

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S OCTOBER 2008 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Oct. 20, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Victoria Fredenhagen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Raena Schraer. Carolyn Schultz, Deana Johnson, and Susan Ritter also attended. Peggy Bowker was not present.

**Minutes:** The September 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** No change from our last meeting.

### **Awards banquet:**

- Before Raena Schraer's arrival at the meeting, the nominating committee proposed her for the 2008 Kathryn Brooks award with the board's unanimous consent.
- The purchased awards are all ready to present. Their total cost was \$887.16, including embroidery and shipping, well under budget. The 60% certificates are printed.
- Peggy Bowker will serve as our master of ceremonies; Linda Kelley will do the year-end wrap-up; Raena will present awards to volunteers; Susie Merritt, on behalf of the nominating committee, will introduce the new board members; Raena and Deana Johnson will collect payments at the door; and Shelbie Fredenhagen and Sarah Cohen will present rider awards.
- Raena will bring ADA patches to the banquet, and will check whether O'Malley's will provide table decorations.
- Victoria Fredenhagen and Raena will work out a banquet invitation to send to sponsors, at the same time inviting them to continue their sponsorship for 2009 and notifying them of our tax ID.

**ASH dressage rules:** The ASH Forum will be Nov. 8, 3-6 p.m., at Bella Vista. ASH's website divided ADA's dressage rule change proposal into four parts that are difficult to understand. Carolyn Schultz urged ADA members to attend the forum and to emphasize that this was written as a single, coherent proposal that will harmonize with USDF's award scheme, drop the concurrent ride concept, and simplify show management's job. She offered to take proxies and present the views

of ADA/ASH members who can't attend the forum. The board accepted her suggestion that Marti Miller should present a statement at the forum on ADA's behalf (Linda Kelley will be out of town). In addition to supporting our own rule change proposal, Marti's statement will express our concerns about three other ASH proposals: 1) requiring a separate \$95 fee to record for dressage could deter crossover by hunter-jumper riders; 2) requiring prize lists to be submitted 90 days in advance for ASH's review is a burden for all show managers and unnecessary in ADA's case; and 3) requiring all ASH division results to be final by Sept. 15 is problematical, as the USDF data base on which dressage results are calculated is not final until Oct. 15.

**Show committee:**

- WCCEC Annual Show judge Sue Kolstad won't know until April whether she has been granted S status, which will allow her to judge FEI classes. We are still looking for a judge (preferably an S judge) for the June Anchorage Horse Council show, which will be called the William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center Dressage Show. Susie Merritt will arrange for a farrier and other show officials for this new show; its USDF/USEF recognition is already done.
- The show committee will meet after the ASH forum to consider any changes we want in the 2009 *Omnibus*, which Linda will prepare. The prize list for the new AHC show can be an insert in the *Omnibus*.

**AHC/WCCEC:**

- Not only did ADA's sound system vanish, so did the cart it was stored on. Had anyone checked with Susie whether she moved it into storage? We need to start scouting on Craigslist for a replacement amplifier and CD player.
- Thanks to Victoria Fredenhagen for dismantling and putting away the dressage arena at Chamberlin for the winter!

**Spring meeting:** We'll have jackets with the ADA logo available for order at the spring meeting. (Our logo is on file with Alaska Monogramming.)

**Region 6 Volunteer of the Year:** Congratulations to Carolyn Schultz, who has been awarded the Region 6 Volunteer of the Year based on a nomination submitted by Linda and Victoria.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. No meeting will be scheduled for November or December, and we can transact business at the banquet if needed. Our next board meeting will be Monday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m., place TBA.

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
SEPTEMBER 2008 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The Sept. 15, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. with a quorum of Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, Victoria Fredenhagen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Raena Schraer. Carolyn Schultz and Susan Ritter also attended. Sarah Cohen was not present.

**Minutes:** The July 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (There was no August meeting.)

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported ADA has \$13,353 in the bank. ADA cleared about \$1,000 at our August show, as we did not have to pay full airfare for the judge, none for our technical delegate, and had a full clinic schedule—a big help. Raena updated her July figures, estimating that it costs us about \$6,500 to put on each show. The board approved her request to buy a \$50 gift certificate to Southside Bistro for Robin Holm, who provides such excellent hospitality (including chauffeur service) for our licensed officials.

**Banquet:** It turns out we didn't have a reservation for Nov. 1 at O'Malley's, but Raena will try for the weekend of Nov. 21-22, and at the same time get a reservation for Nov. 7, 2009. If O'Malley's is not available she'll check Josephine's and the Snow Goose. She will coordinate with Shelbie Fredenhagen and Sarah Cohen on table decorations. Our junior board members will also put together a flyer to advertise the event so that we can reach everyone who might like to attend, regardless of membership. The board decided that our 2008 sponsors should be invited to the banquet (but we should be clear they have to buy their own tickets), and Victoria Fredenhagen will do a writeup for the *Anchorage Daily News*.

**Awards:** The show committee will present a Super Volunteer award as well as the Kathryn Brooks Lifetime Achievement Perpetual Award. Raena will put together a list of volunteers to thank, including Chamberlin and Valley Circuit volunteers, and Linda Kelley will provide a wrap-up of 2008 events. We have \$1,025 in award program income for this year's banquet. Peggy Bowker said the awards bill will be under \$1,000, not counting shipping. Peggy can't present all the awards this year because some of them are coming to her! No one qualified for the Quadrille award, but we will have a Pas de Deux award. We don't offer an Introductory Level award

(and no one qualified anyhow). Post-banquet, we should review our award list and anything else that may need revising in the Handbook.

**Auction:** In the next ADA newsletter, we'll remind people to notify Ardene Eaton and Nancy Farris if they have items to donate to the silent auction.

**ASH dressage rules:** We need to publicize our ASH rule change proposal so that dressage riders show up in numbers at the Forum. If the Forum is held before the banquet, Carolyn Schultz will coordinate with Deana Johnson to send out a reminder, along with a copy of the rule change. Some interesting research by the show committee indicates that of 62 horses recorded with ASH, 26 (42%) compete in dressage. Of 48 rider (equitation) recordings, 16 (33%) show in dressage. Of ASH's 90 total members, 34% show in dressage.

**Show committee:** The show committee met in August to plan for next year's show schedule, bearing in mind that the Valley Circuit's future is uncertain. Carolyn gave the board a written report of those arrangements. Major enhancements for 2009: the Anchorage Horse Council will sponsor a new two-day dressage show for the last weekend in June; the WCCEC annual show will have two days of dressage; both of ADA's judges will have their S rating. We did not submit Championship results as official scores to USDF, although USDF would have allowed this.

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

- ADA's sound system, essential for musical freestyle, has indeed vanished. We need an amplifier and CD player (we still have speakers); a home stereo system would do.
- Sept. 28 is scheduled to be cleanup day at WCCEC. The dressage arena planks should be set on the wooden platform to the south. The letters and bases can be stored in the judge's booth.
- Susan Ritter will ask Jeff Ritter for his recommendations on platforms for the dressage letters. Setting the letters directly on the uneven ground outside the arena makes them unsteady.
- Linda Kelley will make an additional bulletin board so that ride times can be posted in front of the dressage office. Raena will ask her friend Andy about making front steps for the office. The board agreed that the Pony Club could use the office again in 2009 as work space for its camp and rally officials.
- Susan encouraged ADA to support the creation of Rainbow Connection's Coverall arena where the western arena is now. She will ask Rainbow Connection's Annie Mabry whether the indoor arena will be available for rental when Rainbow Connection is not using it, whether Center membership would entitle people to ride there (will there be open ride times?), and how we can help.

**Spring meeting:** Award programs/memberships should again be one of the topics at our 2009 spring meeting.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Our next board meeting will be Monday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m., probably at Huffman.

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JULY 2008 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The July 21, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum of Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, and Raena Schraer. Susan Ritter also attended. Charlene Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Victoria Fredenhagen, and Shelbie Fredenhagen were out of state.

**Minutes:** The June 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported ADA has \$12,588.18 in the bank. She said that it costs us about \$5,000 to put on each show, not counting ribbons and awards (which are ordered in bulk). We're facing higher air fares this year.

**Show committee:**

- We have some entries already for the August show. Raena gave show manager Susan Ritter a list of possible show volunteers.
- The Alaska State Fair organization won't sponsor horse shows any more, which could result in the loss of the Valley Circuit, as a four-day open show costs \$15,000 to \$25,000 upfront. ASH treasurer James Hancock is trying to salvage the circuit and held a meeting July 19 during the WCCEC Annual Show to inform riders of the situation. Perhaps ASH could sponsor the circuit, or at least organize it, although ASH bylaws might need amending to allow this. [If the Valley Circuit does get resurrected, ADA suggests two shows only, not including State Fair, to avoid complications.] Lori Carr expressed that Chamberlin is not fully utilized and could offer another show. The ADA board decided to wait until the ASH Forum to see if the issue gets resolved. If no solution is in sight by then, ADA—perhaps Raena Schraer or Carolyn Schultz—will talk to Lori Carr to request that the Anchorage Horse Council hold a second show in late June. Or ADA could hold a two-day dressage show during Labor Day weekend. Even with a September show, scores would be posted in plenty of time to meet USDF's Oct. 15 deadline for any corrections: show secretary Brit Kaiser sends in the results immediately after the show and they are posted within two weeks. [Note: USDF is very late in posting results of the WCCEC Annual Show.]
- Improvements for the 2009 show season: ADA should add one day to Springfest (our existing 2009 license is for a one-day show only); we should

ask the Anchorage Horse Council to allow two days' dressage at the WCCEC Annual Show; our daily class schedules should offer Tests 1, 2, and 4 on Saturday and 2, 3, and 4 on Sunday, rather than Test 1 each day; our spring meeting should once again explain the ground rules for award programs; we need more scribes—Susan Ritter suggested a mid-winter clinic to explain scribing, scoring, etc.; we should set minimum scores for Champion and Reserve show awards, maybe 55 percent; Marti Miller suggested we offer a Reserve Horse of the Year, or add a ribbon, or otherwise make it more worthwhile to record a horse with ADA—perhaps raise the \$25 award fee and drop the separate \$10 recording fee.

- ADA's sound system—essential so that we can offer musical freestyle—is missing. We have two sets of speakers but no amplifier or CD player. They will need to be replaced.

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

- The Rainbow Connection arena might be installed at the western arena instead of the warmup ring near the dressage arena, because a parking lot will be required.
- Our show office at Chamberlin needs steps, preferably something that can slide under the building when not in use. A crank-out awning on the window side might be nice if we post tests there. Susan Ritter will call the Botanical Garden to find out where free mulch can be obtained for around and under the building. Do we have a blanket for the judge in case of chilly weather?

**Nominating committee:** Raena will ask Carolyn Schultz if she's willing to be on the nominating committee once again, and suggest Susie Merritt as the second person. Susan and Aimee Ritter are both willing to be nominated.

**Awards banquet arrangements:** The banquet will be Nov. 1 with a ticket price of \$40. Peggy Bowker said that scores need to be computed by Sept. 15 to prepare for awards; Marti Miller assured her she can meet that date.

**ASH dressage rule change:** Dressage riders will need to show up en masse at the ASH Forum this fall to support the dressage rule changes submitted by Carolyn Schultz. If those changes are accepted, the ASH recording form will need to be tweaked.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. There won't be an August meeting, so our next board meeting will be Monday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m., probably at Huffman.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JUNE 2008 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The June 23, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. with a quorum of Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Victoria Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, and Brena Doolen also attended. Charlene and Sarah Cohen were out of town.

**Minutes:** The May 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported ADA has \$13,064 in the bank, with expenses of \$5,783.85 on the June show and horse show income about \$100 less than that amount. *Omnibus* sponsorships are all paid in full. Raena will arrange for awards for volunteers again this year.

### **Show committee:**

- Historically we've reimbursed members \$20 for taking a judge out to dinner. The board decided to update that allowance to \$30.
- USDF wishes to assess shows \$1 per entry (per show) to help fund the Regional Championships. The ADA board concurred.
- Show secretary Britany Kaiser found a way to make our Fox Village show software cope with concurrent rides: force the ride order, put all the concurrent rides at the end of a class without any ride time, and start the next class at the next available time slot.
- At our June show, we forgot to announce the winner of the Dover award: Peggy Bowker.
- Susan Ritter, our June show manager, will also manage our August show.
- Joe and Madeline Kornegay, Valley Circuit managers, hope to hire Karen Adams to judge State Fair and asked if this would cause any conflict. Carolyn Schultz explained that it won't. Riders can participate in our July 27 clinic with her and still be eligible to compete in State Fair dressage (Aug. 31-Sept. 1), as USEF rules require only a 30-day separation between clinics and shows. ADA and the Valley Circuit will split the cost of Karen's return air fare. We might add another clinic day in the Valley, and perhaps other people could arrange clinics with her, allowing for the 30-day window. Carolyn Schultz will find out if Karen would be interested in this.

- ADA donated championship awards for Midsummer; the Kornegays gave ADA a supply of bridle numbers.
- Jayne Dittmer, DC of the Midnite Run Pony Club, accepted our proposal that Pony Club pay for one day of Wayne Quarles clinics (\$650), plus a quarter of his air fare. We'll cover all his other expenses for judging our August show and for a second clinic day. Deana Johnson will work with Jayne to arrange the split between the two clinic periods; the Pony Club might want two half-day clinics rather than a full day to ease scheduling.
- Lisa O'Dell, our member who hopes to show PSG next year, would love to earn her USDF Silver Medal, but says it's more important just to show the horse for owner Zo Hawkins. ADA's mission is to encourage a high standard of dressage in Alaska, and hosting an FEI class—even for just one horse—would be consistent with this goal. So if we can find S judges (eligible to judge FEI classes) for a price roughly equivalent to R judges, or if we find sponsors to make up the difference, we should do it. Kari Garber will give us some recommendations of S judges who would be willing to come to Alaska for reasonable rates.
- Bad news from the Valley Circuit: Nothing is planned beyond 2008 for the circuit, which has surrendered its USEF show dates for 2009 onward. The Kornegays cannot continue managing it for personal reasons, up-front costs for a four-day show run to about \$25,000, and no one else is immediately available, although James Hancock might be willing to take on the job. Are sponsorships available? If a circuit manager can be found, ADA could support the dressage classes as we've done in the past. Linda Kelley will contact the *Alaska Horse Journal's* Sandy Shacklett to suggest an article on this topic so that riders are aware of the problem.
- USDF breed awards require four dressage shows before four judges, so if the Valley Circuit disappears, ADA might need to put on an extra show: either run Saturday and Sunday as separate shows with different judges, or better yet do an entirely new show on a new date.

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

- Shelves are being erected in our new dressage building for show supplies. Linda Kelley suggested we apply mulch in front of and under the building to suppress mud and grass, and setting up a corkboard that could be hung outside to post notices. The entrance needs some type of steps (Linda is working on this) and it would be good to have a place to put finished test sheets for riders to pick up.
- The WCCEC Annual Show prize list has just been published. What is ADA's role? It's possible that Britany Kaiser will be the secretary. Raena Schraer will contact volunteers and Susan Ritter is willing to score. Carie Sciss and Lisa Johnson can scribe and Sabrina Stratton's father is willing to be a bit checker.
- We'll have a WCCEC Annual Show work party Wednesday, July 16, 6:00 p.m. at Chamberlin.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, July 21 at 6 p.m. at Chamberlin.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S MAY 2008 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The May 19, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, Shelby Fredenhagen, and Victoria Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz and Susan Ritter also attended. Sarah Cohen was not present.

**Minutes:** The April 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported ADA has \$17,700.56 in the bank, but checks for the show office building and show insurance haven't been presented yet. Raena said we earned \$880 at the Anne Appleby clinic but lost approximately \$500 on the May schooling show and the evening lecture. We may need to reinstate the \$15 dressage administrative fee for the schooling show (or ask for part of the \$5 fee that the Anchorage Horse Council collects), and skip the dinner-lecture unless there's a specific topic to address.

### **Show committee:**

- The show committee welcomes Susan Ritter as our show manager for our June show and perhaps August. The rules require her to be a USEF and USDF member. We'll reimburse the cost of her USEF membership and list her as an ADA member, which includes USDF membership.
- The footing turned out great for the May schooling show despite the recent snowfall. People enjoyed themselves and the show ran smoothly thanks to Susie Merritt, Britany Kaiser, Carolyn Schultz, new scorer Debbie Wilson, scribe Jennifer McLeod, and of course construction experts "the Jims."
- We need to get together to download our Fox Village show management software to show secretary Britany's computer and get it working before the June show.
- Food booth arrangements are up in the air (Margo and Scott might run the booth as they did last year). Susan will check with Lori Carr on this.
- Carolyn distributed a spreadsheet of show tasks and possible volunteers to fulfill them. Raena reported she has sent out feelers for scribes. Sarah Cohen and Shelby Fredenhagen agreed to put together the rider packets. We'll have a work party June 4, 6:30 p.m. at Susie Merritt's house.

- One of our members wants to show at PSG next year. Our 2009 judges have not yet been hired; possibly we could find “S” judges (who can judge FEI classes) at a reasonable cost. In that case this member could work with Deana Johnson to see what we’d need to do to offer a PSG class, or better yet she could come to a show committee meeting with a proposal.

**Membership outreach:** We should do another *Centerline* issue after our June show (with results from that show plus the schooling show) and before the July schooling show.

**ASH dressage rules:** Carolyn Schultz said that no one commented on the ASH dressage rule change proposal, which had been published in the May *Centerline*. The consensus was that the proposal is ready to submit to ASH. As a June agenda item, we should look at the ASH recording and membership forms to see how the rider declaration (Jr/YR, AA, or neither) would fit in.

**AHC/WCCEC:**

- Our new dressage building is in place and looks great. It needs white paint outside and white stain inside; Linda Kelley volunteered to take charge of this with a \$200 budget. It also needs furniture. The board decided to buy a shelving unit from Susie Merritt for \$65, and a friend of Susie’s will give us a desk, table and chair as a charitable donation. Furnishings should be kept basic for now; we may need a screen curtain so we can keep the double doors open, and shades or shutters for the windows for security.
- We don’t yet know who will manage the Anchorage Horse Council’s annual show, and the prize list is not out. After or at our June show, we should try to get final decisions from Lori Carr and Lori Hackenberger. Even if the rest of the show doesn’t materialize, ADA could offer to run the dressage part, but we’d need to submit the prize list for review 30 days before the show’s mid-July dates.
- Mary Kaye will e-mail Lori Hackenberger about our need for electrical power near the dressage building (meantime we’ll make do with a long extension cord from the barn area).
- Our arena bases are not wind-stable and need some type of horse-safe anchorage, perhaps lag bolts with washers.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, June 23 at 6 p.m., tentatively at Chamberlin.

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**Attendance:** The April 21, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Sarah Cohen, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, and Victoria Fredenhagen. Deana Johnson and Carolyn Schultz also attended.

**Minutes:** The March 2008 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported ADA had \$17,072.07 in hand at the end of March. However, we owe \$1,500 in arena fees to the Anchorage Horse Council and \$560 to Gallo's for the spring meeting. We have 71 paid members and \$1,671 in paid sponsorships. May 31 is the deadline to pay pledged membership dues.

**Show committee:**

- The *Omnibus* is being reviewed by USDF, and Carolyn Schultz sent copies to our show officials.
- Carolyn confirmed with Lori Carr that there will be food service at our shows, and will confirm schooling show arrangements with Lori and with Susie Merritt (formerly Susie Kaiser).
- Robin Holm will be our host for Anne Appleby and will provide all transportation except for taking her home from Gallo's on May 8. Depending on when Anne's flight arrives, we'll plan to start the dinner about 6 p.m. The May 9 clinic will start at 9 or 10 a.m., with no more than ten rides. It's possible we can lower the clinic fee; Linda is still confirming our costs. Mary Kaye will ask Deana Johnson to send out another reminder to the membership about RSVP's for the dinner and clinic, plus an invitation to help set up the arena on May 3.
- With Judy Eaken's death, we have no show secretary, and we also need one more show manager. The manager must be on the show grounds throughout the show, including the schooling period. The board decided to offer pay of \$250 for each job at each show. Carolyn will find and update our job descriptions for these two roles so that potential candidates know what to expect. Raena Schraer will ask Susan Ritter and Jessica Dryden if they might be interested; she and Carolyn will approach Deana Johnson, Susie

Merritt, and Britany Kaiser. Linda Kelley is willing to be our backup in case of need.

- At its next meeting, the show committee needs to make another try to use our Fox Village show management software. Our subscription is paid up for 2008.
- We don't yet know who will manage the Anchorage Horse Council's annual show.
- Susie Merritt will arrange for EMT's, veterinarian, farrier, etc., for our shows and fill out the AHC arena agreement.
- Our shows offer "Third Level and Above" classes. One of our members wants to show at PSG next year. That might require FEI sanctioning, which we could not possibly handle. It would definitely require an "S" judge, but we don't have any "S" judges scheduled for next year.

**Membership outreach:**

- The deadline for the May *Centerline* is the end of April.
- Linda Kelley presented a thank-you gift to Dr. Julie Grohs for speaking at our March 30 spring meeting.

**ASH dressage rules:** Carolyn Schultz presented a revised draft of the ASH dressage rule change proposal. After discussion and some changes, the board approved the proposal in concept. The board decided to publish the draft in the May *Centerline* and invite comments from the membership.

**AHC/WCCEC news:** We have no further information on a new dressage office building for Chamberlin. Raena will get a tent and bring it to the May 3 cleanup/arena setup.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at Huffman [later changed to WCCEC].

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**Attendance:** The March 17, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Sarah Cohen, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, and Victoria Fredenhagen. Deana Johnson and Carolyn Schultz also attended.

**Minutes:** The February 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported ADA currently has \$19,023.91 in the bank, although we'll soon send USDF a check for \$845 for membership payments as part of our 2008 roster. Raena had also finished ADA's tax report: we didn't owe any taxes, but a report was required because of ADA's healthy cash flow last year.

**Show committee:**

- We received \$180 in *Omnibus* ads! Linda Kelley will print 110 copies of the *Omnibus* and these sponsorships will cover most of the cost.
- Carolyn Schultz said we need to be sure the Anchorage Horse Council has arranged for food service at the shows. She'll check with Susie Kaiser. She'll also check with Susie on arrangements for EMT's, veterinarian, farrier, etc.
- We're looking for a manager of the August show. Victoria Fredenhagen will ask new member Laurie Hogan if she is interested in this job.
- We'll plan a Chamberlin cleanup and dressage arena setup work party on Saturday, May 3, at 10 a.m.
- Deana Johnson received the license "key" for our Fox Village show management software, but her computer won't open the file. She'll forward it to Carolyn and Mary Kaye to try. The problem may be that we haven't paid this year's subscription. We should schedule a Fox Village trial run in May with Raena, our show secretary Judy Eaken, etc. We can make the software available to use at the WCCEC and valley shows, too.
- Susie Kaiser will manage the dressage schooling shows at Chamberlin; Carolyn Schultz will be the secretary. The schooling show judges are ready, and we'll offer clinics at \$110 each (both Anne Appleby and Karen Adams are licensed judges).

- Deana will ask our August judge, Wayne Quarles, if he can stay for a two-day clinic after the show (she'll organize this clinic). If Pony Clubbers want to participate, we can help them out.
- We won't plan to sponsor a clinic with Lois Heyerdahl, our June judge, as that might be too many clinics.
- Lori Carr will prepare the prize list for the WCCEC annual show and get the show recognized. ADA found a judge and TD for that show. However, we don't know who will manage it.

#### **Membership outreach:**

- Deana addressed the issue of the seven people for whom we paid USDF memberships last year, but who never paid their ADA dues. She felt that was an anomaly caused by the confusion over USDF's changeover in late 2006 to a new membership year. Her current procedure is not to list anyone on our roster for USDF until Raena has received their ADA dues. Deana will do the next roster update in early April, after our spring membership meeting, when additional people will likely renew.
- The next issue of *The Centerline* should go out in early May and should include a list of members, so that people can easily check their status. Those who haven't renewed by the end of May will be removed from our mailing list to receive the newsletter. Plus non-members' scores don't count for year-end awards, and only paid-up members get a copy of the *Omnibus*. The website should remind people to check their membership status if they haven't received their copy.
- The May *Centerline* should also ask people to start working now on items they can donate to the silent auction at the November awards banquet. We can publicize any special items in the fall newsletter.
- At the March 30 spring meeting, Dr. Julie Grohs will explain the new vaccination recommendations and EIA process; Marti Miller will cover the need for each rider to check that her scores are accurate in USDF's data base; we'll invite additional sponsorships; and people can individually ask Linda Kelley for information on award programs and membership requirements.
- The Anne Appleby lecture/dinner on May 8 at Gallo's will have a ticket price of \$10, with ADA paying the rest of the cost. Deana will check when Anne's flight arrives (we need this to set the time of the dinner) and will find out where she wants to stay. Anne's lecture could deal with dressage protocol, "Everything you ever wanted to know about dressage shows," and/or the new proposal to require a certain level of scores before showing Third Level.
- If Raena can compute our per-class costs, we could solicit class sponsorships later this year and include the sponsor's name in the 2009 *Omnibus*.

**ASH dressage rules:** On hold temporarily. However, rule change proposals must be postmarked by July 1 to be considered by the ASH board for next year.

**AHC/WCCEC news:** No further information on the dressage office at Chamberlin. We'll need to provide a tent as an interim measure (last year's tent was trashed in a windstorm at the end of the show season).

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, April 21 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
FEBRUARY 2008 MEETING**

PRESIDENT/OMNIBUS EDITOR:  
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345-9074  
  
JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBIE  
FREDENHAGEN, 243-5214

**Attendance:** The Feb. 25, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Sarah Cohen, Mary Kaye Hession, Raena Schraer, and new board member Victoria Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz also attended.

**Minutes:** The January 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** There has been no change in ADA's finances. Raena Schraer will coordinate with Deana Johnson to resolve the USDF Roster issue, so that ADA does not pay USDF \$17 per person for those who pledge but never actually join ADA. One suggestion was to have a formal membership drive at the November banquet, in time to meet USEF's initial Roster deadline (Dec. 1), then another one in February. Those who have not paid their dues will not be included in the Roster, and of course their scores won't count for year-end awards. When we send out dues invoices, we should include a deadline for payment.

**Show committee:**

- Linda Kelley expects to have the *Omnibus* finished and printed in time for the spring meeting (March 30).
- Carolyn Schultz reported that all arrangements are ready for all our 2008 show officials, including housing. Judy Eaken will be our show secretary. Raena Schraer will manage one of the licensed shows (she doesn't care which one) but we need someone for the other one: Charlene Cohen? Sue Mues? Nicole Ringler?
- Carolyn also reported that Deana Johnson knows how to make our Fox Village software handle concurrent class entries. If necessary, Carolyn will check with Jennifer Lundberg on how to get access to the software. Likely we need a license code from Jennifer.
- Deana found a judge for WCCEC's annual show.
- ADA will be in charge of both dressage schooling shows at Chamberlin, not just the May show. But we don't know who will manage them; maybe Susie Kaiser? Anne Appleby will judge the May show and Karen Adams the July show.

- Should the July schooling show have a special name? (Originally the Margaret Adams Memorial Show was the July show.) Perhaps we could name it in honor of Christine Erickson, who always cooked for the July show along with Anne Sundquist. Or we could honor a different person each year.
- Carolyn can't coordinate show dinners for 2008.
- Linda Kelley confirmed that the State Fair show will be Aug. 26-29, with dressage the last two days. There won't be any exhibition classes, but the show will have musical freestyle, plus pas de deux and quadrille classes—and there may be entries in those classes! It's imperative for horses to be off the show grounds before the fireworks begin Friday evening.
- The WCCEC annual show will have only one day of dressage, July 19.
- We'll supply championship prizes (not ribbons) for the Valley Circuit show. Peggy will coordinate with Susie Kaiser to replenish our awards supply.
- Linda needs *Omnibus* ads/sponsors by mid-March. Carolyn Schultz will acquire show officials' biographies for her.

#### **Membership outreach:**

- March 7 is the deadline for March newsletter material. Peggy Bowker's 2008 fundraising letter will be in that issue, plus publicity for the spring meeting.
- The March 30 spring meeting will be at Gallo's, with a ticket price of \$10. ADA will pay the rest (\$3-4 per person). Linda will see if Dr. Sandi Farris could speak to the group, perhaps covering skin problems and the new EIA system. Marti Miller can explain the USDF score check issue. Linda will cover the fireworks issue at State Fair as well as the membership requirements for award programs. Raena will explain why applicants must pay their dues before we can officially list them as members.

**ASH dressage rules:** Carolyn circulated draft changes to the ASH dressage rules. One issue is whether to base scores on horse-rider combinations. That's what USDF does for its Junior/Young Rider and Adult Amateur awards, but ASH has traditionally kept "horse performance" awards (which disregard the rider) separate from its "equitation awards" (which disregard the horse). Her proposal used scores from horse-rider combinations for Junior/YR and AA awards, but perhaps the Open awards should be based only on the horse. She'll continue to hash this out—e-mailed comments are welcome—and see what Jennifer McLeod thinks. There was a consensus that 55% should be the minimum median for an ASH award, not 50%, and that no more than two scores per judge should count.

**AHC/WCCEC news:** Raena will coordinate with Susie to seek a discount from SBS and purchase a kit building suitable for a dressage office at Chamberlin.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next board meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S JANUARY 2008 MEETING

PRESIDENT/OMNIBUS EDITOR: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994	VICE-PRESIDENT: MARTI MILLER, 694-6123, 786-7437 (w)
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SENIOR BOARD: TBA	
JUNIOR BOARD: SARAH COHEN, 345-9074	JUNIOR BOARD: SHELBY FREDENHAGEN, 243-5214

**Attendance:** The Jan. 28, 2008 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with a quorum of Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Susie Kaiser, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Sarah Cohen, and Mary Kaye Hession. Raena Schraer was out of town.

**Minutes:** The November 2007 meeting minutes were approved (there had been no meeting in December).

### **Treasurer's report:**

- Raena Schraer's current treasurer's report was presented, showing a profit and loss comparison of 2007 to 2006. Our 2007 income went up slightly, but our expenses, especially for our two rated shows, increased appreciably. Income still exceeded costs, but to a lesser degree than in 2006.
- Raena wanted us to address the roster issue. Each November we must send USDF a roster of our membership, along with a \$17-per-person payment. Being listed ensures that the person receives benefits as a USDF member. Unfortunately, each year our roster has included people who intend to join ADA but who have not paid their ADA dues yet—and never get around to doing so. Last year we had seven people (an expense of \$119) in this category. The consensus of the board was that this practice must change. If people haven't paid their dues by a date to be set by our membership chair Deana Johnson, they won't be included in the roster.

### **Show committee:**

- Linda Kelley read Raena Schraer's show committee report from the December 10 meeting. The show committee concluded there is no need to abandon our concurrent ride system; our software can handle it.
- Linda reported there will be three schooling shows offering dressage in the Valley this summer: May 31-June 1, July 19-20, and Aug. 21-22. ADA will provide a copy of each test and some suggestions for judges.
- Linda also reported that Midsummer will have two days of dressage. State Fair will likely change to Aug. 26-29, with dressage the last two days

(Thursday-Friday). The Valley Circuit will probably have no exhibition classes this year, as the schooling shows will provide an opportunity to try dressage at low cost. ADA may need to purchase more awards to donate for Valley show champions.

- Karen Adams will judge dressage at the July 26 schooling show at Chamberlin.

#### **Membership outreach:**

- We have about 55 members at present.
- Peggy Bowker has finished her 2008 fundraising letter and wants everyone to come up with a company or individual to receive the letter, which should also be printed in the spring newsletter.
- Marti Miller was contacted by an ADA member asking that her 2007 scores be adjusted and republished due to an error. But because our award calculations rely on scores as shown in USDF's data base, we can't change them unless USDF does. The spring newsletter should have an item on how to check scores in USDF's records, and we should emphasize (including on our website) that any errors should be pointed out to USDF before the applicable deadline.
- Anne Appleby will return to speak to ADA members at a May 8 meeting (Susie will get reservations at Gallo's, the place we used last year) and hold a May 9 clinic before judging the Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show at Chamberlin on May 10.
- Our spring meeting will be March 30, 1 p.m., at Gallo's; we need a theme.

**Board elections:** Susie Kaiser announced her resignation from the board for personal reasons. She noted that except for a break of about two years, she has been serving on equestrian boards non-stop since 1980. Linda Kelley accepted the board's nomination as our new president. Marti Miller will continue as vice president, Raena Schraer as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary. The president's job should not include show management tasks, which should be done by our show managers (not yet determined). Meantime, Marti will check with Carolyn Schultz to find out who had the next highest vote tally in the fall 2007 board election. That person will be asked to fill out the remaining year in Susie's term.

**AHC/WCCEC news:** Susie still did not have callbacks on the two buildings she knew of that could potentially serve as a dressage office at Chamberlin, but another possibility is an SBS kit. We would have to get someone to put it together, but would be able to place the windows and door exactly where we want them. The price is under \$5,000 and SBS knows we want a discount!

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next board meeting will be later than usual: Monday, February 25 at 6 p.m. at Huffman.