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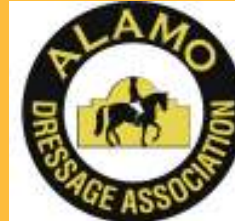
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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. ADA has been busy working on the annual awards banquet scheduled for January 22, 6:30pm at Biga on the Banks. RSVPs were due on Tuesday, January 18th. Douglas Christensen will be organizing the silent auction items so if you have anything to donate contact him at [rcfarms@gvtc.com](mailto:rcfarms@gvtc.com) or 830-885-7302.

Good news! Carolyn Vandenberg has been appointed as ADA Education Chair. If you don't know Carolyn she is a licensed dressage TD, has been president of HDS and the Tuscon, GMO, started a GMO in Montana, and served as National USDF Secretary (the only Region 9 member to do so!). Carolyn believes in grass roots education and has some exciting ideas. She is willing to listen so feel free to send her your ideas at [vandenberg@gvtc.com](mailto:vandenberg@gvtc.com) or call her at (210) 215 2423. Carolyn will make a wonderful addition

to our team!

On a sad note, Denise Moore has resigned as Vice President and Sponsor Chair. We thank her for her contributions and wish her well. If any one is interested in either position, please contact me at [arlenegaitan@att.net](mailto:arlenegaitan@att.net) or 830-751-2151.

More sad news, we recently heard that former ADA President Bill Askins was injured in a riding accident. Our wishes to Bill for a quick recovery!

On a lighter note, ADA will be holding our first schooling show of 2011 on February 27 at In the Irons Equestrian Center (next to the Rose Palace). Look out for more information. The Juniors are also organizing an event with Richard Howard, "L" in March. This event will focus on how to increase your score in your dressage test. And finally, our spring show is just around the corner so start studying the new tests and get out there and ride

**Please note:** submission deadline for newsletter information will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## ADA End of Year Awards Banquet January 22, 2011



### **Alamo Dressage Association Annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction January 22, 2011, 6:30pm**

**BIGA ON THE BANKS**  
Next month's newsletter will provide a list of ADA's award winners

## ADA Winter Schooling Show

### **Alamo Dressage Association Winter Schooling Show**

**Sunday February 27, 2011**

Closing Date: Monday, February 21, 2011

**In the Irons Equestrian Center**  
(next to San Antonio Rose Palace)

**Judge:** Patricia Moj dara, "L", Pipe Creek , TX  
See web site for entry form and updates - [www.alamodressage.org](http://www.alamodressage.org) **Send Entries to:**

Arlene Gaitan  
8417 FM 1283, Lakehills, TX 78063  
830-751-2151, [arlenegaitan@att.net](mailto:arlenegaitan@att.net)

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Alamo Dressage Association (ADA) January 12, 2011 Minutes of Monthly Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Unapproved (As of 16 Jan 11)

#### I. Call to Order

President Arlene Gaitan called the meeting to order at In the Irons at 6:36 p.m.

#### II. Board of Directors Roll Call/Attendance

Board Members: Arlene Gaitan (President), Denise Moore (Vice President), Bill Eash (Treasurer/Horse Show Committee Chairman), Cheryl Harlin (Secretary), Jennifer Delmer (Member at Large), Jill Amman (Junior/Young Rider), Linda Pedde (Membership Secretary), and Hillary Harper (Past President)

Members: Karen Peacock, Cassidy Peacock (Jr ADA interim president), Cecilia Cox, Karen Silvers, Brittany Silvers, and Liz Moser

#### III. Approval of Agenda

Bill moved to approve the agenda as presented, Cheryl seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### IV. Approval of Previous Month's ADA Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting

Cheryl moved to approve the December 8, 2010 minutes; Bill seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### V. President's Report

First, Arlene reported past ADA president Bill Askins was injured from a riding accident; ADA will send flowers to him. Next, she also distributed a proposal of award items to consider for sponsorship, special, and outgoing board members. Ideas were discussed for outgoing board members; the details of their recognition award will be completed at a later time. Bill moved that no more than \$25 per person will be spent for outgoing board members; Cheryl seconded. The motion was approved. Then, Arlene identified four levels of ADA sponsorship and suggested awards per level. The specific types of awards were discussed among members of the meeting. Jill moved that the board will order acrylic trophies for sponsorship and special (volunteer) awards; Jennifer seconded. The motion was approved. Then, types of ribbons per sponsorship level were also discussed. Jill moved to order the ribbons with the dressage imprint; Jennifer seconded. The motion was passed. Finally, Bill moved to order ribbons; Jill seconded. The motion was approved.

#### VI. Treasurer's Report

Bill reported the ADA bank account balance is \$15,037.91 and the Junior/Young Rider account balance is \$1,055.75. Also, he will stay in touch with the anonymous donor (identified for tax reporting) who will match funds for sponsorship. On behalf of the board and membership, Bill thanked Liz Moser and her volunteers for their outstanding efforts for executing the successful Walter Zettl East Meets West Symposium that was held last November. ADA is still due the \$500.00 grant from USDF Region 9 for the symposium. The remainder of the \$1500 Dressage Foundation grant was not received. Also, the board thanked Denise for her generosity of absorbing the symposium printing expenses. For the USDF Region 9 CDI, he delivered ADA's \$250 and Jr ADA's \$50 contributions. Next, Bill also reminded the board the two ADA insurance policy updates are due in spring; Arlene will handle renewing both policies. Additionally, the ADA's horse show deposit for the San Antonio Rose Palace was also delivered. Finally, Liz delivered ADA gift cards totaling \$130 to Bill. Jill reported that the Jr

ADA has four \$10 gift cards. Arlene reminded the board that all ADA gifts cards must be reported to the treasurer in cash amounts.

#### **VII. Vice President's Report**

No report

#### **VIII. Secretary's Report**

No report

#### **IX. Member-at Large Chairman's Report**

No report

#### **X. Newsletter Editor's Report**

Vicki reported via email that the Stall Street Journal (SSJ) is scheduled to go out as a Constant Contact this month. She will be contacting all of the people who are currently running ads to see if they wish to continue. If so, she will send out bills for the new year.

#### **XI. Junior/Young Rider Chairman's Report**

Jill stated that the junior members had their last meeting on January 3 at In the Irons. All of the officer applications and biographies were submitted. Ballots were sent out at the end of the week and due back to her on January 30. Additionally, Jennifer said non-elected members will be appointed in chairman committee positions. The juniors discussed putting together a bucket of grooming supplies for the silent auction for the awards banquet at Biga on the Banks. The interim president of Jr ADA, Cassidy is working with Richard Howard to firm up date and details of a riding clinic. Also, Jill sent an email to the Jr ADA members for silent auction items in addition to the grooming bucket and for volunteers to work the door for the ADA banquet. All junior members were thanked for their help. The next Jr ADA meeting is scheduled for 7 Feb at 6:00 and will be posted on the ADA's website.

#### **XII. Education Chairman's Report**

Since this position is currently vacant, Arlene said that an ADA member is interested as chairman, which will be discussed under new business. Bill mentioned the USDF Region 9 \$500 grant is due; ADA did not use the remaining \$325 of the grant for the Walter Zettl symposium. He thanked Liz Mozer again for heading the successful Walter Zettl symposium.

#### **XIII. Chairs and Committee Reports**

##### **1. Rated Horse Show**

Bill reported he is working with Tim Simpson of Liberty Hill Farm to coordinate ADA's rated, schooling, and championship schooling show schedules with the Farm's show dates. Bill also sent out six requests for proposals (RFPs) for the show secretary position for the 2011 shows and has received bids. Mary Mobley of San Marcos, TX was chosen as ADA's new show secretary. For the upcoming ADA rated show, Denise mentioned the association might need new help with the program booklet. The technical director, veterinarian, head of scribes, and judges have been selected. Hillary will coordinate booking hotel rooms. Jennifer and Jill volunteered the Jr ADA to help at the show. For pony classes, Bill mentioned a vet is required to measure ponies; measurements may possibly be scheduled for Saturday morning. Next, Cassidy requested proceeds from one of the ADA's rated show classes to the Jr ADA. The request was tabled.

##### **2. Membership Secretary**

As of January 12, 2011, Linda stated there are currently 86 ADA members. Arlene proposed

restarting the ADA membership directory which was discussed. Jill and Jennifer were selected to lead the Jr ADA in developing the booklet and selling ads. Linda would help supply the membership roster.

### **3. Website**

Arlene said the ADA's website calendar needs updating with Liberty Hill Farm shows and USDF Region 9 dates of interest through the calendar chairman. The possible change of the website host to GoDaddy was discussed. Jill Ammann volunteered to update the ADA website trainer's page with links/information from the approval of dressage instructors among the membership; she suggested the request for trainer's page links/information be added to membership sign up. The website's classified page is still open.

### **4. Banquet**

Arlene distributed the banquet checklist/work plan. She asked Douglas Christensen to find out the cost of renting audiovisual equipment to run the slide show for the banquet. Doug will be the master of ceremony and silent auction point of contact. Cheryl will be the auction cashier. A Jr ADA member volunteered to work at the door. Linda will bring membership forms and is appointed as photographer. Cecelia volunteered as floater. Regarding gift cards from ADA's sponsors, Cheryl moved to use six \$10 denominations from Boerne Stage Saddlery and one \$50 denomination from Pavil for door prizes; Bill seconded. The motion was approved.

### **5. Awards**

Arlene stated Susan Hancock and LeeAnn Liesse will attend the banquet. Susan will announce awards winners who were notified via email and Arlene will do presentations. An awards program will be printed and distributed among the banquet tables.

### **6. Sponsorship**

Denise thanked the membership for her time with ADA BoD, stated the successes of ADA for the past year and submitted her ADA Vice President and Sponsorship Chairman resignation letters. She also provided sponsorship chair recommendations. Arlene thanked Denise for her service and time with the ADA BoD and wished her well. Hillary moved to have ADA BoD accept the resignation letters; Bill seconded. The motion was passed.

### **7. By-Laws**

No report

### **8. Schooling Shows**

Jill Ammann generously donated her facility for the next ADA schooling show which will be held in February at In the Irons. Another ADA schooling show will possibly be at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio in July. Volunteers for both shows will be needed.

## **XIV. Unfinished Business**

### **1. Adult Team Championships**

Now that ADA has appointed a show secretary, the association will consider preparing for the Adult Team Championships that may take place in the fall; the topic was tabled.

## **XV. New Business**

### **1. ADA thank you notes**

Arlene said the board needs thank you notes to send for correspondences. Various websites were mentioned as possible suppliers. She appointed Cheryl to bring samples/proposal at the next meeting.

Also, the BoD received thank you notes from Triple H and Saddle Light Center for ADA's \$150 donation to each organization.

## **2. Education Chair**

Arlene read the biography of Carolyn Vandenberg who is interested in filling the Education Chairmanship. Regarding Carolyn's extensive riding and leadership experiences and depth, the board discussed how she would be a valuable asset to the organization. Cheryl moved to select Carolyn Vandenberg as ADA Education Chairman; Jennifer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **3. 2011 ADA Strategic Planning**

Tabled

## **4. ADA Storage**

Jill mentioned the ADA will have to explore new storage space other than In the Irons which is undergoing expansion.

## **5. New Test Seminar**

Approached by Marilyn Kulifay, Bill was to ask ADA for a monetary donation to put on the seminar hosted by Austin Dressage Unlimited in February. The donation was tabled until the BoD completed its strategic planning and budget.

## **XVI. Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at In the Irons. Bill moved to adjourn the meeting; Cheryl seconded. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

## **Equitherapy Center in need of Therapy Horses**

With the pending retirement of some of their specially trained therapy horses, Triple H Equitherapy Center is looking for a few new recruits to fill the ranks.

Located near Pipe Creek, Triple H is the only nonprofit center in the greater San Antonio area to be fully accredited by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA). It is one of only about 200 NARHA designated premier therapeutic riding centers in the country.

To learn more about Triple H, visit their website at [www.tripleHequitherapy.org](http://www.tripleHequitherapy.org) or call 830-510-9515 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

LaRue Roth, Development Director, Triple H Equitherapy Center, 791 Backhaus Road

Pipe Creek, TX 78063      (830) 510-9515      [www.tripleHequitherapy.org](http://www.tripleHequitherapy.org)

According to Program Director Barbara Taylor, the center is looking for donated horses between the ages of eight-years-old and 15-years-old who are sound at walk, trot and canter.

"We are particularly looking for horses who are bomb-proof in that they don't startle easily and can take distractions in stride," she said.

"In addition, we would also love draft crosses to help with our wounded warrior program."

Taylor added that Triple H therapy horses receive excellent veterinary services and farrier care as well as a nutritious diet so they are able to help carry out the center's mission. Donors can request that their horses be returned to them when they retire from Triple H.

A 501(c)3 charitable organization, the center provides nationally accredited therapeutic riding and equine assisted activities for people with disabilities, wounded warriors and at-risk youth in Bandera, Kendall, Bexar, Kerr and Medina counties.

## Bits and Pieces

### ADA thanks Kirstin and Kyra Shine for the "Donations for Matching Funds Program"

A \$100 donation was made in memory of Wenzano, a wonderful team partner, and school master.

**The USDF Instructors Certification Tests** will be held at Diamond M Dressage Park on March 18, 19 & 20, 2011. I will need two Second level horse and Riders and one Fourth level horse and rider team to take lessons.

Also, if you would be willing to allow these instructors to ride your horse for the part where they ride an unknown horse, that would be great.

Please let me know if you would be interested. There is no auditing for these tests. Thank you, Vera Muckleroy



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**3/27/2011 - Liberty Hill Farm Spring Dressage Schooling Show #1**

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**5/15/2011- Liberty Hill Farm Spring Dressage Schooling Show #3**

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**8/28/2011 Liberty Hill Farm Fall Dressage Schooling Show #1**

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## 2011 ADA Calendar

January  
1/22

ADA End of Year Awards Banquet

**February**

- 2/4 Officer/Chairman/Committee Reports due  
2/9 ADA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm. In the Irons  
2/26 - 3/1 Jeff Moore Dressage Clinic, near Houston Contact Virginia Ellis at (713) 694-0694  
[www.equestrianventures.com](http://www.equestrianventures.com)  
2/27 ADA Winter Schooling Show

**March**

- 12/8 ADA Board Meeting, 6:30pm. Location In the Irons.  
12/12 ADA Schooling Show, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX  
3/27 Liberty Hill Farm Schooling Show

**April**

- 4/2-3 ADA Spring Show I & II  
4/17 Liberty Hill Farm Schooling Show

**May**

- 5/15 Liberty Hill Farm Schooling Show

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