out an e-mail reminding people to RSVP for the banquet and to contribute items for the silent auction. Britany Kaiser was our

only Kathryn Brooks award nominee, for her years of service as our show scorer, and before that as a ribbon girl. The board accepted that nomination. Sue will get the award engraved with Britany's name. Sue will also look into flowers or other decorations for the tables; Emily Carr will help. We might auction the table decorations at the end of the evening.

**Ballot security:** The board discussed ballot security and decided not to take special measures (e.g. hand-numbering ballots or requiring a signature), but ballots won't be put on our website. The ballot was part of last month's newsletter file but Mary Kaye will remove it from the Word document posted on the website.

**Rule changes:** Marti explained her proposal to change how ASH calculates year-end awards for dressage. She believes that ASH should use the mean, not the median, of the top 80% of the horse's scores. During the discussion, board members also suggested that the number of Test 1's that can be used in the top 80% should also be limited. At Susie's recommendation, the board decided that Marti should run her proposal by Carolyn Schultz, who is a math teacher and has years of experience with awards programs, and then get back to us. We have ample time to fine-tune the proposal, as the deadline has already passed (July 1) for amendments that would go into effect for 2005. Susie also raised the question of rolling the Training and First Level Junior/Young Rider divisions in with Open, as they have very few entrants. She reminded everyone that we should participate in this year's ASH Forum, as it will debate at least one proposed rule change that affects dressage.

**Newsletter** [send items via e-mail: [schraer@hotmail.com](mailto:schraer@hotmail.com); phone 345-0486]: The board decided that all board members should receive the newsletter via e-mail to save printing and mailing costs, and we'll continue urging other ADA members to get their newsletters this way. The board also set ad rates for the newsletter. Members will be allowed to post a business-card-size ad for free. For non-members, that size will be \$15; a quarter-page ad will be \$35; a half-page ad will be \$50; a full page will be \$100. Raena Schraer needs your newsletter items/documents/classified ads within two weeks after each board meeting.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, at Huffman Equestrian Center.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S SEPTEMBER 2004 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Sept. 7, 2004 ADA board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Deana Johnson, and Emily Carr. Susie Kaiser also participated. Kari Bazy Garber (out of town), Sue Mues (at a family dinner), and Sandy Gibbs did not attend.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deana Johnson distributed an updated balance sheet and profit-and-loss statement. ADA currently has assets of \$9,359.81, including accounts receivable of \$86.00. There are still a couple of horse show bills to be paid (ASH, Region 6), plus annual awards to buy (the awards program brought in \$700). We have 52 members now, the best in recent memory. With our healthy balance sheet, Deana urged that we find ways to give back to our membership.

**Minutes:** The July meeting minutes were approved (no August meeting).

### Show committee:

- By e-mail, Kari Bazy Garber had circulated a status report for the next show season: we have judges for June and August (Anita Owen, Debbie Reihl-Rodriguez) and a TD for August (Debbie Moloznik; Kari planned to ask Sigrun Robertson to be the June TD). She had tentative names for a July show, if held (judge Cheryl Connell-Marsh and TD Dr. Pinkers). Unfortunately for ADA, Kari intends to relocate to Florida in the spring.
- We offered the Dover Medal at all three of our shows. Debbie Erickson won all three times, qualifying for a special award.
- Emily Carr reported that she placed fourth individually at Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival in August, and her team was ninth out of 57.
- We're still not sure whether Prix Caprilli classes count against a horse's three-classes-per-day limit. TD Veronica Holt had intended to e-mail the final answer to Susie Kaiser.
- The conflict between our post-competition report and the TD's report for the June show has been resolved.
- Susie reported that we have received a USEF invoice and competition penalty in the amount of \$50 for two horses and riders that were "ineligible to compete." We think that horse ID applications may have been submitted for the two horses, but will find out and pay up if the penalty is valid.

**Giving back to the membership:** The board decided that Raena should apply for a \$1500 grant through the US Dressage Foundation, and ADA will match that amount if received. Carolyn Shultz had said we received such a grant in the past; possibly Sue Mues has Carolyn's copy of the original application for Raena to review. Grants can be used for purposes such as camps or highly subsidized clinics (so that participants' fees are low). Raena will ask for member feedback in the next newsletter. Mary Kaye Hession reported that ADA is entitled to a copy of USDF's *Musical Freestyle Fundamentals* video (free except for shipping), and is to send away for our copy.

**Nominations:** The board appointed Susie Kaiser, Carolyn Schultz, and Christine Erickson as this year's nominating committee to find candidates for the board election (Raena will officially invite Carolyn and Christine to serve). This year the nominating committee will be in charge of preparing the ballot as well as receiving voted ballots, to guard against miscommunication. Deana asked that the committee contact Debra Wilson (who had said she is willing to be treasurer) and Jennifer Lundberg (willing to be show secretary). Susie and Mary Kaye are both willing to be nominated. Emily Carr and Jory Dittmer were suggested as junior board nominees. Mary Kaye is to research which senior board seats are expiring (both junior board seats are filled annually), and update last year's call for board nominations and Kathryn Brooks award nominations.

**Awards banquet:** Sue Mues has already started checking possible venues for the banquet. The board decided on a date of Oct. 30. We will need a banquet committee to choose the food and settle on other details. We'll do another silent auction; Susie and Britany Kaiser will coordinate it, possibly with Haley Carr's help. Susie will send Sue a list of volunteers to be officially recognized at the banquet. Meantime, Jennifer Watson has compiled this summer's scores. The board suggested that Jennifer might team up with Raena to purchase awards. If they run a little over the \$700 available, it's no problem: the amount can be supplemented from general funds. Award suggestions included polo wraps, saddle pads, and Dressage Extensions gift certificates.

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**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, at Huffman Equestrian Center.

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**Attendance:** The July 12, 2004 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with a quorum of Raena Schraer, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, and Sue Mues. Deana Johnson was participating in a golf tournament. Sandy Gibbs, Kari Bazy Garber, and Emily Carr were not present. Susie Kaiser also attended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deana Johnson had provided an updated balance sheet and profit-and-loss statement. ADA currently has assets of \$7,244.29, including accounts receivable of \$193.00.

**Minutes:** The May meeting minutes were approved.

### Show committee:

- We received the Anchorage Horse Council's check for the administrative fee portion of the May schooling show entries, and also paid our arena rental bill.
- August judge Eileen Fagan will stay with Carolyn Schultz; Raena Schraer's mother will serve as her guide for one day.
- Raena filed the application to offer the Dover Medal at our July show but heard nothing further. Sue Mues thought that Deana Johnson had received the approval.
- USEF had concluded that we lack insurance for our July show. Susie Kaiser e-mailed USEF that the July show is covered in the paperwork it already has. We are assuming that the Anchorage Horse Council is also satisfied with our coverage, after Susie e-mailed an inquiry to AHC.
- We'll arrange payment and a car rental for our Mid-Summer Festival TD Veronica Holt.
- A work party is scheduled at Deana's house for Thursday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. Sue will put up an envelope at Huffman to collect entries.
- USEF has not answered Susie Kaiser's query whether Prix Caprilli tests count toward a horse's three-per-day limit, so Susie will check with Veronica Holt instead.
- USEF told Susie that our post-competition report for the June show did not match the TD's report regarding the total number of horses (we said 29, the TD said 30). We also need to pay a per-ride fee that totals \$29.60.



**Junior Board member:** One of our junior board seats is vacant. Raena will find a junior who is willing to serve.

**Awards donation:** After a discussion, the board decided to contribute \$300 to the Anchorage Horse Council as thanks for its support of dressage at the Chamberlin show. That amount should more or less cover the cost of ribbons.

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**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next meeting will tentatively be another work party on Tuesday, August 10; if there is any business to take care of in the interim, it can be circulated by e-mail.