



Alaska Dressage Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2019

Call to Order: 6:13pm

Roll Call/Attendance:

Present: Rosa Meehan, Brittany Flowers, Hilary Starzinsky, Blaine Sendon, Kathy Haghghi, Sigrun Robertson.

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.

Minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting. Hilary Starzinsky moved they be accepted, seconded by Brittany Flowers. They stand approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$10,116.73. No further report. It was suggested by Rosa that a list of past and potential sponsors be created to review and approach for the coming year, Share sponsor ideas with Char.

Open Issues (Old Business):

a. Committee Reports

Show Committee (Raena Schraer, Ardene Eaton, Rosa Meehan, & Carolyn Schultz) – 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. Please remember to signify Gold Stars and acknowledge volunteers.

b. Safe Sport Training

Discussed the training and the time commitment needed to complete. The show secretary will need to have a list of who showing has completed their training. It is required for riders to have completed this prior to competing. Hilary offered to broadcast reminders with members via Facebook. She will contact Raena and Shelby for Facebook access information. She will also provide what is prepared with Rosa so that she can share information with Deana to email membership. It should be clear on communication that this is not just an ADA requirement, it is a federal law for all sports associations.

c. Document Sharing

The Board discussed at the last meeting 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. Chris did get what is needed to proceed. He will follow-up with the Board.

d. Representative to Anchorage Horse Council

Rosa attended the recent Anchorage Horse Council Meeting. Ideally, ADA do well to have someone connected to the membership run for the AHC Board to have a voice. Sigrun will consider this if no one else steps forward.

e. Official ADA Shows (June 8 and 9, July 12,13,14, August 10,11)

- i. June Show Overlap – Rosa apologized for the miscommunication regarding who would follow up with the AQHA. Beth Austin stated that the Horse Council asked them to schedule their show for that weekend. Raena shared a written report via email regarding her findings. It is good that we have had these conversations so early in year. Plans to accommodate both shows are underway. Good communication as we move forward will make this seamless.
- ii. Identifying Show Management – The Board will work on shared documents in Google Doc. Raena is working on this.
- iii. EMT/Medical – Hilary updated her research to groups others than EMT organization. She is double checking on rules we need to adhere to for further decision making.
- iv. Awards Committee
 - Ribbons Inventory - Hilary stated she would be happy to help with this.
 - Award Calculation – Linda Kelley and Shelby Blades will work together
- v. Status of Western Dressage – Sigrun stated that western dressage will no longer be judged by dressage judges, therefore we are not able to fold that into our show season.

New Business:

b. Report from National Meeting

Sigrun was our representative to the national meeting. She states that Region 6 (which we are part of) would like for us to become more active in their offerings as possible. We have the ability to be more vocal and take advantage of clinics, grants and educational offerings. We can also participate and nominate members for awards and other recognition. Rule changes, scoring discussions and bylaw changes were discussed. A full report was given to Rosa for the files.

c. Spring Meeting

Zo Hawkins stated to Darlene Capps that she is willing to host the ADA spring meeting at her facility. It was moved by Kathy and seconded by Hilary to proceed with plans. Rosa will follow-up with Zo Hawkins to confirm date and time if she is still willing.

d. Equifest May 18, 2019

Shelby plans to be present and Quadrille will demonstrate.

e. Activities/Fundraisers That Are Not Horse Shows

- i. Host a painting night
- ii. Ride a Test – Blaine will connect with Nicole to see if she is willing to participate and when she might be available.

- iii. Reminder that Jennifer Spencer stated she was willing to assist with fundraising. Remember that her wine tasting party was quite successful.

Agenda items from January meeting minutes not discussed at February meeting:

- a. *Formation of Handbook Review by Committee and Bylaws Review Committee*
 - i. Shelby Blades will coordinate the committee with Char Cohen

Adjourn: 7:40pm

Next ADA Board Meeting:

March 19, 2019 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Kaladi's on Brayton

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Haghighi