

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
JANUARY 2010 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The Jan. 18, 2010 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Charlene Cohen, Angie Krylo, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, Mary Kaye Hession, and Shelby Fredenhagen. Marti Miller arrived later. Victoria Fredenhagen also attended.

**Minutes:** The November meeting minutes were approved as corrected. (There was no December meeting.)

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported that we currently have 37 members, about the same as last year at this time, with \$15,441 in the bank. So far we don't have many sponsors.

**AHC/WCCEC:** Our list of dressage building projects is still on tap for this summer. The repair parts for the old tent (which will become an awning) have not yet been ordered. Raena thought that much of what is in our storage stall at WCCEC should be discarded. Shelby Fredenhagen and Aimee Ritter volunteered to organize the stored gear and Linda Kelley will make executive decisions about discards; they'll get in touch. Linda has not finished repainting the arena markers. Charlene Cohen volunteered to prepare potted flowers again this year to decorate the arena. For the tall planters by the judge's box, Susan Ritter suggested imitation flowers and Victoria Fredenhagen imitation topiary.

**Show committee:**

- There's been no recent show committee meeting, but all arrangements are underway. Raena has signed contracts from all licensed officials except Shari Humble-Lamb (whose TD and clinic rates we don't yet know—Marti Miller will e-mail her) and Diane Royce. Springfest judge Deborah Spence would like to do a clinic for us but is her parents' caretaker and can't commit to the extra days in advance. We'll list it in the *Omnibus* as a tentative clinic. There won't be a clinic after the June AHC show with S judge Jacquie Oldham, but Deana Johnson was enthusiastic about the possibility of a clinic after our August show with S judge Jacquie Lindberg. Still, that will be late in the season when our clinics tend not to do well; perhaps the judge could do lessons with individuals or Deana could organize private clinic sessions.
- Raena is working on our contracts with AHC for arena rentals. Erin Downey will get vets, EMT's, etc. Susan will give EMT chief Roy Sursa the dates of the recognized

- shows and pass his contact information on to Erin.
- Susie Merritt wondered if she was to order ribbons for all four shows, but awards coordinator Peggy Bowker is on top of the situation. ADA will order the prizes for the AHC shows.
  - Could we schedule a July schooling show for the day after the July AHC one-day show? We don't yet know what dates Lynn Paterna would prefer for her Huffman students.
  - Again this year, Linda prefers to separate the ADA *Omnibus* from the AHC *Omnibus*, and the board concurred. The deadline for material will be March 20.
  - We'll offer Training Level Test 1 on both days of each show, but for the higher levels Test 1 will be offered only on the first day. Prix Caprilli will be on the second day only (except for the August show, when it will be at the end of the first day).
  - Deana has arranged for Natalie Lamping to judge our August 2011 show and do a clinic. Marti will issue the contract.

**USEF rules:** Mary Kaye Hession will write up ADA's proposal to add Alaska to the "Hawaii exception" in GR1035.1 (limits on repeat hires of TD's). Linda should be kept in the loop.

**New officers for 2010:** The board elected Linda Kelley as the 2010 president, Marti Miller as vice president, Raena Schraer as treasurer, and Mary Kaye Hession as secretary. Mary Kaye will fill out the USDF form listing current officers. Raena recommended we review the *Handbook* this year and consider term limits. At this year's spring meeting we'll encourage new volunteers to come forward and "apprentice" for any position that interests them.

#### **Spring meeting/membership outreach:**

- Susan Ritter asked Kinley's for available lunch dates at the end of March or as late as April 18. Linda pointed out that later works better in terms of finishing the *Omnibus*, which we traditionally distribute at that meeting.
- Marti reminded us that last year we offered a one-page summary of membership and award program requirements; she or Carolyn Schultz (Marti will contact her) will present this year's version.
- People will also want to sign up for ADA and ASH programs; Linda will ask ASH's Brena Doolen if ASH signups can happen again this year. Thanks to Kerri Geppert, credit card payment are a possibility; Susan will ask Kerri to call Raena and explain what charges would be involved.
- Should we let people order ADA T-shirts at the meeting? We still have close to a dozen left; Raena recommended waiting until summer to offer them. We'd need to order 20/25 to get a discount.
- [Victoria reminded everyone that our embroiderer can't do the ADA logo. She suggested we spend \$100 to get a design our embroiderer could execute, or ask her what it would take to get the existing ADA logo used for patches transferred to or reconfigured for her machine.]
- A major spring meeting topic is the issue of low levels of vitamin A/vitamin E/selenium in Alaska horses. Linda will check whether Dr. Julie Grohs or Dr. Sammy Pittman can cover this in 15 to 30 minutes. We could provide a handout saying where supplements of these vitamins can be obtained.
- Angie Krylo suggested that supplement companies might even want to advertise in the *Omnibus* or on our website. She'll check what the *Alaska Horse Journal* charges for

ads. Suppliers might want to sponsor show championships if we compute what the ribbons and prizes cost.

- Do we need a Facebook page? We could start one and ask at the spring meeting for others to contribute, or would this be overkill that would stretch us too thin?
- Susan Ritter suggested another meeting topic: "Date" the judge! We need volunteers willing to take our judges out to dinner.

Next meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, 6:30 p.m. Shelbie proposed alternating Anchorage and Eagle River meeting sites during the winter. She'll look for an Anchorage meeting place for February, perhaps in Muldoon. If she can't find a place, the fallback is Jitters in Eagle River.

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FEBRUARY 2010 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The Feb. 22, 2010 ADA board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Susan Ritter, and Mary Kaye Hession. Marti Miller and Aimee Ritter were not present. Angie Krylo, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Charlene Cohen planned to attend but were running late and the meeting was scheduled to be short. Kerri Geppert also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported that we currently have \$14,897.59 in the bank and 41 members. She will send a membership list to Mary Kaye Hession to post on the website.

**AHC/WCCEC:** Our list of dressage building projects is still on tap for this summer; Susie Merritt is working on reordering repair parts for the old tent, which will become an awning.

**Show business:**

- Deana Johnson found a replacement judge for the June Anchorage Horse Council Show, Pamela Pence (R); she is the only licensed official with whom we do not yet have a signed contract. Springfest judge Deborah Spence told Raena to go ahead and put her clinic on the schedule and she'll do her best to make it work. The board confirmed that ADA will not sponsor a clinic after our August show with S judge Jacquie Lindberg, as late-season clinics have not gone well for us.
- Kerri Geppert will be show secretary for the July 24 AHC dressage show as well as for the other licensed shows. She can accept credit card payments for us without our incurring any extra fees. Kerri will need the software "key" from Brit Kaiser to run our Fox Village show management program.
- Due to a miscommunication, we don't have Shari Humble-Lamb as our judge for the May schooling show. However, she will stay to judge the July 25 schooling show (she is TD for the AHC dressage show the day before), and that date is good with AHC and with Lynn Paterna, who wants her students to ride in the show. Meantime, Midnite Run Pony Club District Commissioner Jayne Dittmer is finding a May judge for us who can also clinic with Pony Clubbers.
- AHC's Trottin' Inn will **not** be available for food service this year at our licensed shows. Possibly it will offer coffee service, or just train one of our volunteers to run the coffee

machine. Susan Ritter will contact Chef Stop Mobile Food, a food cart vendor, and offer \$100 or so to cover the lunch period during both days of each show.

- It's time to contact advertisers for this year's *Omnibus*; Linda's deadline is March 20. She will contact Fence Emporium. Kerri Geppert (Glacier Equestrian Events) will take a half-page ad.
- Kerri and Susan volunteered to find out about "dressage equitation," a recognized dressage class. Is it a rail class and does it count toward a competitor's daily three-ride limit? Is there a rule we could look at for purposes of describing it in the *Omnibus*?
- ASH added a new awards division for FEI classes, Div. 509. We'll need the details so that the award can be described on our website's awards page. However, there will be only one S judge this year who can judge FEI classes (other ASH awards require scores from at least three different judges).

**USEF rules:** Mary Kaye Hession will contact Region 6 and ask for support for ADA's proposal to add Alaska to the "Hawaii exception" in GR1035.1 (limits on repeat hires of TD's).

**Spring meeting/membership outreach:**

- Susan arranged for our spring meeting to be in a nice room at the U of A Commons on Saturday, April 10, 2-5 p.m.; \$25 per person will be enough to cover our costs. She will arrange for a chicken and a vegetarian option, with something beyond coffee and tea to drink. We'll include an invitation in the spring newsletter, after narrowing down our meeting topics at the March board meeting.
- Kerri offered to bring ASH membership forms—plus envelopes and stamps!—to the spring meeting. We'll need to make crystal clear that these ASH forms must be postmarked. (At our spring meeting last year, ASH waived this requirement and accepted hand-delivery.)
- Susan suggested recognition at the meeting for Aimee Ritter's 2009 accomplishments. That idea was expanded to cover all of our riders who won USDF All-Breed awards (a list is posted on the ADA website) and other USDF awards last year.
- The board decided we should use one of last year's dressage graphic files to come up with a design that our embroiderer can use (screen-printing doesn't work on fleece garments). Raena will get the files to her or have Victoria Fredenhagen contact her to be sure the design can be embroidered. We're willing to spend \$100 or so on the design.
- Next year Susan is willing to represent ADA at the USDF convention. She will apply for a Ruth Arvanette grant from USDF for this purpose.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2010, 6:30 p.m. Susan will investigate if we can use Anchorage School District meeting space, or the Muldoon Library, but unless otherwise notified the meeting will be at Jitters in Eagle River.

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
MARCH 2010 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The March 22, 2010 ADA board meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Susan Ritter, Mary Kaye Hession, Marti Miller, Aimee Ritter, Angie Krylo, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Charlene Cohen. Raena Schraer was out of town.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer had reported by e-mail that we currently have \$13,681 in the bank.

**Show business:**

- Marti Miller mailed a contract to our last-hired judge, Pamela Pentz, on March 5. There will be a clinic with Deborah Spence after our June show. July judge Diane Royce suggested several edits that Marti incorporated into our standard contract.
- Susan Ritter checked the USEF rules and confirmed that food must be provided during licensed shows. Chef Stop is unavailable due to competing engagements. We can use WCCEC's Trottin' Inn for refrigeration, but that would require a food service permit. Susan will see if UAA Food Services could provide food. Or could we have people sign up for box lunches by 10 a.m. and find a volunteer to go purchase them? Marti knows a barista who could run the coffee machine—Marti says she'll pay!
- We don't have specifics on dressage equitation classes yet, but some board members have watched them: Aimee Ritter reports they're divided by level, Shelbie Fredenhagen says they use a big arena, and Charlene Cohen says it's a group class, but the judge might ask each rider to demonstrate a leg yield or other appropriate move. Susan will ask Charlotte Trentelman (the judge who'd recommended them) for the specifics but we'll wait until next year to offer them.
- Dr. Julie Grohs will be our veterinarian on call for all four shows. Marti will call her in advance of each show to confirm her availability, and ask if she prefers to have a contract. We suddenly recalled that Erin Downey is responsible for arranging for the vet and farrier, and Raena is responsible to check that this has been done.
- Judy McHerron is our May schooling show judge and clinician (before and after the show, May 14 and 16). Mary Kaye Hession will call Midnite Run DC Jayne Dittmer to find out how Judy's expenses will be split between ADA and Midnite Run (or does Raena already know this?), and whether Jayne plans to organize the whole clinic, or

just the Pony Club blocks of time. She'll let Linda Kelley know what she finds for the *Omnibus*.

- For the July 25 schooling show, the judge is Shari Humble-Lamb, who is the TD for the licensed show on July 24. Charlene called Susie Merritt to confirm that Susie will manage the schooling shows.
- There will be at least three Valley schooling shows with dressage, all one-day shows, all managed by Silver Legacy's Debbie Erickson.
- Jeremy Beale will judge our spring 2011 schooling show and clinic with ADA and the Pony Club. Raena will apply for a Dressage Foundation grant for this event.
- Mary Kaye will submit information on our licensed shows for the *Anchorage Daily News'* publication *61 Degrees North*.

### **Spring meeting/membership outreach:**

- The spring meeting will be 1-4 p.m. on April 10. There will be a vegetarian and a chicken entree plus beverage service; Susan will ask for lemonade to be included. UAA Food Services bills on a per-head basis, with our final count due Wednesday or Thursday before the event; our cost would be \$798 for 30-35 people. We'll need to get the invitation out right away.
- As to topics, Susan conferred with Victoria Fredenhagen on how to present our need for volunteers/bit-checkers/judge "hostesses" for dinner, etc. Shelbie suggested we use a sign-up sheet at each table as the Anchorage Horse Council did at its recent meeting.
- We won't have a veterinarian presentation or vitamin information, but Shelbie suggested we cover the new drug rule that phases in this year and takes full effect next year. Susan and Aimee will do this using a USEF handout.
- We'll also cover the new USEF level chart for dressage shows, DR 126. Carolyn Schultz and Marti will cover membership/award requirements. Kerri Geppert had promised to bring ASH forms, but won't be there after all; who will bring them? Shelbie will explain how to withdraw properly from a test that's already in progress.
- Shelbie will bring our leftover T-shirts to sell at the spring meeting. She showed a sample design of a dressage logo that Becky Clapper of Alaska Monogram can embroider on any garment for \$12. She will also bring the ADA banner to the meeting if she can safely extract it from storage at WCCEC (still deep in snow).
- The new *Omnibus* will be available at the meeting. Changes for this year: We need to add a bounced check charge—Angie Krylo says banks charge \$15/35 nowadays to recipients of the check, so our fee needs to cover this. Also, we aren't required to break ties any longer, so the *Omnibus* will say "ties MAY be broken...." Details on ASH's new FEI award division aren't yet finalized, but hopefully will be in time to be included in the awards section.
- Susan will research the 2011 USDF convention, which she would like to attend.
- Mary Kaye will check whether our 30th anniversary is this year. [We actually missed it—ADA was founded December 29, 1979—but it's not too late to celebrate!]

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 26, 2010, 7 p.m. Unless otherwise notified the meeting will be at Jitters in Eagle River.

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
APRIL 2010 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The April 26, 2010 ADA board meeting was called to order with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Raena Schraer, Marti Miller, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, Angie Krylo, Shelby Fredenhagen, and Charlene Cohen. Mary Kaye Hession was out of town. Laura Fitzgerald also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported that we currently have about \$10,000 in the bank with all bills paid. We lost \$400 at the spring meeting.

**Dressage and AQHA:** Laura Fitzgerald, president of the Alaska State Quarter Horse Association (ASQHA), spoke to the board on a plan by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) to bring dressage to the quarter horse world. After a nine-year effort, AQHA has figured out how to add dressage to its awards program. Owners of Incentive Fund quarter horses win money each year based on their horse's show placings, which are converted to points. That wouldn't work for dressage, so instead the horse's scores will be converted to points. A score of 70% in Training Level Test 4 (the lowest class that will count) will be worth four points, for instance. To host dressage classes that can count for AQHA points, the judge must be a member of AQHA, and there's a \$50 fee per show. The ASQHA would be willing to pay the judge's membership fee and the per-show fee to get the program off the ground locally. ASQHA would like to try this at the July 24 show (or even our June 5-6 show, although that's a long shot). Laura will confirm with her board that ASQHA wants to go ahead, then confer with Deana Johnson, Raena Schraer, or both to make it happen. Meantime, she is sponsoring a year-end ASQHA award that requires four scores in dressage performance classes at AQHA shows.

**WCCEC/AHC:**

- All the building projects remain as listed on the monthly agenda. Susie Merritt is ordering replacement tent/awning parts, Linda Kelley is working to acquire a portable microphone, Linda is also seeking mulch for around the office building and has finished repainting the red arena markers [we should remove the markers before stacking the arena railings at the end of each season so that the markers stay free of scratches], Shelby Fredenhagen and Aimee Ritter will clean out our storage stall under Linda's supervision, Susan Ritter will get some artificial flower arrangements for arena



- decorations, and Charlene Cohen will prepare some real flowers.
- We would like to start rehabilitating the dressage arena at some point in the near future. We need to get in touch with Carolyn Schultz and Deana Johnson to find out who was involved in its original construction and what problems and costs were involved. Susan suggested that Jeff Ritter might be willing to work on the project. Susan and Aimee will research the original construction and issues; we'll go on from there.
  - The Chamberlin cleanup is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, which is also the citywide creek cleanup day.
  - Equifest is scheduled for the day after school gets out, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dressage ought to be represented. Linda, Susan, and Aimee may put something together.

#### **Show business:**

- It's possible that Sigrun Robertson will be unable to serve as TD for the Chamberlin June 26-27 show. Raena and Deana will sort this out with her.
- Susan will continue to research dressage equitation classes for 2011.
- The Friday clinic before the May 15 schooling show will be ADA's day, with Raena as the contact. The Sunday clinic will be for Midnite Run Pony Club, with Jayne Dittmer as the contact. Judge/clinician Judy McHerron will stay at Jayne's place. If Raena is called out of town, Shelbie will take over as ADA clinic coordinator (pick up Judy, collect checks from riders, etc.).
- Shari Humble-Lamb will judge the July 25<sup>th</sup> schooling show.
- Three Valley schooling shows are in the works for May 15, June 19, and August 21.
- Mary Kaye Hession will continue to pursue a USEF rule change that would let Alaskan shows hire a TD more than twice in a row.
- Jessica Schley plans to braid manes for Springfest and donate all the proceeds to the Cherrie Ruesch medical fund. Midnite Run Pony Club DC Jayne Dittmer is the contact person.

#### **Membership outreach:**

- It's time for another periodic update of our membership *Handbook*. Among other matters, we should clarify our awards program: Do we need a champion and reserve champion if there are only two people—or one—in the division? We will form a handbook review committee in the fall; Marti Miller, Victoria Fredenhagen, and Charlene Cohen are all candidates. Carolyn Schultz told Raena that she is willing to answer the committee's questions, but she does not want to be a member of the committee.
- This year's Springfest will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> year of ADA shows. Perhaps our year-end awards this fall could be engraved with a line to commemorate that anniversary.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 24, 2010, 7 p.m., at Jitters in Eagle River.

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**Attendance:** The May 24, 2010 ADA board meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, and Charlene Cohen. Raena Schraer and Angie Krylo were out of town. Shelbie Fredenhagen was not present but Victoria Fredenhagen attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer had circulated a treasurer's report showing we have \$8293.32 in the bank, with an additional \$2920 deposited on May 24. We lost \$71 on the schooling show. *Omnibus* sponsor Uncle Joe's Pizzeria's check is in the mail; we don't know the status of other sponsors' contributions.

**WCCEC/AHC:**

- All the building projects remain as listed on the monthly agenda, except that we've found our sound system has no microphone jack (unlike older systems) and can't be connected to a portable microphone. Our only option would be a battery-powered microphone that sends a radio signal to the sound system's tuner on a given frequency. This year, however, we'll be able to use the WCCEC's microphone for all our shows, as there are no combined shows. It's our understanding that Susie Merritt has ordered replacement tent/awning parts; Shelbie Fredenhagen, Aimee Ritter, and Linda Kelley will organize our storage stall; and both artificial and real flowers have been obtained for arena decorations (we'll move the big artificial flowers out to the arena entrance).
- Linda and Aimee put together a pas de deux ride to represent dressage at Equifest 2010 on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Aimee reported it was fun, but the footing was deep. Victoria Fredenhagen suggested that Linda send her chronicle on Alaska dressage (prepared for the Equifest announcer to read) to the *Anchorage Daily News* and USDF Region 6.
- AHC's Lori Hackenberger asked Linda for our "wish list", due date June 1, for improving the dressage arena. Linda started a list and posted it at the schooling show for people to add their ideas. Suggestions so far: Remove some of the extra sand from the dressage warmup arena (it's too deep) and give it to Rainbow Connection for its new covered arena; supply a permanent power line for our office building; replace the bleacher foot-boards. Ralph Clampitt, who chaired the AHC when the arena was originally built, would like to work on the project, and Jeff Ritter plans to submit his own

proposal. Deana Johnson wants to help too. Susan suggested we offer to set up a committee to work with AHC throughout the project. We should notify the membership that we want everyone's ideas by the first of June.

**Show business:**

- It's ADA's 30<sup>th</sup> year holding horse shows. Charlene Cohen will ask Frieda Koper to make a cake highlighting our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to be served during the awards ceremony at our first show. (She'll also ask if Frieda can make "ribbon cookies" for our July schooling show.)
- Springfest: Susan Ritter will check with Robin Holm about picking up our Springfest judge at the airport and maybe taking her out to dinner. She will try to get the Midnite Run Pony Club, which will be finishing up a camp just before the show, to set up a practice dressage arena in the big ring. She's looking for scribes and bit-checkers; show secretary Kerri Geppert plans to do the scoring. Deana Johnson is organizing the post-show clinic. Jessica Schley will offer braiding services, with the proceeds going to the Cherrie Ruesch medical fund. Erin Downey confirmed the availability of our show farrier, vet, and EMT's. Victoria Fredenhagen was concerned that riders will think ADA is responsible for their vet and farrier bills, but this has not been a problem in the past, and we are required by USEF to have a farrier on site and a vet on call.
- WCCEC Dressage Show I: Although Sigrun Robinson had planned to be out of town, she will honor her commitment to serve as TD for this show if we can't find a substitute.
- WCCEC Dressage Show II: It's possible that Jayne Dittmer won't be able to provide food service for this show and might not be able to find someone to cover for her. A Costco run, perhaps? Jayne did a great job at the spring schooling show.
- Our second schooling show is July 25; the Valley schooling shows are May 15, June 19 [cancelled—may be rescheduled], and Aug. 21. The Valley arrangements are somewhat uncertain because of cosponsor Cherrie Ruesch's illness. Linda did collect scores from the May 15 ADA and Valley shows and will forward them to Mary Kaye Hession for the ADA website.

**USDF convention:** Convention delegates need to declare by Oct. 15. Susan will research where the convention will be held and find out the deadline to apply for a Ruth Arvanette grant to attend it.

**USEF rule change proposal:** Mary Kaye will check in again with the Anchorage Horse Council, Alaska Hunter Jumper Association, ASH, and Zone 12 about supporting or co-sponsoring ADA's proposal to exempt Alaska from a USEF rule that prevents show managers from hiring the same steward or TD more than twice in a row. The deadline for rule change proposals is June 1 for non-USEF affiliates.

**Membership outreach:**

- In the fall we'll do an update to our membership *Handbook*. The committee will be Victoria, Charlene, and Marti Miller.
- Everyone loves the new embroidery design for ADA merchandise. Thanks, Victoria!

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. Our next meeting will be during WCCEC Dressage Show I on Sunday, June 26. There will probably be a show committee meeting next week after Raena returns.

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**Attendance:** The June 27, 2010 meeting began at 2:06 pm with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Charlene Cohen, Raena Schraer, Linda Kelley, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Angie Krylo, Susan Ritter, Aimee Ritter, and Shelbie Fredenhagen. Kerri Geppert and Sigrun Robertson also attended.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer reported we have \$11,590 in the bank with a current membership of 65 (fewer than last year at this time). Our expenses for ADA Springfest were \$6,655 with income of \$5,455, so we lost \$1,200.

**Show business:**

- Expenses for Springfest included a pro-rata cost of \$710 for awards, which struck Raena as high: we're spending more for show awards than year-end awards. Raena recommended we wait until after the first 2011 show to order ribbons.
- Another expense was renting an extra arena for warmups, which we hadn't done before and which few people used.
- Show committee member Marti Miller pointed out that we hired Dr. Kelly Reagan for \$300 to be our on-call show vet at Springfest because a last-minute scheduling problem made it impossible for Dr. Julie Grohs to serve. Raena, show official coordinator Erin Downey, and show manager Susan Ritter will work together in hopes of getting Dr. Julie confirmed for the next show, as she typically does not bill us for being on call.
- Farrier Eric Grohs is not available for our August show, nor is Neil Meglitsch due to a medical issue.
- Show manager Susan noted that WCCEC's paid manager hadn't finished mowing the grass around the arena as of the night before WCCEC Dressage Show I, requiring Jeff Ritter to do a last-minute mowing job to make the show grounds presentable.
- Arrangements are in place for WCCEC Dressage Show II, except that we don't have food service covered (Midnite Run Pony Club's Jayne Dittmer can't do it). Raena promised the show committee would solve the problem. Erika Kelsey might volunteer.
- Kerri Geppert reported that dressage equitation classes don't count against a competitor's limit of three dressage tests per day. She also pointed out that the ASH

Medal format doesn't work as well for dressage as it does for hunt seat equitation (where the top riders can be asked to switch horses for a ride-off). A rider who does not have access to a second horse is out of the running. She recommended a rule change based on the national Dressage Equitation model, where there is no horse switch. The division would be limited to juniors, young riders, and amateurs. Linda asked her to do an e-mail briefing to the board as well as a presentation at the September board meeting, as ASH rule changes must be proposed by Oct. 1.

**AHC/Chamberlin:**

- Before presenting ADA's wish list of improvements for the Chamberlin dressage arena, Linda asked for recommendations from our Springfest judge. The basics Linda presented to the Anchorage Horse Council were to remove the rotting railroad ties, re-slope the arena base away from C or level and crown for drainage, expand the arena surface slightly so that the arena standards can be on the footing, install something to contain the footing, install permanent markers on the corners, provide a level base for arena letters, install an electric line to the dressage office, improve the track, replace the bleacher foot-boards, repaint the wooden railing around the dressage arena, and—only if necessary—add more rubber and/or sand. Susan pointed out that it had been raining for two days during the WCCEC I show, yet there were no puddles in the ring; during the arena dragging, which takes 90 minutes to do right, Jeff Ritter had sloped the surface carefully so that there was no high spot. Susan again suggested we ask for a committee to work with AHC during the revisions. No one wanted the arena base touched unless absolutely necessary (e.g. to fill the dips at B and P).
- Sigrun Robertson pointed out that older judges may have trouble climbing onto the tall stool in the judge's booth; perhaps we could install a raised platform in the booth and then use a conventional-height chair.
- The WCCEC Dressage 1 judge also suggested we move the judge's booth back a bit (USEF rules require the judge at C to be at least three meters but no more than five meters from the arena).
- The arena railings (outside the track) could use new paint.
- We've told dressage competitors they should clean out manure and wet spots from their stalls but that they do not need to strip the stalls. Susan will check with AHC's Lori Hackenberger to be sure that's what Lori envisioned. We noted that there is no requirement for stall cleaning in our contract, nor in the AHC's 2010 online policies, and without a deposit system, enforcement will be problematic.
- The tent we used outside the office for WCCEC I belongs to Kerry Geppert. This model can be purchased for \$79 at Sports Authority. It might make sense to purchase one rather than trying to order replacement parts for our old tent.
- Sigrun also suggested that the scorer should sit in the back room of the dressage office. The scorer does not usually read scores aloud, but someone might eavesdrop.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m. We won't plan on having a July meeting. Instead, the next meeting will be August 23 at the dressage office. If any issues come up that need to be addressed before then, we will circulate them by e-mail. Because the nominating committee will need to be appointed at the August meeting, Marti will begin making arrangements now.

## **ADA Meeting**

**Attendance:** Charlene Cohen, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Linda Kelley, Victoria Fredenhagen, Marti Miller, Angie Krylo

**Start time** 7:10pm

**Minutes:** farriers is spelled with an "a"/ otherwise minutes are approved

**ADA Website:** Charlene and Raena are working on becoming website savvy. Still need to put dates of upcoming events on the website, add percentage minimums for year end awards which can be found in the omnibus. Also need to update the Christine Erikson award for 2009 and 2010 and update who is on what committee so members are able to contact the right person.

**Treasurer's Report:** Raena sent the Treasurer's Report via email: "\$4300 ish in the bank right now, no major checks yet to be cashed. Horse council still owes us \$2000 ish. No changes to report since the last meeting. This is enough to pay for the banquet. Hopefully it will be well attended and the silent auction will be a hit. We can all help by calling around to people we know who might want to attend and encouraging them to go, and also we can help by getting out silent auction items to Lisa Susich and Ardene beforehand so that they can organize a good silent auction."

Deana has brought up the fact that USDF group rates has gone from 17 to 20. Membership is 35 for ADA.... should we increase membership fee? Angie will mention that USDF is increasing their fees in the next Centerline letter so everyone is aware of it.

**Old Business:** Susie said that she will order the missing parts for the tent at the Clean Up. ADA stall at the Center is clean and organized

**Show business:** Show dates and judges are set for 2011. We have one TD to set up. Jean Krauss could be a possibility of another TD if Sigrum isn't able to do the shows. Marti still needs to send paperwork to Dr. Grohs for the shows (being on call vet). Angie and Linda counted the ribbons.. Angie needs to back track and find the list then send it to Peggy. Susan and Linda counted out all the prizes and has already sent the list to Peggy. We still need to find our more information for the Opportunity Classes. Such as figuring out what levels we have, what the entry fee will be, etc. ASH is looking at adding Opportunity classes as well for the hunter/jumper shows.

**ADA Banquet:** Victoria was not sure if the Ballots were received or not (waiting to hear from Carolyn and/or Raena about checking the mailbox). We will just announce who the new board is at the banquet. Lisa and Ardeen are in charge of the silent auction, Marti and Shelbie are announcing the awards. Linda will be making tasty sweets as door prizes. Need to ask Raena if she would do the volunteer awards. Deana found a lovely award to give to Mary Kaye. Peggy and Nicole earned Bronze and should be recognized at the award banquet. 60% awards, patches and non patches – need to check with Raena how many we have. Victoria will announce the next board.

**Update Handbook** – Marti will have the handbook done by February and then we can approve it at the February meeting. She will have a draft done by January which the board will review at the January meeting.

**New Business:** Sheblie talked to Anna and she will be willing to do photography at the summer shows. She wanted to know if there were any fees. We would like to see about ADA getting a cut from the proceeds. If she commits to the shows she can have a half page ad in the omnibus. If she comes to the 2

ADA shows ad will go in ADA omnibus. We need to find out of WCCEC charges vendors. If she does both WCCEC shows half page ad in WCCEC omnibus.

**Additional Important Tidbits:**

Victoria found a website with virtual dressage test. She will email the link to Angie so she can add to the newsletter

HI/AK – Mary Kaye is our contact

No new news from WCCEC on the Dressage arena. It should be the same as 2010

ASH forum- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at Jitters, time TBA

**January 24<sup>th</sup> will be the next board meeting**

**Meeting ended 8:15pm**

ADA meeting September 27, 2010

**Attendance:** The meeting started at 7:10pm with Angie Krylo, Raena Schraer, Marti Miller, Linda Kelley, Shelbie Fredenhagen, Victoria Fredenhagen in attendance.

**Minutes Amendments:** Raena does not want to be webmaster and Linda does not know how to work the website. We need to find out about the Opportunity Classes for training level and first level. Minutes approved via adjustments above

**Treasurer's Report:** We have no money... give us more money. Lowest level of cash since Raena has been with ADA. One horse show costs around \$6k. We need to think of ways to cut down on costs such as not paying for show secretary and manager (have volunteers for those roles). Try not to pay vet fee for being on call. (Dr Grohs generally will volunteer – Dr Kelly generally wants to be paid to be on call) Raena has a vet friend who moved to Anchorage who might help. We will try to see if ferriars volunteer time to be on call at shows. We do not need a 2<sup>nd</sup> arena for show. We can save money by only renting the one show arena.

**Show Business:** Marti will send Dr. Grohs a letter letting her know show dates. Deana Johnson is looking at making sure judges are in order. Raena is going to meet with AHC before show season to make sure things are good to go. We also need a master list of all ferriars and vets in the local area for reference.

Lisa Susich will work on getting ADA donations threw Midnite Sun Pony Club and is also working on the silent auction with Ardene Eaton. She is marketing to find show and class sponsors as well as ads in omnibus. We discussed ADA logo on more products then just shirts, such as saddle pads, jackets, etc. We also need pop up tents donated. We will have a wish list of things that ADA needs donated.

We talked about having a photographer at shows. See if we can make any money from the agreement with the photographer... Anna Tailson was brought up as a suggestion. Anna can have ad in ADA publications. Another option would be a random photographer from an email that was sent to Raena and Shelbie.

Need to take inventory of ribbons – Shelbie will call Peggy to do inventory on ribbons. Then we will have the inventory on paper. Does she have open show vs. schooling show ribbons? Also see what prizes she has left too.

Dressage Equitation Class: only applies to juniors for USDF – still looking into if we can do it or not. See if it is legitimate USDF or something we could make an ADA class (non USDF)

**Clean Up Day:** Linda and Shelbie are going to clean out the ADA stall on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> for WCECC Clean up day – we need to take down the arena and scrub down the letters. We need to contact Susie Merritt to see if she knows where we can get the parts to fix the tent, otherwise we need to toss it.

**Nominated committee:** We have the ballots and bios ready to go, they just need to be stuffed and mailed. Bios have been emailed to Angie already and she will have them posted in the next newsletter.



Raena gave Victoria stamps and Marti helped with answering Victoria's questions. There are around 57 households are members

**ADA Banquet:** NOV 20<sup>th</sup> is the ADA banquet. Mary Kaye has won the Christine Anderson Award – whatever ADA cannot afford to purchase for that award Deana and Linda will pay the difference. Mary Kaye is 5<sup>th</sup> award winner. Silent auction contacts Lisa and Ardeen. Since we are a nonprofit – donations are tax deductible. Just make sure the folks who donate get a receipt from Raena (non profit donation slip for taxes). Have blank gift donation letter that can be filled out easily.

There were only 2 qualified winners of the Schooling Show Awards. The senior winner (Linda Kelley) volunteered to pay for the junior winner's (Mallory Reeves) award.

Email or call Linda to RSVP to banquet.

We need to get the email list with past and current ADA members and be sure to invite everyone to the Banquet this year. We will use Deana's email list and sponsor email list.

**Other notes:** Carolyn Shultz will write an article about 30 yrs of ADA – Raena will contact her

Alaska/HI: Mary Kaye is still the contact.

Hand book is in review.

Website is a work in progress.

We discussed Perfect World Dressage being posted in the upcoming news letter. The secret code for free membership is: GMOGOLD. The cost is \$15 a year, but the 1<sup>st</sup> yr free. It could be an education opportunity.

No one has heard anything about the Chamberlin dressage ring. It will probably be the same as it is this year for next year.

**The Annual Convention:** –proxy has been sent that we have no representative. Maybe Ceri Bannet will be able to attend and represent us since she is already in FL.

**ASH forum :** is Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at Jitters in Eagle River: time TBD

**Next Board meeting at Jitters October 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

Tudor and C St office can be used as an option for the next meeting

Meeting ended 8:35pm

**MINUTES OF ALASKA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION'S  
AUGUST 2010 MEETING**

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**Attendance:** The August 23, 2010 meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum of Linda Kelley, Charlene Cohen, Marti Miller, Mary Kaye Hession, Angie Krylo, Susan Ritter, and Aimee Ritter. Shelbie Fredenhagen and Raena Schraer were out of town. Jeff Ritter and Barbara Dey also attended.

**Minutes:** The June meeting minutes were approved. (There was no July meeting.)

**Treasurer's report:** Raena Schraer was out of town, but had reported that we lost money throughout this show season and she is not sure the ADA budget can withstand another such year.

**AHC/Chamberlin:**

- Most of the dressage building improvement projects remain on our to-do list. The arena flowers looked great this year. We're not sure the replacement tent parts have been ordered; it might be simpler to get a pop-up tent for extra shelter.
- There's no date scheduled for a Chamberlin fall cleanup yet; Susan Ritter will check with AHC's Lori Hackenberger about this. The dressage storage stall still needs organizing. Shelbie Fredenhagen's horse will be stabled at Chamberlin to the end of September and it would be nice to leave the dressage arena up until then so that she can use it. We could help her take it down afterward.
- We've heard nothing further on the proposed dressage arena improvements. Susan recommended we ask Lori Hackenberger to contact ADA before any work is done so there are no surprises.

**Show business:**

- The show committee noted that Dr. Julie Grohs had never charged us to be veterinarian-on-call at our shows, but this year she couldn't accommodate us and it was necessary to pay for a substitute vet.
- Eric Grohs has not yet been paid to be farrier for the one-day show, and Marti Miller noted that her husband had not been paid either for his day of farrier service. Susan will coordinate with Raena to be sure this gets done.
- We have all four judges for next year but have only sent out one contract so far.
- Next year's ADA shows are June 4-5 and Aug. 6-7. Sue Madden Mandas will judge

our first show. A combined TD/steward will serve at the first hunter-jumper show in the Valley and then cover our first show.

- The show committee needs to confirm whether AHC plans to offer both dressage shows next year. We will send contracts out to the ADA judges but hold off for the AHC shows until their status is confirmed.
- We need to check our contract with AHC too; mowing around the arena was an issue at two shows this year, as was stall-cleaning. Perhaps we should say in the *Omnibus* that we expect the stalls to be left in a specified condition, maybe "Remove all soiled bedding and manure." The show committee will meet with Lori to be sure what she wants.
- Kerri Geppert has learned that dressage equitation classes are now only for junior riders (they used to allow adult amateurs too). Aimee Ritter pointed out that we could have an ADA class that follows the dressage equitation format but allows both classes of riders. Kerri had suggested that the ASH Dressage Medal division could follow this format, too.
- Charlene Cohen recommended we offer opportunity classes next year. For our category of shows, we could legally offer two classes at Training Level and First Level. This could help to encourage new riders. Linda Kelley pointed out there's a downside, though: opportunity classes don't count for awards and riders can't cross-enter into other classes.

#### **ADA administration:**

- By Oct. 15 ADA needs to designate someone to represent us as our proxy at the USDF convention.
- With Mary Kaye Hession's impending move, we need to find someone to take over the ADA website administration. August Axtell's husband might be willing; Aimee and Raena are also interested in learning the process, and Linda already knows it.
- Thanks to Angie Krylo, who is willing to be secretary and newsletter editor.
- Charlene is hopeful that Victoria Fredenhagen would serve on this year's nominating committee. Marti Miller will check with Deana Johnson and Carolyn Schultz; possibly Susie Merritt would do it too. Charlene will email the names of proposed nominating committee members for our approval. As for board candidates, Linda, Susan, Charlene, and Aimee are all willing to be nominated again. Shelbie will be old enough to serve as a senior board member for 2011 but might be out of state for much of the year; she'll know soon whether that will happen. Other possible nominees include Rebecca Carrington, Sue Banet, Ardene Eaton, Anne Hancock, Kari Hancock, Carolyn Haddad, and Amelia Haddad.

**Handbook update:** The membership handbook update is underway.

#### **Awards banquet:**

- The banquet is set for Oct. 30 at O'Malley's.
- Awards chair Peggy Bowker reported that we've been frugal in our award choices to stay within our \$750 budget. As for show awards for next summer, we have lots of prizes left over that we can use then.
- Marti will start computing awards standings and Linda will cross-check them. Charlene will also help.
- We had originally intended to offer schooling show circuit awards. However, Linda

reported that only the first valley show took place. Other than Linda herself, there was only one other rider, a little girl who didn't show in either of the Anchorage shows. Linda will review the names of those who showed at the Anchorage schooling shows, and at the next board meeting we'll decide whether to do schooling show awards.

- Charlene will ask Ardene Eaton whether she will coordinate the silent auction at our awards banquet.
- As for the 2010 ASH awards, the pledge date has been extended to Sept. 4. Only a handful of divisions (and no dressage divisions) have reached the "funded for awards" level so far.

**Next meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m., at Jitters in Eagle River.