



Alaska Dressage Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2019

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Roll Call/Attendance:

Present: Rosa Meehan, Shelby Blades, Char Cohen, August Axtell, Brittany Flowers, Hilary Starzinsky, Blaine Sendon, & Killian Deano

Board Elections:

The Board reviewed the contents of the ADA handbook and bylaws, as well as the responsibilities of Board positions. The documents can be located on the ADA website under the "Governance" link. The following individuals have been elected to positions for the 2019 ADA Board:

- President - Rosa Meehan
- Vice-president - Shelby Blades
- Secretary - August Axtell
- Treasurer - Char Cohen
- Sr. Board Members: Brittany Flowers, Hilary Starzinsky, & Kathy Haghghi
- Jr. Board Members: Blaine Sendon, Killian Deano

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

The Board will begin review of minutes effective the new calendar year. Minutes will be sent in advance to the Board via email and any modifications or motions for approval will be conducted electronically in advance of the following meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$10,116.73; this is an ideal balance to start the year with. Reviewed banquet expenses and revenues, as well as membership renewals and donations to the ADA. The board discussed the option of hosting additional fundraising events. Please send any new membership requests to Char Cohen.

Open Issues (Old Business):

a. *Committee Reports*

Show Committee (Raena Schraer, Ardene Eaton, Rosa Meehan, & Carolyn Schults) –

- i. A committee is working on the redesign of this summer's Omnibus. Chris Axtell is receiving updates from the committee and is developing a design for their review.
- ii. Membership meeting is expected to be held in mid-April
- iii. Lodging for judges has been coordinated. Judges will no longer be staying at member's homes. Instead a bed and breakfast has been reserved.

New Business:*a. Document Sharing*

- i. The Board discussed the options of Google Drive and Microsoft Office 365 for the creation, editing, sharing, and storing of documents. Microsoft Office 365 has an option available for free use available to non-profits. The Board received 100% approval to proceed forward with implementing Microsoft Office 365. Chris Axtell will provide training to the Board in the use of Office 365.

b. Official ADA Shows

- i. June Show Overlap – Rosa Meehan has spoken with the Center to collaborate on how best to host both the Quarter Horse and the ADA Dressage Show. Rosa will share the email communication with Shelby to get the discussion going again. Will need to identify if each show has the same requirements and times.
- ii. Dates for Shows in 2020 – The Board discussed whether to host the July show on the 2nd or the 3rd week of July. After discussion, the board approved proceeding with the show dates of July 10-12, 2020.
- iii. Identifying Show Management – The Board will work on shared documents.
- iv. EMT/Medical – Tabled for further research; identifying requirements needed. Rosa Meehan will follow-up and copy Hilary.
- v. Award Committee – Shelby Blades will take the lead on this effort and will work with Linda Kelley.
- vi. Safe Sport Training Outreach – Share reminders with ADA members. Advertise reminders via Facebook and create an Instagram account for ADA. August Axtell to add a reminder on the ADA website.
- vii. Status of Western Dressage – Tabled to next meeting.

c. Formation of Handbook Review by Committee and Bylaws Review Committee

- i. Shelby Blades will coordinate the committee with Char Cohen

d. Brainstorm Some Activities/Fundraisers That Are Not Horse Shows

- i. Board members to brainstorm ideas for possible activities and fundraisers (besides horseshows) to share at the next meeting.

Action Items & Agenda Items For Next Meeting:

- a. Email any proposed agenda items to Rosa Meehan for review and consideration.
- b. February meeting – Sigrun will report on the Nationals meeting she had attended.

Adjourn: 7:30pm

Next ADA Board Meeting:

February 20, 2019 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the BP Energy Center