

ADA Minutes August 1, 2017 - unamended

Location : GreenStone Farm Credit Services, 3225 Walker NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

A. **Welcome & call to order** : 7:00 pm

B. **Attendance**: Kathy Walters, Laurie Moore, Sue Bardins, Fran Cilella, Sarah VanAllsburg, Ruthanne Wolk, Phyllis Walsh, Amy Schierbeek, Lori Ann Thwing, Meike Vollmers, Suzannah Simon Absent: Ginny Smith, Whitney Peterson-McIntosh

C. **Minutes**: July 2017 minutes - - - Ruthanne moved to accept and Fran seconded. The Board voted to approve.

D. **Officer's reports**:

- President Kathy Walters: Amanda Pitsch and Ella Hoekstra have missed 4 meetings and in accordance with Article V - 5.7 are no longer on the Board. Amanda has agreed to continue writing the ADA Newsletter.
- Vice President Laurie Moore: no report
- Treasurer Sue Bardins: has re-entered all 2017 income and expenses from January to July using bank statements and documentation. In August, she will try to work on the backlog of State of Michigan Corporation annual filings. On August 1, the ADA completed the \$200 donation made to the Barn for Equine Learning.
- Secretary Ruthanne Wolk: no report

E. **Committee reports**:

- Show Sanctioning Laurie Moore: reported that points earned at the Great Lakes Regional Schooling Show (Sept 29-Oct 1) will count towards the ADA year end awards. **Still working with the online site to provide a field for the ADA member number so Points can easily be tallied.**
- Membership Meike Vollmers: reported 98 members - compared to 118 members in 2016. Discussion of drop off in membership year-to-year and varied regional rates of ADA participation. **Kathy Walters will reach out to Concord Ridge for ideas to increase ADA involvement.**
- Clinics/Education Suzannah Simon: **will apply for The Dressage Foundation GMO \$2000 education grant to cover cost of Endel Ots Clinic.**
- ADA Fall Classic & Invitational Show Suzannah Simon: this Sept 9&10 show is now open for online entry. The ribbons have been ordered and Ginny Smith is working on food to be provided at the event. **Hospitality**

Committee is needed for organizing/distributing guest packets.

Requested freestyle demonstrations for Saturday night. **Laurie will lead a committee for sponsorship for this show/specific classes** - such as the Dressage Foundation sponsored "clock & ribbons" classes. **Please contact Suzannah if you have time to help at this show.**

- Points Fran Cilella: up-to-date including the Thomet Show points.
- Advertising Whitney Peterson-McIntosh & Fran Cilella: 2 new ADA sponsors were announced. Ruthanne moved to purchase a new banner displaying all the ADA sponsors year-to-date. Fran seconded. Board approved. **Fran will contact Whitney to have a new Sponsorship Banner produced.**
- Banquet/Silent Auction Sarah VanAllsburg: Amy presented flyers defining the guidelines for the Silent Auction items.
- Web-based Communications Lori Ann Thwing: ride times for the Benchmark Show are posted. Will prompt riders to double check their scores for each show.
- Sales/Merchandise Ginny Smith: no report
- Scholarship Amy Schierbeek: no report
- Junior Board Representative Ella Hoekstra: no report
- Newsletter Amanda Pitsch: no report
- Finance Lyn Kendall: no report
- Elections Kathy Walters: no report
- USDF Representative Laurie Moore: no report
- Omnibus Phyllis Walsh: no report

F. **Unfinished business:** ADA member number on computer form. Dressage Foundation GMO \$2000 Grant. Payment of \$25/hour to Sue for excessive backlog of treasurer items to be completed. Laurie & Phyllis providing details for a group trip to the USDF meeting and Carl Hester Symposium on Dec 2 & 3. Phyllis will continue to coordinate the Tribute Grain Bag Tag program. Future projects for the annual awards - C.A.N.T.E.R award, Tirioso award, Musical award and Sportsmanship award.

G. **New business:** none

H. **Announcements:** next meeting on September 5, 2017 - - 7pm at GreenStone Office Building

I. **Adjournment:** Sarah moved. Ruthanne seconded. Board approved = meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

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