

Alaska Dressage Association Board Meeting Minutes February 11, 2020

Call to Order: 5:35pm

# Roll Call:

Present: Brittany Flowers, Rosa Meehan, Hilary Starzynski, Leilani Godfrey, Maggie from the Horse Council

Excused: Kathy Haghighi, Char Cohen, and Marcia Beck

### Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

Rosa will re-send minutes for Board review. Voting will take place electronically, and once approved, will be posted to the website.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Char sent a report for Board review. Current account balance is \$7169.30. The increase in membership rates are now reflected on the ADA website, as well as the ADA Membership form.

# **Open Issues (Old Business):**

- 1. Standing Committees
  - a. *Volunteers* Raena will put together a chart for what volunteer tasks are needed, as well as a list of those who might be able to participate in/do them. Rosa will begin assigning tasks from this list.
  - b. *Shows* Show dates have been advertised on Facebook. Sigrun will be the TD for the first show.
    - i. *EMTs* Hillary will reach out to the Fire Department to ask about EMTs. Rosa is researching with Robin Doublin from the Nordic Ski Patrol and will follow up with her as well. Hillary will research the amount we were billed from last year's shows and will share the pricing with Rosa.
- 2. Calendar Update
  - **a.** Rosa has begun coordinating with Lauren Williams with ASH; the ADA shows are on the ASH calendar and question was asked if we would like to have any clinics advertised on the calendar.
- 3. Annual WCCEC Meeting
  - **a.** The Board discussed the prior WCCEC meeting and welcomed Maggie from the Horse Council to join and participate in today's ADA meeting.

# **New Business:**

1. Ideas for Increased Participation in Shows

- a. An idea was presented to research options that would allow riders with disabilities to participate in the ADA shows. Rosa will contact the EATA program director to see if there are any limitations or expressed interest in participating in the shows. Any accommodations will need to be identified and any requirements added to the omnibus and ADA website. Rosa will also work with Sigrun and forward to August the information for website and omnibus updates.
- 2. 2020 Schedule
  - a. *WCCEC Activities* An overview of the last Horse Council meeting was discussed. A suggestion was offered that the ADA share with its members a reminder about the Horse Council Membership and where to find Council information.
  - b. Show Updates The Board reviewed last year's show events.
    - Veterinarians August will call Dr. Julie Grohs and Rosa will contact Dr. Wellington to ask if they would be interested in service as the emergency contact for the shows this year. Kyra and Sabrina have assisted in the past as well. Rosa has the daily fee schedule from the prior shows.
    - ii. Lodging Lodging is needed for this year's judges and TDs
    - iii. *Farrier* Rosa will reach out to Joshua Morris to ask if he would be available for this summer's shows.
    - iv. Show Committee Need to identify if ribbons and orders need to be ordered
    - v. *Safe Sport* Advertise on website and in the omnibus. Deanna to send out a friendly reminder to all ADA members regarding the Safe Sport requirement. Hillary will advertise on Facebook.
    - vi. *Show Secretaries* Needed for each event. Char has expressed interest. Riders in the shows cannot be eligible for the show secretary role. August will contact one of the past show secretaries to see if they may be available to assist.
    - vii. *Food at Shows* Needs to be identified. Kathy has helped with food in the past; Rosa will ask if she can help again this year. Hillary will also talk to Uncle Joes. An idea was offered for a soup and salad option.
  - c. *Evening "Play Days"* This topic was discussed at the last ADA meeting. The idea was presented that perhaps once a month, this event could be offered at WCCEC. Brittany will talk with Zoey regarding possible cost for reserving the arena.
- 3. Season 2020 Planning
  - a. Judges/TDs The judges and TDs have been identified. A Manager is needed for the August ADA show. Rosa will reach out to contacts to see if volunteers would be available to serve as the Manager.
  - b. Coordination of Non-Show Activities
    - *i.* 4-H Conference Marcia and Kyra will be at the event. Shelby Blades will be presenting at 10:45am. Maggie will speak with Shelby regarding a notation for the ADA and WCCEC/Horse Council membership forms. Maggie will have printed membership forms available. Rosa will forward the date of the event to Maggie.
    - ii. Additional Ideas
      - 1. Scavenger Hunt
      - 2. Outreach table at the Mat-Su Regional Hospital baby fair. Marcia will research the cost of a table.
      - 3. Equifest & Quadrille
      - 4. Spring Luncheon

- a. Incorporate a demonstration/practice covering riding the geometry of a test, where riders can participate and receive advise and feedback of how to ride the dimensions.
- b. Rosa will call Zoe to ask if the event can be scheduled before Easter.
- 5. Schooling Show Day After Equifest Rosa will follow up with Raena regarding a possible contact for judging.

Adjourn: 7:03pm

# **Next ADA Board Meeting:**

Second Tuesday of the month; however, since the February meeting, the Board has agreed to modify the meeting date to every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for the Kaladi's on Tutor (6901 E Tudor Rd.).