



Alaska Dressage Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2019

**Call to Order:** 6:01pm

**Roll Call/Attendance:**

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

**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:**

The committee reviewed the current fiscal report. Cash balance from January is \$7,712.98. Some membership forms list the old fee structures. If members have completed the older form (containing the older membership rate), ADA will accept payment in that amount from those members. Chris Axtell will update the membership form to clearly identify the year of membership and it's associated fee payment structure. New forms will be published with updated amounts. For show prizes, Rosa has 5 nice leather halters that may be used this year that she is willing to donate. The ADA Board is looking at additional ways to fundraise. A motion was made by Shelby to maintain the 2018 fee structure of \$40 for membership, \$25 for additional family members, and \$40 for awards for the 2019 year. Motion was passed with 100% approval. The ADA Board will conduct further research for the 2020 fee structure.

**Open Issues (Old Business):**

*a. Committee Reports*

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

- i. Omnibus – The ADA reviewed the draft Omnibus for this show season. The document needs to be sent to ASH and Region 6 for review/approval. This year's Omnibus has a new structure and design, which is hoped to further enhance reader's experience.
- ii. Safe Sport Training – The ADA Board will be adding an advertisement to the Facebook page. Individuals may send questions about the training via this page. The Board reviewed who has access to edit and advertise information on the ADA Facebook site. It has been discussed that the Safe Sport Training appears to take longer than the advertised 90 minutes, and it would be beneficial to advertise this information. A motion was made by Shelby that ADA adopt the standard that we always have a minimum of two administrators from the Board for any digital asset. The motion was approved with 100% approval.
- iii. Document Sharing – Chris Axtell is working to get the Board signed up for Microsoft Office 365 and will train the Board at a time when all members are

- available. Office 365 will allow for document retention and sharing. For access and email accounts, all Board members will receive an account (to be determined if accounts are listed by Board member names, or by ADA Board position titles). Roasa will send out a Doodle Poll to determine what day/time to schedule for training and discuss what aspects of Office 365 the Board wishes to use or not use.
- iv. Representative to Horse Council – Deana Johnson will be on the horse council, but can also represent the dressage community.
  - v. ADA Shows – The overlap of June’s dressage and AQHA horse shows may be a bit more complicate than originally anticipated. Issues include, but are not limited to show and warmup arena areas, as well as parking and concessions. Quarantine stalls will be needed. Rosa will talk with Raena Schraer and Shelby will take the lead on researching and coordinating grounds considerations.
  - vi. Show Management – It is needed to get into Google Docs to obtain it.
  - vii. EMTs – Last year, a different company was use. The Hillary is researching EMT business costs for providing personnel, as well as costs for required equipment. A question as proposed asking what the AQHA does as a standard for this service. Rosa will ask Raena Schraer to check with AQHA.
  - viii. Concessions – The same group that managed the concession stand last year will do this for this summer as well. Shelby will check with the AQHA as to how they are doing concessions for the June show.
  - ix. Award Committee – Char purchased the first and second place ribbons. We now have enough for the first show and will conduct an inventory after that time.
  - x. Awards Calculation – this topic is tabled
  - xi. Western Dressage – ADA does not offer western dressage at this time for this year’s shows.

### **New Business:**

- a. *Equifest Booth & Demonstration*
  - i. The Board will spend this next month to begin planning what ADA would like to showcase. The event is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- b. *Spring Luncheon*
  - i. The spring luncheon will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Zoe Hawkin’s stables. Deana Johnson has kindly offered to coordinate lunch, as well as a showcase of this year’s dressage tests. Shelby will review the show procedure and showcase the new Omnibus. Rosa will present information to attendees regarding memberships. No fee will be required for lunch, as Deana is kindly providing lunch, Shelby and Killian will be providing beverages, and August will provide desert.
- c. *Paint Nite*
  - i. The ADA board is contemplating offering a paint nite activity. There are a variety of possible options available for providers. Board members will keep an eye out for opportunities. August will contact Don Kolstad to request information for his paint nite instruction(s).
- d. *Schooling Shows*
  - i. Notice went out from USDF that they are offering schooling show awards. They have a new program where they give national awards and recognition for riders that are competing at schooling shows. There are some limitations as to what awards can be earned. The Board will conduct further research.

**Adjourn:** 7:30pm

**Next ADA Board Meeting:**

April 2, 2019 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Kaladi's on Brayton Drive