

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Nov. 23, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Susan and Aimee Ritter were not present. Angie Krylo also attended.

**Minutes:** The September meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (There was no October meeting owing to the banquet.)

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer's computer was not working so she could not complete the treasurer's report, which she plans to email to us. We made a little money at the banquet although we had only 55 attendees compared to about 70 last year, and this year's silent auction earned less than in 2008. We already have one large donor for 2010: Jeff Ritter.

AHC/WCCEC: Our list of dressage building projects is still on tap for next summer.

### Show committee:

- Raena and Marti Miller reported there'd been no recent show committee meeting. We need to finalize clinic arrangements with Shari Humble-Lamb, our Margaret Adams Schooling Show judge. Deborah Spence is our Springfest judge, with Sigrun Robertson as TD. There may be a clinic with Deborah (her clinic was well received in the past). The June AHC judge is Jacquie Oldham (S), again with Sigrun as TD; no clinic this time. AHC agreed to our request for a July dressage show too, with Lois Heyerdahl as judge [later changed to Diane Royce] and Shari Humble-Lamb as TD. We'd like a clinic after this show, perhaps with Shari. Our August Big Event judge is Jacquie Lindberg (S), with Debbie Moloznik as TD. We believe that Robin can house all of these officials. Linda Kelley will contact Jayne Dittmer, DC of the Midnite Run Pony Club, to assess Pony Club interest in sharing clinic time. We hear that one of the Valley Pony Clubs is planning a clinic for April. There may be an Eleanor Thibodeau clinic in 2010, too.
- For 2011, Natalie Lamping will judge Big Event, and Wayne Quarles may judge another show.
- Linda will start working on the 2010 *Omnibus* and will need bios eventually. Should we do a single *Omnibus* covering both ADA and AHC shows, or two, as we did last year?
- Susan Ritter will manage and Kerri Geppert will be show secretary for all of the recognized shows except for the new July AHC show. Raena will generously serve as both manager and show secretary for that new one-day show without charge. Raena

will double-check that AHC has covered the insurance for its shows to avoid a repetition of last year's incident, in which Susan was briefly suspended by USEF because AHC had not filed proof of insurance.

- As the person in charge of contracts for our licensed officials, Marti Miller needs information on Lois and Shari's rates and will also ask the TD's for their rates. ADA will sign the contracts with officials for the AHC shows "as agent for AHC." Raena will be the point of contact. As showtime approaches, Marti will formalize arrangements with other show personnel (farrier, vet, EMT's, etc.) using letters rather than formal contracts.
- The board decided to remove the requirement that there be at least three competitors to hold a Prix Caprilli class. However, Prix Caprilli will only be offered at the two-day shows.
- Raena will find out if Huffman's Lynn Paterna wants a July schooling show for her students, and if so, when. Will Susie Merritt be willing to manage the schooling show(s)?
- Again for 2010, there will be three Valley schooling shows, and Linda will again coordinate schooling show schooling awards. To qualify, riders need attend only two of the four or five shows in the circuit.

#### **USEF rules:**

- We won't pursue the issue of dressage horses also competing in hunter-jumper classes at combined shows as there aren't any combined shows this year.
- As soon as the 2010 USEF rule change proposal form is posted, Mary Kaye Hession is to write up a proposal to add Alaska to the "Hawaii exception." Linda should be kept in the loop.
- USEF has revised DR126 (effective December 2009) to divide dressage shows into five different competition levels based on classes offered, facilities, etc. Our shows likely qualify as Level 2. We should become familiar with these and other changes in the dressage rules.

**Election of new officers:** On the agenda for the January 2010 meeting will be the election of new officers. Raena asked that we also discuss whether term limits are needed for officers' positions and board terms generally. After the election we need to update ADA's check signature card at our bank.

**Misc. paperwork:** Linda submitted our proxy delegation for the USDF convention. Mary Kaye will file the USDF Annual GMO Verification Form after new officers are elected in January. Mary Kaye is willing to be listed as the general contact for USDF. Incoming board member Angie Krylo will be the Junior/YR contact. USDF has requested that we submit a gift basket for auction at the USDF convention. Linda will ask Deana Johnson whether we've done this in the past and whether we can just donate \$50 or so instead.

**Jr/YR fundraising meeting:** Region 6 wants to organize a fundraising effort for junior riders with a liaison in each state. Angie will get in touch with the Region 6 contact and find out if this effort would promote junior riders in general or only those wishing to declare for the North American Junior Young Rider Championships. The latter has little relevance for dressage riders in Alaska.

**Web page ads:** An agent had expressed interest in buying ad space on ADA's website on behalf of a "reputable client base." The board decided to decline the proposal because we don't know who is involved. If it were a business we're familiar with, either local or otherwise, it would be different. Angie has some contacts who might want ads.

**ASH rule changes:** Linda attended the ASH Forum and reported that proposals that would have required volunteer work at shows and attendance at meetings were both rejected. ASH's dressage committee chair Sharon Sadlon wanted to expand ASH's "Third Level and Above" division to FEI classes. Raena pointed out that this would be an expansion from the current third and fourth level, not just a clarification. The board did not support the change.

**Spring meeting topics:** Sharon Sadlon requested that we explain the new USEF competition levels. Marti is willing to explain how ASH and ADA calculate award standings and how to qualify for both award systems, or could just do a handout on this topic instead of a presentation. Shelbie Fredenhagen will explain how to properly withdraw from a test that is already in progress. Other possibilities: how to fill out an entry form (did Carolyn Schultz cover this last time?), or the issue of low levels of vitamin A/vitamin E/selenium in Alaska horses (this could be presented by Dr. Julie Grohs or Dr. Sammy Pittman). Should we poll the membership as to whether they want a speaker? Or organize an event with a speaker in conjunction with the spring schooling show clinic? Last year our spring meeting was at Kinley's and people liked the place and the food. Susan Ritter is our volunteer to come up with some possible meeting dates: perhaps the third weekend in March, as in 2009, or early April. Angie is willing to help.

**Thanks to Peggy:** The board thanks outgoing board member Peggy Bowker for her outstanding service as awards/promotions/fundraising guru. She's willing to continue arranging for awards and ribbons in 2010. She wants her successor at fundraising to note that Animal Food Warehouse was a great donor.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m., at Jitters in Eagle River.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Sept. 28, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Charlene Cohen, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, and Marti Miller. Victoria Fredenhagen also attended. Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, Raena Schraer, and Shelbie Fredenhagen were not present.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Linda Kelley passed on Raena Schraer's report that we have about \$10,500 in the bank, having already paid our last USDF roster update fees, our expenses for year-end awards, postage for the ballots, and the deposit for the banquet. Our only remaining expenses for the year will be the remainder of the banquet costs.

**Awards and banquet:** Raena has gotten awards for our volunteers and has ordered ADA pins. She also has 60% patches. Victoria Fredenhagen has found a little attendee award that will run about \$1 for each place setting; Mary Kaye Hession will let her know how many people we had at last year's banquet. Everyone wondered if Raena had reminded O'Malley's that we want lots of chocolate desserts. The silent auction committee has changed to Ardene Eaton and Carolyn Schultz, not Nancy Farris. Our junior board members will be asked to design a poster advertising the banquet; Peggy Bowker and Linda are willing to post it in their vicinity if it can be emailed to them. Linda plans to speak at the banquet, doing the year-end wrap-up. That will include announcing the year-end (circuit) awards for the schooling shows and highlighting the dressage accomplishments of our junior members who are also in Pony Club.

### AHC/WCCEC:

- Our list of dressage building projects remains, except that thanks to Victoria (plus Linda's paint donation), the bleachers and the porch have been painted. We need to remember to notify AHC's Lori Hackenberger before any major project is done so that there are no surprises.
- The center closes Oct. 1. AHC will try to keep the road plowed to the western arena and the office.
- Again thanks to Victoria, the need to set up a cleanup/takedown day is moot; Victoria and Shelbie put the arena into storage. Victoria reported that our storage stall is reasonably orderly. She thinks we may need a pressure washer to clean the black marks off the arena bases. Linda has taken the letter marker bands home to repaint.

### **Show committee:**

- Our new show committee will be Raena, Erin Downey, Marti, Deana Johnson, Carolyn Schultz, Susan Ritter (who will again be show manager), and Kerri Geppert (who will learn the show-secretary ropes from Brit Kaiser). Deana will look for judges and wants to have them all named by Christmas. Erin will arrange for the vet, farrier, and EMT coverage. Raena will arrange show committee meetings and double-check that everything gets done, plus arrange for ASH recognition, the AHC arena reservations, Dover medal, show insurance, and housing for licensed officials. Carolyn will be in charge of show licensing and Marti will do the contracting.
- There will be no dressage at the WCCEC Annual Show in 2010, but we have proposed that AHC sponsor a one-day dressage show in July, to be followed by a clinic. Raena is following up and we expect a decision soon.
- Our Margaret Adams schooling show will be May 15, with Shari Humble-Lamb judging. We'll have a July schooling show with a local judge.
- Springfest is to be June 5-6; the existing WCCEC dressage show is June 26-27, with Jacquie Oldham judging; ADA Biggest Event is Aug. 7-8, with Debbie Moloznik as TD.
- There was discussion of one of last year's judges. Linda did the scoring and noticed some scoring disparities: a high score for a flawed walk, yet harsh scoring and negative comments on other tests. Victoria suggested polling our members to find out what they thought of our judges/clinicians, and keeping a file on judges' performances for later hiring decisions. Marti will broach the idea to the show committee.
- Marti is comfortable being the point of contact for our licensed officials once Deana has found them.
- We won't pay for licensed officials' parking at their departure airport, and the contract does not cover alcoholic beverages.
- Marti suggested asking at the spring meeting if anyone would like to "understudy" for the show manager or show secretary job.
- If AHC does not choose to offer a July dressage show, we'll only have three shows on the schedule. Linda asked Cherie Ruesch if there could be dressage at State Fair in that case. The answer was yes. But the date would conflict with the Zone 12 Finals (the other State Fair weekend is the rodeo). The show could be postponed for a week or two if necessary.
- Susan said there's no word yet from Debbie McDonald on a clinic for 2010. There may be a Wayne Quarles clinic, and we'll definitely ask Shari Humble-Lamb for a clinic; we're willing to share her with Pony Club and prorate travel costs.

### **USEF rules:**

- Marti discreetly asked USEF whether a horse can show the maximum number of dressage classes in a day while also showing in hunter-jumper classes. Jennifer Keeler, USEF national director of dressage, said she'd be very hesitant with the idea of combined shows. How can we get a definitive answer? Victoria suggested that Marti ask her source what specific rule quandaries she sees, and Linda will try to contact a combined TD/steward she knew from Oklahoma.
- Shelbie asked Jennifer Bryant, *USDF Connection* editor, how a rider can withdraw in the middle of a test that is going badly. She was told that USEF rules require the rider to face the judge and ask to be excused. (The rider must also request permission before dismounting, assuming it is not an emergency.) Victoria will ask Brit Kaiser what official term the show secretary uses to report this conclusion in the show results

- ("retiring"?). This educational item could be added to the spring meeting agenda.
- When the 2010 USEF rule change cycle opens, Mary Kaye will coordinate with Linda on a proposal to exempt Alaska, like Hawaii, from the rule limiting shows to using a TD only twice in a row.

**Board elections:** Nominating committee chair Victoria reported on the status of the board elections. Some, not all, of the biography inserts that were sent out with the 77 ballots were copied from an outdated file that omitted one junior candidate. To rectify the error, the correct file was emailed to the membership and printed in the October *Centerline*. All ballots were numbered. The post office box will be checked in the final days before the banquet to gather all that were postmarked by Oct. 14. The entire nominating committee will count the ballots together.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. We won't need to meet in October because of the banquet, nor in December. Mondays are still okay for meetings, so our final meeting of the year will be Monday, Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m., with the place to be determined. We were a bit too lively for Loussac Library, but Marti Miller will look for a meeting place in Eagle River, possibly the Sleepy Dog Cafe [ultimately changed to Jitters].

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S AUGUST 2009 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The August 17, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Susan Ritter and Charlene Cohen arrived later. Aimee Ritter was not present.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported that we made about \$200 at the July schooling show. However, we lost \$1416 at Biggest Event. The judge's hotel costs (\$769.44) were our biggest single expense, although she billed us for only one day's judging. We should try to find another moderate-cost B & B to house show officials in case Robin's place is not available. Our show tab problem continued to the tune of about \$50. Next year's class fee increase of \$5 will offset some of our losses from our licensed shows, along with money we make at schooling shows and via donations.

### AHC/WCCEC:

- Our list of dressage building projects remains, including our continued hunt for a portable mike for our sound system. It was decided to set up an ADA wish list on our website for such items; Linda Kelley volunteered to be the contact point for people to respond to.
- Susan Ritter suggested getting another clock, to be visible from the warmup area, to display the official showtime.
- Victoria Fredenhagen will paint the floorboards of the bleachers using the grey stain donated by Linda. The seat backs and seat boards are holding up fine.
- Susan will call Lori Hackenberger to find out if the Anchorage Horse Council plans to hold a fall cleanup day. If it doesn't, we need to set our own. We need to take down the dressage arena for winter storage, maybe clear some junk from the storage stall, and repaint the fading red tabs that mark the letter locations.

### Show committee:

- Next year Erin Downey will do contracting and other tasks that Susie Merritt used to do. Both Susie and Carolyn Schultz wish to "retire."
- Susan Ritter reported that our August show ran smoothly. We fell behind schedule one morning but caught up. Peggy Bowker, our bit checker, caught one bit not allowed by the rules, a roller on a French link. The TD helped her explain the situation to the rider and trainer. Our licensed officials were very aware of horse welfare issues as well.

The TD clarified that nosebands must not be so tight as to make a groove in the horse's skin. And the judge and TD together said that one horse's throatlatch must be loosened or the horse would not be allowed to show the next day.

- Susie Merritt and ASH President Brena Doolen discussed ASH's proposal that we give up our 2010 Spring Festival show date or the WCCEC dressage show date in favor of a combined hunter/jumper/dressage show in Palmer. She declined ASH's offer. In fact, the concept of combined shows may be questionable: TD Debbie Moloznik thought USEF would be shocked to learn that Alaska shows let a horse enter three dressage tests (the maximum number) plus an unlimited number of hunter/jumper classes, all in the same day. Marti Miller will call USEF and ask about this to avoid the possibility of a USEF fine.
- Next year's schooling shows: If we offer a July 2010 show, we might ask Dr. Julie Grohs to judge again—her generous scores were much appreciated. (Lynn Paterna hopes we'll offer Prix Caprilli classes too, which her students would love.) For our Margaret Adams judge, another idea is Wayne Quarles, who would work well for the Pony Club to use too, maybe better than Shari Humble-Lamb. The schooling show entry form needs a place for the horse's name.
- We've heard that AHC does not want to offer dressage at next year's WCCEC Annual Show, as this year's classes were not well attended. Raena will discuss with AHC whether it would hold another, separate show if asked. Or perhaps ASH would be interested in holding a dressage show.
- If dressage remains at the WCCEC Annual Show, we won't need to consider a dressage show at the first weekend of State Fair—we'll have our four shows. If not, we need another candidate. Raena said that there would be a show committee meeting next week and she will let us know what happens.
- TD Debbie Moloznik suggests we offer pony dressage classes (a separate division) next year. Ponies would need to be measured, but many Alaska show ponies already have a measurement card so that they can compete in pony hunter/jumper classes.

### **Awards and banquet**

- Linda prepared statistics on the effects of different floors for show awards and year-end awards. The board decided to require a minimum score of 58% for both types of awards, including HOY, ROY, musicals, and Prix Caprilli. The only exception is the Introductory division (for show awards only), where the minimum score for an award will remain at 55%.
- Peggy Bowker said everything is on track for securing year-end awards. Raena will confirm what the awards budget is. Peggy estimated she needs about \$1500.
- Our silent auction committee needs to know in advance what items people will donate so that they can prepare. Marti will talk to them to make sure there are some smaller items offered too along with large baskets. Peggy will be our awards MC again this year, and Shelbie Fredenhagen will again hand out awards. Does anyone want to take photos? Raena will double-check that O'Malley's knows our event is Oct. 24, and will check on this year's banquet fees too in case we need to change the ticket price.
- Circuit awards for the 2009 schooling shows (including ADA's shows) will be presented at the last Valley schooling show, but the winners' names can be reannounced at our banquet.
- Our ADA members who are also Pony Clubbers have made great progress this year, including Shelbie Fredenhagen earning her HB rating and Aimee Ritter her C+ for both

dressage and show jumping. Several youngsters from Midnite Run participated in the East Coast Pony Club Championships and one competed in the Pacific Coast Championships. Linda asked for a presentation of their achievements at the banquet. Susan promised to work on this; perhaps Midnite Run DC Jayne Dittmer can read it.

### **Board elections**

- Three senior board terms and both junior terms expire this year. The three “expiring” seniors are willing to run again, in Peggy Bowker's case with our agreement that there can be some flexibility on meeting dates. We don't know about the juniors yet.
- Carolyn Schultz declines to head the nominating committee this year. Erin Downey, Ceri Benet, Kerri Geppert, Laurie Ryan, and August Axtell were suggested as possible members of the nominating committee; Marti will contact them to try to form a committee. Our whole nominating and election cycle will need to run early this year because the banquet is early. Raena can provide contact phone numbers for the nominating committee, plus a set of labels to mail out the ballots.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m., at Linda Kelley's house. Linda will email directions, and board members should consider carpooling. We should also be thinking of other places to meet this winter.

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**Attendance:** The July 19, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, Susan and Aimee Ritter, Marti Miller, and Shelbie Fredenhagen. Deana Johnson also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported that we have about \$14,000 in the bank. She gave the Anchorage Horse Council an invoice for ADA's services at the WCCEC Dressage Show, documenting that we were donating back all of the costs of printing the Chamberlin *Omnibus* and half the administrative fee. We have 73 members at present and may have gained one or two more at the WCCEC Annual Show.

**AHC/WCCEC:**

- Our new ADA banners (one for the Chamberlin road entrance, another for the building) look great. The board asked Shelbie Fredenhagen to pass on our thanks to Victoria.
- We're continuing to look for a portable microphone for the ADA sound system. A simple karaoke rig might work, or we could just plug a mike into our existing sound system—Susan Ritter reported there's an extra mike in the main judge's stand.
- Susie Merritt reported that we need only two repair parts, which she'll order, to begin using our old tent as a sheltered area for spectators.
- Linda Kelley will donate a can of grey stain for the footboards on the dressage bleachers. We need to run a weed-whacker under the bleachers, too.

**Show committee:**

- We have three weeks until our August show, and everything is ready. Susan Ritter will collect volunteers. We'll house the judge at the Dimond Center Hotel and the TD at Robin Holm's place. Assuming AHC approves, we'll set up the old dressage arena in the big ring for schooling, starting at noon on Aug. 7. Susan needs volunteers for this, as well as to help take down that

arena after the show. We'll ask Carolyn Schultz to check that the snack shack will be staffed for the show.

- Shelbie reported that the junior board members have volunteered to clean up the judge's booth after the show.
- Next year's show dates are June 5-6 for the Spring Festival, June 26-27 for the WCCEC dressage show (for which Carolyn will secure the license and Deana Johnson the licensed officials), and Aug. 7-8 for the Big Event.
- Raena asked whether Deana should look for S judges for next year. The board decided she shouldn't take extreme measures, but should go for it if they're available and the price is reasonable (including travel costs—S judges tend to live farther away from Alaska). A big cost differential is not cost-effective for one ride per day.
- Cheri Rousch asked Linda to find out if ADA is interested in having a State Fair dressage show next year. State Fair management would pay the full costs (Linda made her aware that ADA loses \$500-800 at each show) and ADA would provide volunteers. The issue was tabled until August, but in the meantime Linda will tell Cheri there's interest if details can be worked out, including that Cheri would manage the show, all our expenses would be covered, the secretary would be paid \$250, there would be free passes for the volunteers, the show would be scheduled for the first weekend rather than Labor Day, and there would be clear rules for fireworks night regarding horses staying or being required to leave. Yet another detail: one day or two?
- Raena reported that her proposal to increase both entry fees and office fees was discussed at the last show committee meeting (judges and TD's have commented that our fees are amazingly low compared to licensed shows nationally). The show committee recommended raising only the office fee by \$10. That wouldn't bring in much—\$250 to \$350 per show—so we'd still lose a considerable amount on each show. Instead, the board decided to raise all class fees except Introductory by \$5, and to eliminate the Beginning Dressage rider category.
- At the show committee meeting it was also made known that Shari Humble-Lamb, an (r) judge who was the TD at this year's WCCEC dressage show, would like to be our schooling show judge/clinician in 2010 and perhaps do something in conjunction with Pony Club. Shari is "very affordable." Eleanor Thibodeau, our 2009 spring schooling show judge, is also willing to come back.
- Susan Ritter will do a writeup on show results and send it to Mary Kaye, to forward to the membership, and to the *Alaska Horse Journal*. Susie Merritt offered to supply the schooling show results too.
- Aimee Ritter sent Debbie McDonald a letter and an ADA T-shirt and Debbie confirmed that she does indeed want to come to Alaska. Should we plan this for the 2011 schooling show? Or the 2010 Rainbow Connection schooling show? Or even a non-summer event at the soon-to-be-constructed indoor arena at Chamberlin? Perhaps Homer could be incorporated in her tour—it has an indoor arena too. In addition to riding events, we could host a dinner

at which Debbie speaks. Aimee will continue to be our contact with Debbie. Raena suggested we apply for a Dressage Foundation and/or BP grant to help cover expenses.

### **Awards**

- Peggy Bowker needs ideas for year-end awards.
- The board dropped the idea of sponsoring a division for ASH awards, as it wasn't clear how to do it fairly, we're losing money on each show, and the deadline for ASH sponsorships is August 1, before our next meeting. Mary Kaye will check on ASH funding status, and maybe we'll reconsider this idea next year.
- The proposals to raise the minimums for ADA annual awards and show awards are tabled until the August meeting. Linda will work up statistics, including this year's shows, to demonstrate how different minimums would have affected the awards.

### **New business**

- Shari Humble-Lamb raised the issue of USEF's GR1032, which exempts Hawaii from the general rule that a TD cannot officiate more than twice in a row at the same competition or under the same competition management. We could (again) propose adding Alaska to this exemption.
- We need to find out if any ADA member plans to attend the next USDF convention and would like to be our official Board of Governors delegate. We can make a delegation later, but the delegate will receive advance convention material if it is done soon enough.
- GMO award nominations are due August 31.
- Susan followed up with USEF on TD Debbie Moloznik's assumption that there is a rule governing cavesson tightness. USEF said there is no specific rule. This may be a grey area. Another grey area: Are spurs that are engraved on the inside "smooth", as the rules require?

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, August 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin dressage office.

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**Attendance:** The June 22, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Peggy Bowker, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, and Marti Miller, followed by Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz and Victoria Fredenhagen also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:**

- Raena Schraer's report focused on our two recent shows. Her figures showed a profit of \$483 at the spring schooling show. However, she questioned a show tab charge of \$59—which didn't even include the judge's lunch, Linda Kelley having paid for that. Were volunteers putting their own lunches on the ADA show tab? Susan Ritter thought the charge was mostly for excess foodstuffs (soft drinks and chips) now stored at her house until the next schooling show. Still, show tabs need tighter controls; the board felt they should be for licensed officials only (judge and TD). Susan said she would inform the snack shack personnel of this policy or post a sign. Safer yet, the board accepted Susan's suggestion to have no show tab at all: just \$20 in petty cash for miscellaneous show expenses, all to be supported by receipts.
- We lost \$897 at ADA Spring Festival, even though Natalie Lamping charged us for only one day of judging. Travel expenses have gone up a lot. Linda Kelley observed that S judges typically charge more than R judges, although that didn't happen this year.
- We lost \$80 for the Lamping clinic. We charged \$120 per session, of which \$20 went to WCCEC for arena rent, and didn't fill all the sessions. We hadn't know Lamping's clinic rate when we set the fee (her contract covered judging only, not the clinic days).
- Raena observed that we can't afford to run shows at a loss, particularly if we lose money on the clinics too. She said there is nothing that can be cut from our licensed show budgets and recommended we raise entry fees by \$5 next year. If that increase had been in place for Springfest (105 rides), it would have brought in an extra \$525. Linda noted that even if we do this, our entry

fees will still be lower than what's charged Outside. Carolyn Schultz pointed out that this discussion is outside the scope of the treasurer's report.

- Raena reported that she, Susie Merritt, and Deana Johnson are currently authorized to sign ADA checks. Our signature card needs to be updated at Credit Union One. The new signers should be Raena, Marti, and Mary Kaye because they're all in Anchorage.

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

- Thanks to Jeff Ritter for all the arena drags and the mounting block, as well as to Jim Kelley who helped Linda install outside connectors for our sound system.
- Victoria Fredenhagen reported that our new ADA banner might be ready in time for the next show. We'll put it on our dressage building to start. Thanks, Victoria!
- We need a portable microphone for the ADA sound system. In the meantime we can use the WCCEC microphone unless it's needed for the big arena (which will be the case for the next show).
- Instead of buying an awning, perhaps we can salvage parts from our old tent to set up a sheltered area near the building for spectators. Susie Merritt might know which parts are reusable.
- Mulch and/or flower boxes in front of the building would look nice.
- It would cost \$282 for treated wood to replace the badly weathered bleacher seat planks. Perhaps we could get a contractor to donate funds or materials? In the meantime, Victoria painted the planks with a coat of primer. She said the underlying wood is structurally sound and okay for now.

#### **Show committee:**

- Committee chair Carolyn Schultz reported that we finished the schooling show in the black in all respects.
- At Spring Festival, the Dover Medal was not presented (not earned). The show and clinic went well; several people hoped we'd invite Natalie Lamping back in the future. But we were two or three rides short of filling the clinic. How can we ensure that all our sessions get filled? Can we get publicity via the *Alaska Horse Journal* or through ASH? Should we emphasize that clinics are open to all, not just ADA members? Susan suggested a simple poster at M Bar D or even local grocery stores. Peggy Bowker volunteered to design a flyer.
- The board discussed the insurance implications of clinics: they aren't covered by our show insurance. However, to teach at Chamberlin, clinician must have their own liability insurance.
- Show secretary Britany Kaiser forwarded the show results to Marti Miller, who will pass them on to Mary Kaye Hession and to ASH. Susan Ritter will write up a show summary (including champion/reserve placings) for the next show and for Springfest, to be forwarded to the membership and ASH and possibly to Region 6.

- Before the next show, the latrines will be cleaned and the grass mowed. Volunteers are in place for all show tasks. Riders will need to be careful in the big arena in places where there's still too much sand, although much of the excess has been removed. Because there will be an AQHA show going on during the Chamberlin dressage show, we'll be sharing the sound system; Susan will make her show management announcements early, then repeat them during the AQHA breaks. We need to remind everyone that there is to be no vehicles moving through the stable area while either show is underway.
- For the WCCEC annual show, Britany Kaiser will be the dressage show secretary and ADA will provide the volunteers. A \$20 dressage administrative fee was to have been collected to reimburse ADA, but it is not shown in the prize list. Can we ask Anchorage Horse Council's Lori Carr to impose it as an addendum? Or, can the regular \$20 fee be given to us for all dressage entries, or split with AHC for competitors who enter both dressage and hunter-jumper classes? As always, we'll need to be flexible to coordinate dressage rides for those who are also showing in hunter-jumper classes. Entrants who can't make their ride times due to conflicts in the other ring should notify the dressage management and reschedule for the end of the day; we'll hold the affected classes open.
- Susie Merritt will manage the July schooling show and will need volunteers.
- Raena has heard people express interest in a Valley dressage show next year. Would ADA put on the show ourselves, or work with ASH? But would the effort be worth it?
- The board decided on a revised reimbursement policy for taking a show judge out to dinner. ADA reimburses for the cost of a judge's dinner (not including alcoholic beverages). ADA will assign a volunteer as host to take the judge out to dinner, and will reimburse for the cost of the volunteer host's meal, up to \$30 (not including alcoholic beverages). Receipts are required in all cases. Carolyn said that she could include this policy in her written instructions for show management.
- Raena committed that we will begin filling out the Chamberlin facility use agreement for our shows. We also need to ensure we have written contracts with all our licensed officials and other paid personnel (farrier, vet, EMT's, etc.). Deana Johnson will still find our licensed officials for us but subsequently there will be one ADA point of contract to get a written contract signed—Marti Miller will make sure this happens.
- Carolyn checked the rules for use of an arena for warmups the day before a show. Renting an arena for a show includes (free) use of that arena beginning at 3 p.m. the day before. However, Linda observed that some trainers show up well before this time to give lessons. She'll write up a reminder, to be sent out with show ride times, that before 3 p.m., all riders must be members or pay day fees, and all trainers must be members and pay trainer fees.
- We need to clarify with Lori Carr when people can start moving into their show stalls: at 6 p.m., as our entry form implies, or earlier? Susan asked

why schooling needs to end at 7 p.m., which is quite early for those coming in from out of town. Carolyn pointed out that the show manager is required to be on the premises until schooling ends, and that the arena dragger needs to have access before it gets too late.

- It's time to apply for our next three-year USEF license. The board confirmed that Carolyn should apply for two-day shows for 2010-2012.

**ASH** It is our understanding that ASH went ahead with an emergency rule change that lets horses earn points toward ASH awards at AQHA shows. Raena withdrew her (tabled) proposal that ADA sponsor an endangered ASH division. Linda suggested that when we get near summer's end, we can assess whether to help sponsor dressage divisions.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Raena felt that we shouldn't give out champion/reserve show awards for scores below 60%. Currently we have no minimum for show awards, nor for year-end awards. Raena will draft a proposal for show award minimums and Linda a proposal for year-end award minimums.
- Anna Tileston passed on a copy of *Robert's Rules* (now in Linda's keeping) and a USDF *GMO Handbook* (Mary Kaye has this now).
- Susan asked to borrow the dressage arena for a Pony Club rating on August 14 in the Valley. We're willing to loan it but aren't sure we own the whole thing (Susan will find out from Susie Merritt). Susan will need AHC's permission to borrow the old letters.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, July 20, 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin dressage office.

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
MAY 2009 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The May 18, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Peggy Bowker, and Mary Kaye Hession, followed by Charlene Cohen, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter. Raena Schraer and Shelby Fredenhagen were out of town. Carolyn Schultz and Deana Johnson also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** With Raena Schraer out of town, Linda Kelley noted that we'll need to reimburse our schooling show judge Eleanor Thibodeau for airfare only, plus her charge for clinic sessions. Linda is housing, feeding, and transporting her, plus taking her spouse fishing. Deana Johnson needs reimbursement for paying for our show insurance. We should update our checking account signing authorities to reflect current officers.

**USDF compliance:** We've sent the documents that USDF asked us to file for compliance with its requirements.

**AHC/WCCEC:**

- The dressage arena setup on May 16 at Chamberlin went well. Deana took pictures and will send them to Mary Kaye for the website.
- We have some remaining summer tasks at Chamberlin, but the dressage office building and judge's booth look great with their newly painted trim, courtesy of Victoria Fredenhagen. So do our new front steps, thanks to Raena and her friend Andy. Linda accomplished changing all three locks (the office and doors to the storage stall) to a single combination that will be easy for us to remember, and she's now working on another bulletin board for the outside wall of the office.
- Lori Hackenberger says we're welcome to repaint or even re-cover the bleachers closest to the dressage arena. Could Raena's friend scope out what it would cost to re-cover them, e.g. with Trek-style planks? Linda can get a 10 percent military discount on places such as Lowe's.
- A mounting block near the office would be handy. A big log would do (perhaps the one a short distance up Rimrock Trail at WCCEC, assuming

AHC allows access to it), cut with a step and maybe with ADA's initials routed into the top surface. Meantime perhaps we could borrow a mounting block.

- We found our original stereo system (plus the cart it was stored on), so now we have two. Linda will work on getting better connectors for it and maybe rig up a place at the back of the building where the system can be hooked up. We could use it for background music at shows, not just for musical dressage classes.
- For our power needs, Jeff Ritter suggested we put PVC pipe in an 8" trench and run an extension cord through it. Extension cords are stored in the stall.
- The footing in the arenas at Chamberlin will be re-done this summer, except for the dressage arena, which is already good.

### **Show committee:**

- Susie Merritt needs people to help with the schooling show. Charlene Cohen will pick up the junior-senior champion awards, which are cookies donated by Frieda Koper. Peggy Bowker also has some leftover awards that can be used. Linda has made a list of all available awards that can be used for the schooling show, and we got great ribbons. Sherri Adams and Susan Ritter will run the concession stand.
- Linda talked to the schooling show judge Eleanor Thibodeau, who wants the rides scheduled loosely (we'll add 2 to 3 minutes per ride) so that she can talk to each rider. She's also willing to spend time after the show discussing how riders affects their horses—both positively and negatively—as they move up the levels. The clinic is almost full already; Linda will send out the schedule.
- Carolyn Schultz thinks we'll be able to use the big arena for warmups at our shows, unless it's being reworked. It will need dragging (starting as soon as the Pony Club camp is done) and rock-picking before Springfest. If the pipes are still frozen, could we rent a water truck to water the dressage arena Friday and Saturday night? Susan Ritter will ask her husband Jeff what this would cost.
- Springfest entries are very light so far. Carolyn gave the post office box key to Deana to check for last-minute entries.
- Lori Hackenberger says the concession stand is covered for the rated shows. Susie will get test copies and Carolyn obtained the USEF forms (maybe we should offer each rider the footing and judge evaluation forms, after confirming that they'll be used rather than just thrown away). Linda will put together the judge's basket, and Char Cohen will arrange for the flowers.
- Preparations are done for the WCCEC dressage show in June. It will be run just like an ADA show. For the dressage part of the WCCEC annual show in July, we're just volunteers with no management responsibilities. Susan Ritter raised the question of who's in charge of rounding up volunteers and whether there's a paid dressage show secretary. Carolyn checked her notes and found we'd committed to finding a show secretary, to be paid \$250, and

all volunteers; we'd asked AHC to charge a \$20 admin fee that would come to ADA to pay for tests, supplies, and other administrative costs.

- The board decided last June to raise the authorized reimbursement for taking a show judge out to dinner, but it was not clear whether the reimbursement was only for the judge's meal or for the host as well. Tonight the board clarified that the cost of the judge's dinner will be covered (this is typically required under our contracts with judges), but in addition, if an individual volunteer serves as the host, that person's meal will be covered for up to \$30. If a group of two or more people takes the judge out to dinner, only the judge's meal will be reimbursed. Receipts are required. Mary Kaye is to work up the verbiage and send it out to the board so that we can formally vote on it.

### **Membership outreach**

- We decided to create a place on our website for classified ads, which (for the time being) will be free to members. We'll just send out the link when this is done.
- The membership form will be amended to state that newsletters will be sent out electronically only.

**ASH** We don't know the status of the proposed ASH emergency rule change that would let horses earn points toward ASH awards at AQHA shows. Raena's proposal that ADA sponsor an endangered ASH division is still tabled—and dressage recordings are light enough that we may need to worry about sponsoring “our” divisions instead.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, June 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin dressage office.

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
APRIL 2009 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The April 20, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, and Mary Kaye Hession. Shelbie Fredenhagen, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter arrived soon thereafter. Marti Miller and Peggy Bowker were not present. Victoria Fredenhagen and Jeff Ritter also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer said that we have approximately \$9,444 in the bank, with most of our 2009 show expenses already paid. Now is the time when income starts to come in. We made \$123 on our first batch of logo shirts. Ordering extra t-shirts in the second batch caused us to go in the hole temporarily. Our spring meeting arrangements worked out well; ADA's subsidy for the meeting was only \$40.16, less than we had expected to pay. We have 63 members to date.

**USDF compliance:** Raena, Mary Kaye Hession, and Carolyn Schultz are working to supply documents USDF says we must file for compliance with its requirements.

**AHC/WCCEC:**

- Linda Kelley checked with AHC's Lori Hackenberger on our plans to set up the dressage arena on May 16 at 9 a.m. Lori told her that Chugach Rangeriders had rented the entire facility that day for Equifest and advised calling Diane Sullivan. Diane said we could proceed with our plans; her gate people will have name tags to identify the ADA volunteers. The board decided to thank Chugach Rangeriders by donating \$30. In addition, we'll get the word out that arena workers (including Midnite Run Pony Clubbers) who plan to stay for Equifest should pay at the gate. Diane asked for dressage demonstration riders for Equifest; Aimee Ritter agreed and possibly Amelia Haddad will join her.
- Our summer "to-do" list at Chamberlin continues (trim painting, steps, changing the locks, mulch, possibly an awning, and bases for the arena letters at least on the M-F side). The bleachers closest to the dressage arena also need painting. However, our sound system needs have been met: Jo Gottstein as well as August Axtell and her husband donated sound system parts. Between them, we'll have a functional system before the show season.

### **Show committee:**

- Carolyn Schultz will check to be sure that we have the necessary show forms and copies of tests. We've applied for permission to award the Dover Medal and Deana Johnson will file for show insurance.
- There will be three Valley schooling shows this summer, each with Saturday dressage classes (July 12, August 23, Sept. 7). Susie Merritt, Linda Kelley, and Cherrie Ruesch are collaborating on circuit arrangements including awards.
- Sharon Sadlon plans to have a dressage table at the ASH swap on April 25. Char Cohen will coordinate with Marti Miller to get ADA forms left over from the spring meeting to Sharon's table. There will be copies of the *Omnibus* too; we'll make sure Sharon knows that only new members would be entitled to a copy.
- We have housing (at Robin's) for our Springfest judge. Deana Johnson will organize the clinic after that show.
- Raena will check with show secretary Brit Kaiser to be sure our Fox Village show software subscription is paid up. Susan Ritter will ask whether Brit wants a work party before Springfest.

### **Membership outreach**

- Raena found some sort of glitch that caused some of our new members not to be identified as USDF GMO members. It has been fixed. She also checked into GMO benefits. Although USDF horse awards require a full participating membership, rider awards can be earned with just a GM membership, plus GM members are eligible to show.
- Mary Kaye listed the content available for the next newsletter. Linda will try to email a President's Passage while on vacation. We could advertise our logo t-shirts in the newsletter (they can be bought at the shows or by contacting Victoria). Aimee Ritter volunteered to write an item on her trip to the FEI World Cup Finals.
- Aimee reported that she met Steffen Peters (among others) and invited him to Alaska—he said yes! We suggested talking to Deana to see what can be worked out. Perhaps we could plan an educational event for 2010 or 2011 to be funded by a Dressage Foundation grant. Raena cautioned that the event must be completely set up before funding can be requested. Carolyn Haddad is a grant-writer; perhaps they could collaborate. Raena also said she could write up a request for a Conoco grant. Amounts below \$5,000 can be requested at any time; above that amount the fund request must be submitted in September.
- Victoria reported on the ADA banner project. We can get a 3' x 5' hemmed, grommeted banner for \$188, or a 2' x 3' for \$93.67. There's a \$25 editing fee, but we could get any color background and lettering. The consensus is that we should get the 3 x 5 in black and white with "Alaska Dressage Association" and our logo (sans words). Jeff Ritter will do a mockup and email it to us.

### **ASH**

- ASH is considering an emergency rule change would let horses earn points toward ASH awards at AQHA shows (for Western and halter classes, divisions that are in trouble at open shows). Mary Kaye expressed her objection to the proposal because AQHA shows do not have USEF recognition, USEF-licensed

judges and stewards, USEF rules, or USEF drug testing. The shows would not even pay the ASH recognition fee.

- Raena proposed that ADA sponsor an endangered ASH division such as driving to reinvigorate it. Linda suggested the games or gymkhana divisions. The proposal was tabled until after the first show.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Chamberlin dressage office (unless otherwise notified).

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S MARCH 2009 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The March 10, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Peggy Bowker, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter. Mary Kaye Hession arrived later. Marti Miller was out of town. Carolyn Schultz, Victoria Fredenhagen, Sigrun Robertson, Sarah Cohen, and Erin Downey also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer presented the March treasurer's report, showing current assets of \$13,948.01, in an expanded format that included memberships and sponsorships to date, possible sponsorship opportunities, and an estimated budget for the schooling show. The board liked the new format for sponsorship opportunities.

**Sponsorships:** It was suggested that Carolyn Haddad might be able to obtain a sponsorship grant from Conoco Phillips. Raena will contact her and write up a grant proposal. Raena has an updated list of sponsors, which she will send Linda Kelley for printing in the *Omnibus*. The board discussed the distinction between advertisers and sponsors.

**News from USDF conference:** Sigrun Robertson presented information she learned at the USDF convention. Proposals for dues increases (to combat a \$300,000 deficit) and rider performance standards (which might evolve into a test that judges the rider instead of the horse) provoked much controversy and are currently on hold. The Board of Governors may be restructured to reduce and simplify it. Show standards may be imposed in the future, possibly as early as next year (our shows would probably qualify as Level 2). USDF has produced a new spectator's guide and the Dressage Foundation has a number of good educational programs. Members who need help to attend the convention can apply for a Ruth Arvanette scholarship to cover airfare and other expenses.

### **Spring meeting arrangements:**

- The board approved Raena's proposal that she and Victoria Fredenhagen would acquire a weatherproof black-and-white ADA banner. They'll also present the logo shirts to be ordered at the spring meeting.

- We need a presenter for the meeting's membership and award information. Char Cohen will ask Marti Miller to do this; they'll bring forms, too (except for ASH forms, which the ASH representative will bring). Susan Ritter volunteered to help, and the information can be cross-checked with Linda, Mary Kaye Hession, and Carolyn Schultz as needed.
- As part of her show committee report, Carolyn will explain how to fill out an entry form. Susan will bring paper and pencils so people can take notes.
- Linda Kelley will present the 2009 *Omnibus*, and hopefully the Chamberlin dressage show *Omnibus*, as well as the horse personality analysis. Ads will totally cover the cost of our *Omnibus*, and the Anchorage Horse Council will fully reimburse us for the cost of the Chamberlin *Omnibus*.
- Mary Kaye will prepare the meeting agenda, Susan will cover ADA's volunteer needs, and Aimee Ritter will collect donated glass awards and arrange swaps.

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

- There's a possibility that AHC will be working on the arena footing at Chamberlin this year. The board doesn't want the dressage arena footing altered, although the track and surrounding drainage need work.
- We have various tasks to accomplish at Chamberlin this summer (new lock for the dressage office, steps, trim paint, mulch, possibly an awning, and bases for the arena letters at least on the M-F side). More immediately, we need to replace our vanished amplifier and CD player or we can't offer musical freestyle at our shows. Perhaps we could get a sound system sponsor?

#### **Show committee:**

- ADA will charge \$100 for the Thibodeau clinic, plus the arena fee (e.g. \$13 at Chamberlin, plus an extra \$15 if the rider isn't a WCCEC member). The lecture part is free and open to all.
- Carolyn has asked Jayne Dittmer to run the food booth at the schooling shows. However, using the espresso machine requires special training and a cut of the proceeds.
- Raena created an entry form for the schooling shows. Awards will be ribbons, carrots, and Flying Dutchman cookies.
- Natalie Lamping, our Spring Festival judge, is charging us only \$250 per day for judging because there will be two days of clinics afterwards. We'll need to charge \$120 for clinic sessions this year because air fares to bring in our licensed officials are up.
- Our arena rentals are paid up for the season. We should confirm that the rental includes use of the mobile microphone for clinic sessions.
- Susie Merritt will manage both schooling shows. Dr. Julie Grohs will be pleased to judge the July schooling show. The class list is done and the ribbons ordered.
- Jennifer Kilfoyle will manage the WCCEC annual show. Carolyn urged her to keep checking whether Sue Kolstad has achieved her S judge status and add/drop the FEI classes accordingly. (Betsy Gosling, the WCCEC dressage show judge, is an R and cannot judge FEI classes.)

- Our Big Event S judge, Charlotte Trentelman, didn't charge us any fee the last time she judged for us, so we're putting her up at the Diamond Hotel this time.
- There will be two dressage schooling shows in the Valley this year, July 11 or 12 and August 22 or 23. Organizer Cherrie Ruesch will have firm dates by the end of the week. With these schooling shows and the two in Anchorage, we can offer circuit awards! To be eligible, riders must show in at least two of the shows. Susie, Linda, and Cherrie will set the other rules. We could even present the circuit awards at ADA's fall awards banquet.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. The next meeting will take place Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., and will tentatively be at Loussac Library in the 900's, third floor, northwest corner.

## MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S FEBRUARY 2009 MEETING

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**Attendance:** The Feb. 12, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Peggy Bowker, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, and Charlene Cohen. Victoria Fredenhagen, Carolyn Haddad, and Sarah Cohen also attended. Raena Schraer was out of town.

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

### **Awards:**

- Peggy Bowker ordered first and second place show ribbons (including champion and reserve) for the season at a cost of \$1,159, even with a 10% discount. Shipping alone was near \$300. We'll have to do this again next year, and will also need to replenish our supply of lower-place ribbons then.
- We will need about \$1,400 for show awards, but will be reimbursed by AHC for about \$400 of this. Peggy asked whether we should offer separate awards for FEI classes or, as the current *Handbook* states, offer an all-inclusive Third Level and Above award. The board asked her to seek the Show Committee's advice on this point. We also decided to offer schooling show circuit championships, using some of our leftover awards such as clippers and bridle bags. We'll ask Susie Merritt to set the rules.
- This year's awards banquet is set for Oct. 24, 2009.

**ASH rules:** ASH rule changes are posted on ASH's website. They require prize lists to be submitted 90 days before the show, a deadline our *Omnibus* can meet. Riders must now record in individual divisions (\$35, with an early-bird discount). We must collect a \$2 fee from non-ASH members who wish to show. Mary Kaye Hession will ask ASH President Brena Doolen whether excess recordings go toward funding "like" divisions.

### **Spring meeting arrangements:**

- Susan Ritter will try to get Kinley's for Saturday, March 21 for the spring meeting.
- The spring meeting will focus on the 2009 show season, including membership requirements and qualifying for ADA, USDF, and ASH awards.

Subtopics will include the new ASH dressage rules (we can explain this ourselves, as ADA proposed them in the first place), changes in ASH's recording system (we'll invite an ASH representative to cover this), and new features in USEF's dressage rules.

- Other attractions at the spring meeting: Linda Kelley will have the 2009 *Omnibus*, which will include the schooling shows, ready to hand out (she hopes it will have an insert covering the new AHC dressage show). We'll explain where our members' dues go and how much volunteer time it takes to put on ADA's shows and other activities. There will be a "horse personality" presentation and an opportunity to swap or donate unused glass show awards. Finally, members can order outerwear screen-printed with the ADA logo, such as a full-zip hooded sweatshirt (\$40, plus \$10 for the screenprinting) or a slip-on sweatshirt (\$22 plus screenprinting). Victoria will design an order form with a few basic choices, sizes and colors.
- Susan Ritter will check again with Sigrun Robertson, who asked to address the board regarding information she gathered at the USDF convention. Perhaps her information should be presented to the general membership at the spring meeting, not just to the board.

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

- We'll meet May 16 at 9 a.m. to get the Chamberlin dressage arena set up and ready for the show season. Equifest may be scheduled for the same day, but we should be able to avoid any conflicts. Susan will confirm with Lori Hackenberger that the water will be turned on, in case the arena bases and rails need to be rinsed off. Susan will ask husband Jeff how he recommends leveling the letter bases (the M-F side has a slope); we'll probably need people to bring scrap wood for that purpose.
- There may be a stallion at this year's shows. Susan will ask Lori H. if the Anchorage Horse Council has special requirements we need to follow for stallion stabling, etc. Victoria Fredenhagen suggested a review of our insurance policy.
- Victoria brought grey paint samples for the trim on the Chamberlin judge's stand and dressage office. We liked either "Honest Abe" or "Sheet Metal."

#### **Show committee:**

- Judging contracts are coming in; housing is set; Deana Johnson is getting show insurance.
- Sue Kolstad will judge the Chamberlin annual show. The judge we found for the June Anchorage Horse Council recognized dressage show will need to be replaced due to her grave illness.
- We still don't know if there will be any schooling shows in the Valley, or any dressage classes in the two recognized shows that may replace the Valley Circuit.
- There will be two schooling shows offering dressage at Chamberlin: ADA's spring schooling show May 23 and another ADA schooling show on July 25. The AHC/Rainbow Connection show June 13-14 will have hunter-jumper classes but not dressage.

- Eleanor Thibodeau can judge our May 23 show and do two days of clinics, although Pony Clubbers in the Valley are also interested in getting clinic time with her. Eleanor has waived her judging fee; we'll pay for her travel and clinic days only, and she will be housed with the Kelleys. The clinic fee will be the same as last year, \$110 (see March 2009 minutes for update).
- Susan volunteered Raena and herself to find volunteers for the May 23 show. We hope that Susie Merritt will manage it.
- Susie Merritt would like us to keep the dressage class lists consistent this year, which will ease the burden on show secretary Brit Kaiser.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., at Loussac Library in the 900's, third floor, northwest corner. (For future reference, Jayne Dittmer's church at 15<sup>th</sup> and C might also be available for our meetings.)

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
JANUARY 2009 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The Jan. 20, 2009 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Peggy Bowker, Susan Ritter, and Raena Schraer. Victoria Fredenhagen and Erin Downey also attended. Charlene Cohen and Aimee Ritter were not present.

**Officers:** New officers for 2009 will remain unchanged: Linda Kelley, president; Marti Miller, vice president; Raena Schraer, treasurer; Mary Kaye Hession, secretary.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Raena Schraer reported we already have 52 members for 2009 and \$1300 in sponsorships (compared to \$2300 for the whole of 2008). Raena said that judging fees plus airfare have gone up from about \$1,000 in 2004 to a high of \$2,367 for one of our 2008 judges (Wayne Quarles), although that included clinic days, not just higher travel costs. She is researching typical per-ride charges by our clinicians. At the 2008 banquet, we made \$500 (after counting auction proceeds) instead of going in the hole as in the past. The silent auction produced \$2000. To thank our auction organizers, we're comping Ardene Eaton's banquet charge and giving Nancy Farris an equivalent gift card. For next year, Nancy suggested we give out ADA pins to all attendees.

**ASH dressage rules:** ASH says our dressage rule change proposal was approved intact on Jan. 19, except that it added a requirement to send show results to ASH. The status of the other rule changes is uncertain. If ASH requires show managers to submit prize lists 90 days in advance, Linda said our 2009 *Omnibus* can meet the deadline, at least in draft form.

**Show committee:**

- This year's Margaret Adams schooling show will be May 23, later than usual, but school will be out. Karen Adams can possibly judge the show, or Eleanor Thibodeau (Linda Kelley will talk to her). Catherine Reed, an FEI rider, is another possibility.

- We don't know if there will be schooling shows in the Valley this year.
- We'll have a clinic with Natalie Lamping after our June licensed show, but our August show won't have a clinic. Possibly we could host a freestyle clinic with Cynthia Collins of Luna Tunes Freestyles later in August or even September?
- We have housing for all our judges. Not all of the judging contracts have been returned yet.
- A second Anchorage-area EMT group (Linda has their contact information) could possibly provide EMT services for us. We need to check prices.
- Susan Ritter will ask Carolyn Schultz whether Susan must be a "participating" USDF member to serve as show manager.
- Three USEF rule changes for 2009 affect dressage: whips can be up to 47.2"; riders through First Level can wear plain half-chaps that match their boots; a score of 60% at the highest test of the level is required to qualify for a freestyle ride.

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

- We'll schedule a work party at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, to set up the dressage arena at WCCEC. The arena letters need to be leveled, too.
- The consensus was that the trim on the dressage office building and judge's stand should be painted dark grey. Victoria Fredenhagen volunteered to do the honors.
- Raena and her friend Andy will build a set of steps at the front of the dressage office.
- Linda will change the lock on the dressage building (one set of keys vanished). She will also contact the municipality about free mulch to spread around the building; Susan Ritter will research whom to call.
- We should keep our eyes open for a good deal on an awning to shelter the west side of the building.
- The board will again allow Pony Club to use the dressage office for this summer's rally (early July).

**Spring meeting:** The spring meeting, which will likely be April 5 or March 22 (Susan will find the venue), will feature Richard Hinrichs' DVD *Motivation of Dressage Horses* (50 minutes), Linda's presentation of a Linda Parelli *Horse and Rider* feature on analyzing a horse's personality, a joint presentation on the paperwork needed to sign up for shows and year-end award programs, and a swap of mismatched glass awards. We might also solicit donations of surplus glass awards, bridle bags, etc. for re-awarding.

**Awards:** Raena's records show that our awards fee brings in \$700 to \$1000 each year. Year-end awards cost about \$1000, as do show awards. (Awards needed for our shows are listed in the *Handbook* and each year's *Omnibus*.) ADA could supply champion and reserve awards for the WCCEC Annual Show and AHC's new dressage show, but we'll be reimbursed only for the latter. Reserve awards can be something smaller such as a gift certificate. The board decided to expand the Horse of the Year and Rider of the Year awards to three places (perhaps later we'll expand our level awards to three places), which requires a *Handbook* revision. Mary Kaye

will take care of the revision in coordination with Carolyn Schultz. Whenever we spot a nice award possibility, we should notify Peggy Bowker. (Peggy will also send us this year's sponsor solicitation letter.)

**Logo:** Victoria Fredenhagen and Carolyn Schultz chose a nice vest and sweatshirt model for our logo at Alaska Monogramming. Becky, the owner, said it would be \$20-\$30 to embroider a sweatshirt; there is no minimum order. She still has our original silkscreen logo design, but it's large—suitable only for the back—and doesn't center well. The setup fee would be \$50 to change the design, including producing the same design in a smaller size. Board members considered various options, so many that it was difficult to choose. Victoria volunteered to get the existing design embroidered on a sweatshirt for Shelbie so that we can see an actual example; to be continued.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 19; place TBA. Sigrun Robertson has asked to make a presentation to the board on information she gathered at the USDF conference; Susan will invite her to this February meeting.