

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S NOVEMBER 2007 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Nov. 19, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Susie Kaiser, and Mary Kaye Hession. Linda Kelley participated by phone. Raena Schraer (out of town), Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Sarah Cohen were not present. Carolyn Schultz also attended.

**Minutes:** The October 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** On Nov. 11 Raena Schraer had e-mailed her most recent treasurer's report to the committee. It showed a current balance of \$17,097.93, and ADA earned \$753 at the silent auction.

### Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz will check with Deana Johnson to confirm Wayne Quarles' credentials to judge our August show.
- The Anchorage Horse Council doesn't have a show manager yet for the Chamberlin annual show (Judy Eaken will be AHC's show secretary and ours too). We'll brainstorm with AHC to see how we can help out.
- There will be dressage classes in the Valley at both Midsummer and State Fair, but scheduling for the latter is still up in the air. Ray Ritari is the new general manager for the fairgrounds. He has run major equine facilities in the Lower 48 and recognizes the need to avoid fireworks/horse show conflicts so that there are no more injuries like last year's. He would prefer to run the State Fair Horse Show Tuesday-Friday of the second Fair week (the rodeo gear gets taken away Monday morning), but those are all school/work days. Linda Kelley volunteered to meet with Ray to broach other options. Joe and Madeline Kornegay will continue to manage the Valley shows for 2008.
- Mary Kaye Hession is to check with Janine Malone, USEF Dressage Committee, on the intent of a proposed national rule change that seems to affect concurrent rides.
- A show committee meeting was set for December 10.

**ASH dressage rules:**

- Susie Kaiser proposed we write to ASH objecting to a proposed rule change, approved by attendees at the ASH Forum, that would bar professionals from the ASH Dressage Medal division. She then volunteered to write the letter herself. As she noted, ADA wrote that rule in the first place. Also, she suggested that ADA members attend next year's ASH Forum in force to represent our interests.
- Another ASH initiative, which may or may not have reached the stage of a written proposal, would change dressage awards to a class points basis rather than scores. Although this would be consistent with how other divisions' winners are computed, it doesn't work for dressage.
- ASH also wants to reduce the number of dressage awards, to two or even one per level. ASH board members may feel that dressage riders are getting more than their share of awards funding. However, by ADA's computation, 25 of ASH's 70 recorded horses—more than a third—showed in dressage classes. ASH gave awards in eight dressage divisions, compared to about 20 hunter-jumper divisions. Or, perhaps they are confused by the way qualifying median scores are reported; if the computation shows that only two junior riders qualified for awards at Training Level, they may assume that only two juniors competed in the division.
- If award numbers must be reduced, Linda suggested there be a single award at each level for Juniors and Adult Amateurs, with no Open champion. Instead, all the Open riders would compete for a single high-score award. Carolyn Schultz opposed this idea, feeling it would not be fair to our local professionals.

**Newsletter:** For our next newsletter (probably spring), Susie received permission to let us reprint a great article on turnout for dressage horses. That issue would also feature Peggy Bowker's 2008 fundraising letter.

**Awards and banquet:**

- Raena had suggested we might ask for a non-board volunteer to purchase the awards next year, but our 2007 awards coordinator Peggy Bowker said she is happy to keep doing it.
- The board also decided Raena should go ahead and make reservations at O'Malley's on the Green for our November 1, 2008 banquet.

**AHC/WCCEC news:**

- Susie has placed calls to two people who have existing buildings for sale that could serve as a dressage office at Chamberlin. She will also check with a builder in the Matanuska Valley.
- We took down the Chamberlin arena for winter storage and it will need re-erecting in the spring.
- Peggy Bowker's project of designing windows for the judge's booth is on hold for spring.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 8 p.m. (Mary Kaye forgot to note the time). The next board meeting will be later than usual (we'll skip December): Monday, January 28 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S OCTOBER 2007 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Oct. 22, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a quorum of Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, Linda Kelley, and Shelbie Fredenhagen. Our new senior member Charlene Cohen, who will fill the remainder of Jennifer Lundberg's term, was out of town, and Susie Kaiser is recovering from surgery. Sarah Cohen was not present.

**Minutes:** The September 2007 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer will e-mail a current treasurer's report.

### Show committee:

- Mary Kaye Hession read Carolyn Schultz's e-mailed report that licensing with USEF has been completed through 2011 for both June and August. There are errors on the USEF website for both shows' 2008 dates, but Carolyn is getting that corrected. USDF recognition for 2008 is complete but also has date errors, as it's based on USEF's data. She will get that corrected as well and will get checks from Raena to pay each show's \$75 show recognition fee.
- Carolyn also reported that Deana Johnson has contracts with TD's for our 2008 shows: Debbie Moloznik and Sigrun Robertson. Carolyn plans to have a show committee meeting in November after the banquet.
- Jennifer Lundberg had said that we can re-download a new copy of the Fox Village show management software using the existing ADA license, but this hasn't been attempted yet.
- Our Biggest Event show for 2008 is scheduled for Aug. 9-10 with judge Wayne Quarles. However, the State Fair Horse Show can no longer be held over the traditional Labor Day weekend. The State Fair organization won't allow the Valley Circuit show manager (Joe Kornegay) to have horses on the fairgrounds during the fireworks displays, because of last year's serious accident, nor is it willing to reschedule the fireworks. The "State Fair" show can't move to Aug. 13-17, as the Alaska Hunter-Jumper

Association show uses the fairgrounds during those dates, and the rodeo has Aug. 23-24. Could we help out by letting "State Fair" have our show dates and move our show to Aug. 23-24 or Aug. 29-30, assuming our 2008 judge is free for one of those weekends? Raena will find out through Carolyn whether the judge could reschedule; if so, Linda will suggest this idea to the Valley Circuit manager.

**Elections, awards, and banquet:**

- Carolyn Shultz's report also said that ballots for this year's election are still coming in. She and her fellow nominating committee member Nancy Farris will count them and report the results at the banquet.
- Jennifer McLeod and Marti Miller finished computing this year's ADA awards winners (ASH's too). Marti will send the file to Mary Kaye to post on our website. Marti also finished printing the 60% award certificates.
- Peggy Bowker's awards order has arrived at a cost of \$980, with the help of Dressage Extensions' generous 15% discount.
- Raena reported that banquet arrangements are complete. Sarah Cohen and Shelbie Fredenhagen created the table centerpieces (they can be included in the auction or offered as door prizes after the banquet). Mary Kaye had received only about two dozen RSVP's so far, but that is normal at this stage. She planned to send out another e-mail reminder along with a request for silent auction items.

**AHC/WCCEC news:** We don't know if Susie Kaiser was able to purchase a kit building for a dressage office at Chamberlin. Meantime, Peggy made a field trip to Chamberlin to measure the dimensions of the judge's booth and is designing Plexiglas or other non-breakable side windows and a back door to keep the booth warmer and more windproof.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, November 19 (earlier than our standard date) at 6 p.m. at Huffman.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING

PRESIDENT: SUSIE KAISER, 346-2351	SEC'Y.: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090
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PROMOTIONS/FUNDRAISING: PEGGY BOWKER, 373-2330	OMNIBUS EDITOR: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994
JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074	JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBBIE FREDENHAGEN

**Attendance:** The Sept. 17, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, and Raena Schraer. Jennifer Lundberg has moved Outside. Linda Kelley, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Sarah Cohen were not present.

**Minutes:** The June 2007 meeting minutes were approved. (There were no July-August board meetings.)

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer presented the treasurer's report showing current assets of \$17,331.22.

**Membership outreach:** Raena will get a \$50 gift certificate to thank Lynn Paterna for letting the board continue meeting at Huffman.

### Show committee:

- We need to transfer our Fox Village show management software from Jennifer Lundberg's computer.
- Raena passed on Carolyn Schultz's report that Lois Heyerdahl is confirmed to judge our June 2008 show and Wayne Quarles for August. Susie thought our 2008 TD's are scheduled too, but will check with Deana Johnson (who is doing well in her recovery from surgery).
- Our next USEF license application is due. We decided to move our August show to Aug. 8-9, 2009 (USEF's standard date rotation would have put it back to Aug. 1-2); Aug. 7-8, 2010; and Aug. 6-7, 2011. (We had decided on dates for our June shows at our last meeting.)

### Elections, awards, and banquet:

- Carolyn Shultz, who is part of this year's nominating committee, needs bios from this year's board candidates. She'll also need a set of mailing labels to send out ballots by Sept. 29. Raena will take charge of e-mailing the biographies to the membership. Raena and Mary Kaye need to get copies of Deana Johnson's e-mailing list so we don't have to rely on Deana to do all the mailouts.

- The board decided Charlene Cohen should be appointed to fill out the remainder of Jennifer Lundberg's term.
- Jennifer McLeod is out of town until next week but she and Marti Miller will then compute this year's award winners. (Show scores from August are not yet posted.) Susie asked that Jennifer and Marti compute scores for ASH awards at the same time.
- Marti will get our 60% award certificates printed at Kinko's as soon as she has the information to fill in. The board confirmed that we're awarding a Junior and Senior champion at Introductory Level this year, but no Prix Caprilli.
- Raena will compute how much money came in this year for the awards program. Peggy and Susie are authorized to spend \$1,000 to purchase awards.
- The banquet will be Friday, November 2 at O'Malley's on the Green, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. We'll have our traditional silent auction to raise funds and will need items for it, plus a coordinator. Would Deana do this? Peggy volunteered to be the announcer.

**AHC/WCCEC news:** Susie Kaiser reported that we could buy a 10' x 16' or 10' x 20' kit building suitable for a dressage office at Chamberlin for about \$4,000 at SBS, but we'd need a contractor to prepare the foundation (the building must be removable if needed) and put it together. Susie and Marti Miller both know of possible contractors. Peggy Bowker questioned whether the contractor would need to be licensed, bonded, and insured. The board authorized Susie to recheck three buildings that may be available, then spend up to \$5,000 to buy one. Susie will also check whether the Anchorage Horse Council will share part of the expense.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, October 22 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JUNE 2007 MEETING

PRESIDENT: SUSIE KAISER, 346-2351

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PROMOTIONS/FUNDRAISING:

PEGGY BOWKER, 373-2330

JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074

SEC'Y.: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090

SHOW COMM.: JENNIFER LUNDBERG, 301-2738

AWARDS: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882

OMNIBUS EDITOR: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994

JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBY FREDENHAGEN

**Attendance:** The June 18, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Linda Kelley, Jennifer Lundberg, and Sarah Cohen. Carolyn Schultz also attended. Raena Schraer and Shelby Fredenhagen were not present.

**Minutes:** The April 2007 meeting minutes were approved. (No May board meeting.)

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer presented the treasurer's report showing current assets of \$16,006.49.

### Membership outreach:

- We plan to issue a July newsletter with show results to date, including Midsummer, and perhaps even Peggy Bowker's letter requesting sponsors. Jennifer Lundberg will work on the newsletter. Carolyn Schultz suggested we list and thank all of those donating food and effort toward the show dinners. We need thank-you's to our new show sponsors too; they are still coming in and could perhaps be listed in the newsletter also.
- ADA will give Lynn Paterna another gift certificate to thank her for continuing to let the board meet at Huffman this year.
- Annemarie Weiland won the Fence Emporium gift certificate.

### Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz reported we had 34 horse-rider combinations at Spring Festival, our highest attendance in years, and an excellent dinner. (Everything is ready for our August show, too.) The TD's report did fault the lack of wind protection for the show office and speakers located too close to the judge's box.
- Food service at Spring Festival was an issue. We should write to Annie Mabry and Mary Dodge, thanking them profusely for their past efforts, acknowledging that it's not cost-effective for them to provide food service at our small shows, and saying ADA will provide our own. Susie will talk to Lori about this, then Carolyn will shop around for alternatives: ready-made food, Costco rollups, sandwiches wrapped by Costco, Cafe Europa, etc.
- Linda Kelley said that all helpers are ready for dressage at Midsummer, including some new volunteers. ADA will supply tests and championship awards; the show management will provide ribbons. Linda will work with the show secretary and then send out ride times, building in some flexibility for those showing in both arenas. Results reporting could be a problem because of Linda's and Jennifer's



overlapping vacations, but the report could go out July 2 or 3 if Midsummer's show software can't format the huge spreadsheet USEF requires (our Fox Village software can).

- The WCCEC annual show will be managed by Teresa Michels, with Teresa, Lori Carr, Lori Hackenberger, Kim Ross, Deana Johnson, and Susie Kaiser as the show committee. ADA volunteered to put on the dressage classes. The show was fined \$150 due to a misunderstanding: Teresa assumed ADA had applied for USDF recognition for the show when we'd actually only applied, and requested reimbursement for, ASH recognition. To avoid further miscommunication, Jennifer will draft a letter to the show manager, with a copy to "the Lori's," explaining exactly what ADA offers to do, listing what remains to be done, and asking who will do those other tasks. Susie will send the letter by e-mail.
- Linda said there may dressage during State Fair next year before the main show, avoiding fireworks nights and incorporating musical rides.
- Carolyn urged us to be thinking of show secretaries for next year (after Jennifer's departure). Raena Schraer might be interested and perhaps Sue Banet, although her horse competes and the USEF rules might not allow this.
- Our USEF license renewal is due August 2. We decided we should license our June show as a one-day show and amend its name to Spring Festival I. Closer to show time, we will add a second show day, or a separate show designated Spring Festival II with a separate USEF fee, license number, and judge, if the Chamberlin and/or Valley show looks uncertain. We also need to change the 2009 Spring Festival show date: USEF's standard date rotation would have it fall on May 30 and we want it a week later. The 2010 and 2011 dates are fine, June 5 and 4 respectively. As for the August show, it needs to be kept at two days to allow time for our championships. (Do its 2009 dates work out?)

#### **AHC/WCCEC news:**

- The arena blocks Susie ordered on a trial basis for Chamberlin proved unsuitable for our long planks. She found and ordered an alternative from Premier. SpanAlaska will ship them for far less than the original estimate and they'll be here before the Chamberlin show. We'll need a work party to remove the rotting 4x4 timbers and install the new blocks.
- Peggy will look into installing a door on the judge's box to block drafts.
- No news on our proposed dressage show office. Matt Carr will check Craigslist for relocatable buildings. The Anchorage Horse Council hopes to limit the purchase price to \$3,500.

#### **Rule changes:**

- We need to ponder what fine-tuning we want in ASH's Dressage Medal rule and submit our proposal to ASH by October.
- Jennifer urged us to change ASH rules to eliminate the concept of concurrent rides. Only about 50 shows nationwide still do this, and it's difficult to handle with our show software: the program wants to give each "ride" its own time slot.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. No regular board meeting is scheduled for next month, but we'll need a work party before the Chamberlin show. Jennifer will let us know the date and time.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S APRIL 2007 MEETING

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JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074	JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBY FREDENHAGEN

**Attendance:** The April 16, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Linda Kelley, and Sarah Cohen; Shelby Fredenhagen arrived after her class. Deana Johnson also attended. Jennifer Lundberg was not present.

**Minutes:** The March 2007 meeting minutes were approved. Mary Kaye Hession will check whether we're due to file our biennial State of Alaska corporate report.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer and Deana Johnson had completed the treasurer's report but forgot to bring copies. They promised to circulate the report by e-mail.

### Membership outreach:

- Deana reported we're already up to 75 members!
- We plan to put out a newsletter issue after the schooling show, to provide results from that show and to remind everyone about the May 25 closing date for the Spring Festival show. Susie Kaiser will talk to Jennifer Lundberg about getting this information to newsletter editor Loretta Andress.
- We also need to feed ADA information to the *Alaska Horse Journal*. It could even include tidbits such as information on new dressage horses. Maybe we should just forward our newsletters to AHJ's Sandy Shacklett to use as she sees fit? Deana will add Sandy's name to the newsletter mailing list.
- We had 32 attendees at the spring meeting (including one very junior attendee).
- We may need another venue for our May 10 Anne Appleby lecture and dinner, which Anne is doing without any charge to ADA, as someone else already booked our favorite room at Gallo's.

### Show committee:

- Our ribbon purchase for this year's shows totaled \$825.63; Susie Kaiser passed the invoice on to Raena. Susie also ordered show awards. She revealed only that they're "not glass."
- Deana reported that the show committee's work is going smoothly. Insurance coverage is being processed.
- People need to get their clinic signups in for the Betty Gosling clinic as well as the Anne Appleby clinic. Sue Kolstad will offer clinic sessions after the Chamberlin annual show, but at/through Sindorf (not an ADA clinic).
- We'll need a thank-you to sponsors as part of our Spring Festival show packets to reflect the latest list (e.g. Lori Hackenberger is now a gold sponsor).

- Would the Pony Club be willing to prepare goodie bags for our Spring Festival participants? And a basket for the judge? And flowers? We'll check with Jayne and Jori Dittmer.

**AHC/WCCEC news:**

- Susie met with the Anchorage Horse Council's Lori Hackenberger, Lori Carr, Kim Ross, and Teresa Michels about the Chamberlin annual show. They reported that noted photographer Mary Phelps, whose work has appeared in *Dressage Daily*, will cover the show. The show will have plenty of beginner classes and no western, halter, or driving classes. Perhaps we could offer "exhibition" dressage classes (up to Training Level Test 3) to encourage new participants.
- All of the Anchorage Horse Council's schooling shows will be one-day shows, so we'll need to be flexible about riders whose hunter-jumper classes overlap with their dressage ride times. AHC does want to offer a judge's command class in the dressage arena and has changed the class order. We'll change our website posting to warn that class order is subject to change.
- The search continues for a relocatable building to use as an office at the Chamberlin dressage arena. The small buildings on King St. have been sold. SBS has a kit for under \$5,000, but we'd need someone to put it together. Susie will check back regarding a building on Lake Otis that supposedly has already sold. Or perhaps we could order a building from the fellow who builds Alaska barns? His price was about \$7,000 last year.
- The 4 x 4 timbers around the arena are rotting and will need replacing.
- We'll participate in the May 5 cleanup at Chamberlin, but will start early (9 a.m.) because we have a lot of rocks to remove from the dressage arena and warmup area. Bring stall forks, buckets, gloves, wheelbarrows, etc.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Our next meeting will be a work party to prepare for the Spring Festival show. It will be at Jennifer Lundberg's house (she'll e-mail directions) at 6 p.m. on May 30.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S MARCH 2007 MEETING

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JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074	JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBY FREDENHAGEN

**Attendance:** The March 26, 2007 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Jennifer Lundberg (home working on the spring meeting poster) and Linda Kelley (home working on the *Omnibus*) participated in part of the meeting by telephone. Raena Schraer was at a medical appointment and Sarah Cohen was traveling home after riding Outside. Carolyn Schultz also attended.

**Minutes:** The February 2007 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**ASH Dressage Medal rule changes:** Susie Kaiser will notify ASH's Sharon Sadlon that where our proposed rule change refers to counting all of the competitor's dressage scores, we mean in all ASH-recognized classes (thus not including Prix Caprilli, freestyle, etc.).

### Show committee:

- Susie Kaiser inventoried our existing stock of ribbons and awards and ordered the rest we'll need for the 2007 show season.
- Peggy Peters knows our May judge/clinician, Anne Appleby, and will host her during Anne's stay. Hopefully Peggy will be able to accompany Anne during the clinic. Carolyn Schultz will organize clinic ride times. We'll need RSVP's by May 8 for the May 10 dinner lecture.
- Raena Schraer will be show manager for both of the licensed ADA shows.
- Carolyn announced there will be Saturday dinners at both shows for all participants and guests. Susie has color flyers advertising the dinners; they'll be inserted in the *Omnibus*. She'll also e-mail the file to Mary Kaye Hession for the ADA website.
- Peggy Bowker found a few more *Omnibus* sponsors by calling all of last year's sponsors/advertisers. If we get more sponsors after the *Omnibus* is printed, we can thank them via an insert in competitors' show packets.

**Membership outreach:** We're all set for our April 1 spring meeting; Dr. Julie Grohs will cover hoof balance and shoeing issues at 1 p.m. at Gallo's. The cost will be \$10. We'll also have horse show forms available. Jennifer Lundberg is finalizing the spring meeting poster and will e-mail it to all of us to post at barns and tack shops.

**AHC liaison:**

- Susie will order a pair of arena blocks (the bases that hold the dressage arena railings) for our approval. If we like them, she'll get a full set for the Chamberlin arena and be reimbursed by the Anchorage Horse Council (AHC).
- Susie reported that the AHC's show committee had not met and did not yet have a show manager or USDF license for the annual Chamberlin show. However, AHC has a judge (Sue Kolstad) and steward/TD (Sigrun Robertson) for the show. Dressage will tentatively be July 14. We'll list this dressage show on our website calendar with Susie Kaiser as the contact.
- Also, AHC has not yet organized its 2007 schooling shows. ADA can put on the May schooling show by ourselves if that becomes necessary. In the meantime, we'll put a dressage class list on our website (same as last year's list) for the May show and the schooling show that will tentatively be held July 28.
- Susie and Carolyn Schultz will ask to meet with AHC's Lori Hackenberger, Lori Carr, and Debbie Erickson to help get things rolling.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Our next meeting will be earlier than usual in case we need extra lead time to organize the May show. It will be Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S FEBRUARY 2007 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The February 26, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Peggy Bowker, Marti Miller, Linda Kelley, Mary Kaye Hession, Sarah Cohen, and Shelbie Fredenhagen. Raena Schraer and Jennifer Lundberg could not attend.

**Minutes:** The January 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer was out of town but had emailed a treasury summary showing current assets of \$13,624.78. However, that did not include checks Susie Kaiser had just written: \$100 to the Anchorage Horse Council, which we think zeroes out our 2006 arena rentals; \$500 to the AHC for a deposit toward 2007 rentals; and \$150 for ASH show recognition.

**ASH Dressage Medal rule changes:** Linda Kelley forwarded our immediate rule change recommendation (to count 100% of the competitor's scores, not just the top 80%), to ASH dressage representative Sharon Sadlon. ASH received it but questioned the need to make the change, as "it wouldn't have changed last year's results." Linda emphasized we knew that, but we still feel it is essential to clarify how the results are calculated. She will check with Sharon on the status of our proposal. We can then begin work on the rest of our recommendations.

### Show committee:

- Susie Kaiser reported that Carolyn Schultz will be back in town tonight. She will check with Carolyn to set up the next show committee meeting.
- We need to inventory our ribbons and awards (stored at the Chamberlin Center) so we can order the additional stock we need for 2007.
- We will recommend that the Anchorage Horse Council schooling shows offer dressage classes in May and July rather than May and June.
- Linda Kelley posed a number of questions that had arisen as she updated last year's *Omnibus* for 2007. Among others, the board decided on our "late post entry fees" and that if a show is cancelled (e.g. due to bad weather), refund requests will need to be filed within 10 days rather than 30.
- If anyone finds potential *Omnibus* advertisers, we should work with those advertisers directly to get their copy to Linda by mid-March.

- Deana Johnson will be our clinic coordinator. We'll charge \$110 for the May and June clinics.
- Mary Kaye Hession will come up with an address to RSVP for our Anne Appleby lecture at Gallo's, or Susie Kaiser is willing to serve as the contact point.

**Membership outreach:**

- The February newsletter has gone out. The next issue will need to advertise the spring meeting, whose details are yet to be determined.
- Peggy Bowker has signed copies of our fundraising letter ready for any of us to send out to potential donors. She needs the full list of last year's sponsors (only 2007 sponsors are on our website now).

**AHC news:** Susie Kaiser met with the Anchorage Horse Council's Lori Hackenberger and Lori Carr and reported the following:

- Proposition 8 (for a long-term lease of Ruth Arcand Park to the Anchorage Horse Council and Rainbow Connection) will be on the Anchorage ballot on April 3.
- The AHC doesn't have a show manager yet. Susie suggested the Kornegays might be willing to do it. If not, we'll need to help AHC find a manager.
- They agree with us that the big trailer by the dressage arena is unattractive, leaky, and not suitable as a show office. It was originally donated to the AHC, but AHC spent \$5,000 to move it. (Anita Reeder may buy it as a construction trailer, which would help in cost recovery.) AHC is willing to spend another \$3,000 to \$5,000 on a suitable relocatable building to replace it. The search resumes.
- They agree that the dressage arena blocks (the bollards that support the plastic planks) need replacing. Susie's research showed that the blocks are still available at \$20 each; the "Lori's" authorized her to go ahead with the purchase.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 26 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JANUARY 2007 MEETING

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JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074	JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBY FREDENHAGEN

**Attendance:** The January 22, 2006 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. with a quorum of Susie Kaiser, Jennifer Lundberg, Marti Miller, Linda Kelley, Sarah Cohen, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz was also present. Peggy Bowker, Raena Schraer, and Mary Kaye Hession could not attend.

**Minutes:** The November 2006 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

### Show committee:

- Carolyn Schultz reported that the show committee met on Dec. 16.
- Jennifer Lundberg hoped to confirm that Carrie McLain could be our judge and clinician for the May schooling show. However, Carrie had a schedule conflict for that weekend. Jennifer then contacted Anne Appleby (now an "r" judge), who is 99% certain she can accept.
- On Thursday, May 10, ADA will host a buffet at Gallo's on Old Seward at which our judge and clinician will focus on the new dressage tests. The event will be open to everyone, advertised with ASH and the *Alaska Horse Journal*, and costs will be kept down. On Friday we'll offer standard clinic or ride-a-test sessions. The Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show is Saturday, May 12.
- Wayne Quarles has confirmed to judge our August 9-10, 2008 show. Deana will try to get Debbie Meloznik and Diane Stanley for our 2008 TD's. Brent Hicks was mentioned for our other judge but he is only an "r"; perhaps we could use him for our May 2008 schooling show—people liked him at Midsummer 2006. Michael Osinski, an "R," is another possibility for 2008.
- Deana was to talk to Lori Hackenberger about ADA's role in the Chamberlin annual show. We'll offer to manage the whole dressage part; if the judge and TD haven't been hired yet, we can help out; we've noticed that the show's licensed dates (July 14-17) don't appear to be correct. We will also recommend that there be dressage classes at the May and June schooling shows only. Deana is out of state now and we don't know if she has talked to Lori yet. We need to follow up right away.
- *Omnibus* changes: The tentative start time will go to 8 a.m., and we'll accept late entries only if times have not yet been assigned and with a late fee of \$20 per class. If ride times have already been assigned, no late entries will be accepted. We'll define post entries too: the entry was timely but the rider now wishes to add a different class, if a ride time is available (e.g. because of a scratch).



- Linda was told by the Kornegays there will be two days of dressage at Midsummer, June 23-24. The Kornegays have a TD; Linda gave them Alistair Buchanin's name for a judge. They'll provide ribbons and the Dover medal; we'll update the class list and provide scribes and other volunteer assistance as we did last year. There will be inexpensive "exhibition" classes as in 2006. (The Kornegays would welcome demonstration rides, too—even vaulting or reining.) ADA provided dressage show championships last year and Susie suggested we could probably cover them this year too with awards we already have.
- Will Prix Caprilli be dropped? With two of last year's shows running only one day (which will be true for the Chamberlin annual show again this year), and with Prix Caprilli counting against the three-class-per-day limit, riders didn't have room for any "extra" classes and entries were low. Linda Kelley recommended we offer Prix Caprilli and see how it goes—she plans to enter! The Show Committee will reconsider the issue.
- Do we need definitions for "junior" and "senior" (for show high-point awards)? Amateur, junior, and young rider are defined; those who no longer qualify as juniors are seniors.
- ADA's show dates are June 2-3 and August 11-12. Colony Days (no dressage) is May 25-28, Midsummer is June 21-24 with dressage the last two days, and State Fair (no dressage) is August 30-Sept. 2.
- We need to make contact with Lori Hackenberger before the next Show Committee meeting. Linda anticipates she could have a draft of the *Omnibus* ready by then. The meeting was set for Sunday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. at Jennifer's house.

**Newsletter:** Jennifer volunteered to do the newsletter for February to congratulate the 2006 award winners, thank the old board, welcome the new board, announce this year's show dates, announce our spring meeting (April), and tell people about the May schooling show. She'll ask for help if she needs it.

**ASH Dressage Medal:** The board revisited the controversy over calculating the ASH Dressage Medal winner (counting 100% of the person's scores vs. 80% of the scores). ASH has asked us for our recommendation. Linda said the process is simply to submit the recommendation in writing, with our reasoning, to the full ASH Board rather than to ASH dressage representative Sharon Sadlon. The most urgent matter is to ensure that 100% of the scores are counted, not just the top 80%. Linda felt a bigger issue is that the median should be computed for each horse and then averaged, so that each horse's scores (no matter how many) count equally. But Carolyn pointed out that someone who has two good dressage horses, but is then asked to ride a greener horse too, might be reluctant to do so for fear of ruining her average. Perhaps the rider should nominate which horses' scores they want included? Susie explained that the original idea had been based on the ASH Hunter Seat Medal, whose finalists are required to switch horses—that's why the ASH Dressage Medal requires rides on two different horses. She opposed requiring the rider to nominate or designate horses in advance. Why exclude a competitor who doesn't get a chance to ride a second horse until the last show? She felt that the competitor should ride one horse at one level, the other(s) at a different level. Otherwise someone can ride their top horse at two different levels, then hop on another horse for two rides, doing the bare minimum to qualify. The consensus was that there are too many different ways to interpret the rule—each of the three 2006 competitors computed her score by a different process. A committee of Linda, Marti,

Deana, and Jennifer McLeod will be asked to make recommendations for a proposal we can submit in this fall's ASH rule change process (for the 2008 show season). Meantime, Linda will write up our "100% of the scores" recommendation and email it to the board (and the committee) so that we can get it to ASH right away for 2007.

**ASH Dressage Medal trophy:** We finally have the replacement trophy and Susie says it's gorgeous. We need to supply the names of all the past winners so that they can be engraved on the base. Might it be in the Handbook? Or on our website?

**Show software:** Jennifer Lundberg reported she'd received our new show management software. She'll practice on it at our spring schooling show.

**Election of officers:** The board elected Susie Kaiser to continue as president, Marti Miller as vice-president, Raena Schraer as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary.

**Spring meeting:** Susie came up with a good topic for the spring meeting: Dr. Julie Grohs has offered to explain how the hoof is put together (she has a new program that can compare it to the "perfect" foot). We could also repeat our 2005-2006 presentation on how to join organizations, enter shows, and qualify for awards, but that's something most trainers already explain to their clients, and we can help out if needed. (We'd originally planned to show USDF's *On the Levels* DVD at this meeting, but the DVD will now be reserved for Thursday session before the May schooling show.) Susie will check out when Dr. Julie is available in April, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon; Dr. Julie might even be able to recommend a venue, and there's a cute tea-shop in Palmer that might be suitable. Susie will let us know the date by email so that it can be included in the February newsletter.

**Moving:** Our show secretary Jennifer Lundberg announced her family is moving Outside in late August, so we'll definitely need to get others trained on our new show management software!

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.