



Alaska Dressage Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2019

**Call to Order:** 6:00pm

**Roll Call/Attendance:**

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

**Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Review of the March and April minutes by the board. Motion to approve both minutes; passes unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance is \$7513.37. Chamberlin has cashed our deposit checks of \$300 (since the checks were planned to be held, Chamberlin will deduct the fee each time we pay for arena fees). Char to contact Zoey for confirmation on addressing the \$300. Show forms have been sent to ASH. Char following up with the vendor regarding the ribbon order.

**Open Issues (Old Business):**

1. *Clean Up Day*

- i. Clean up day was last week. The arena rails are up; letters placed. We will need assistance setting up the letters. Rosa to let the board to know what day/time so that volunteers can help.
- ii. The center has an open invitation for someone from the dressage board to participate on their board; if you are interested, please let Rosa know. Rosa will research expectations for the time spent and responsibilities of the board member, as well as the board meeting dates, and will share with the ADA board.

2. *Ride-a-Test*

- i. The board will research all options for judges of a Ride-a-Test event, as well as possible dates. Blain and Killian will research and send an update to Rosa by this Thursday. Rosa will coordinate with Linda McQueary for use of the Diamond H Ranch dressage arena.

3. *Document Sharing*

- i. Will coordinate an initial Office 365 training session to particular board positions, to get them trained, and then host a larger training presentation later on for the full board. Initial show management volunteers and the ADA secretary will need to be trained. Char, Rosa, Raena, and August were identified for the initial training session. Rosa will send out a doodle poll. The initial training session will be open for anyone of the board who is available and wishes to join.

4. *Official ADA Shows (June 8 and 9, July 12, 13,14, August 10, 11)*
  - i. Update regarding the June show overlap with the Quarter Horse show: Rosa talked with Zoe and we believe we have the isolation plan worked out. Rosa will also get a key for the stalls from Zoe and we will keep it in the ADA office. Char sent in a request for half of the main arena for ADA show member warm ups; should receive an update back soon.
  - ii. Identifying show management: Looking to use Google Docs
  - iii. EMT/Medical Show Coverage: Team One is scheduled for the June ADA show at this time. They will start at 9am (set up at 8:30am). Hillary will get the contract to Char for the budget files. The rate for their services is \$80/hour. Hillary reached out to Ski Patrol contacts; still awaiting a response. Hillary to reach out to Elenore Harrington as well. Question was asked if we can share EMTs with the Quarter Horse show? We are required to have one person at the show; unable to find an organization that offers less than 2 people (2 is standard). Hillary will pursue with the Quarter Horse show representatives to see if they have someone identified or if they would be interested in splitting EMT assistance. Rosa will share what she learns from the EMT portion of the training session for show managers.

**New Business:**

- a. *Equifest*
  - i. The board had prior discussed doing a demo at Equifest. Unable to do a quadrille at this time, but perhaps a pas de deux? Hillary and Killian are willing to ride the pas de deux. Shelby will research if we are able to coordinate both a ride-a-test (at Diamond H) and the pas de deux demonstration ride, or if it is more feasible to select just one of the two. The ADA board will host a booth. Hillary will coordinate and will contact Zoey for reservations. Rosa will ask Ardene to help with the ride a test at Diamond H.
- b. *Webpage & Facebook*
  - i. Facebook: Hillary and Shelby will be posting items on Facebook; as well as Shelby. Rosa will reach out to Region 6 with a link to our Facebook page, so they can be informed on our efforts.
  - ii. ADA minutes: ADA minutes to be posted to the ADA website. A note could be published on Facebook letting individuals know that the minutes are available for viewing.
  - iii. Adding Dressage trainers and equine resources to the website (a community resource section): Looking to develop a resource available on the ADA website where trainers and equine services/resources can advertise their services. August and Chris are developing an auto form for the ADA website where trainers and businesses can request to be added to the directory. They will bring a sample to the board when a draft is ready for review. A disclaimer will be included on the website noting that being listed on the website does not mean official endorsement by the ADA.
  - iv. Motion to add sponsors to the front page of the website; unanimously approved.

**Adjourn:** 7:30pm

**Next ADA Board Meeting:**

June 11, 2019 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Kaladi's on Brayton