

ADA Minutes November 18, 2017 - amended

Location : English Hills Country Club, 1200 4 Mile Rd, Walker, MI 49544

- A. **Welcome & call to order** : 4:10 pm prior to the ADA Banquet
- B. **Attendance**: Kathy Walters, Laurie Moore, Sue Bardins, Ruthanne Wolk, Suzannah Simon, Whitney Petersen-McIntosh, Fran Cilella, Sarah VanAllsburg, Meike Vollmers, Phyllis Walsh, Amy Schierbeek, LoriAnn Thwing
Absent: Ginny Smith Guest: Kelly Steele
- C. **Minutes**: October 2017 minutes - - - LoriAnn moved to accept, Suzannah seconded. The Board voted to approve.
- D. **Officer's reports**:
- President Kathy Walters: commended all the efforts to make the ADA Annual Banquet a success. The business meeting will continue until the banquet is over tonight. Five ADA Board members are not returning for the 2018 year = Kathy Walters, Ruthanne Wolk, Sue Bardins, Sarah VanAllsburg and Ginny Smith. Three new people are hoping to join the Board = Kelly Steele, Laura McCall and Ciara Mohan-Gustafson.
 - Vice President Laurie Moore: no report
 - Treasurer Sue Bardins: distributed most recent balance sheet. There is a question regarding the historical ADA tax status - for profit or non-profit. Sue will be contacting an attorney to help settle this issue.
 - Secretary Ruthanne Wolk: no report
- E. **Committee reports**:
- Show Sanctioning Laurie Moore: reported that Concord Ridge will be holding both a Spring & Summer Show in 2018.
 - Membership Meike Vollmers: 102 members year to date; 123 as of this date last year. The results of the ADA survey to members will be presented at the January 2018 meeting.
 - Banquet/Silent Auction Sarah VanAllsburg: reported that the silent auction items submitted for tonight's banquet are of good quality and selection.
 - Clinics/Education Suzannah Simon: reported that the Endel Ots Clinic was a success and that the final financials will be submitted before the January meeting.
 - Sales/Merchandise Ginny Smith: Kathy reported that the display of sale items at Millbrook & Classic Equestrian was a success this year - should be repeated in the future.

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- Points Fran Cilella: points are tabulated and ready for presentation of awards.
- Scholarship Amy Schierbeek: will be awarded tonight.
- USDF Representative Laurie Moore: will be attending the annual convention.
- Omnibus Phyllis Walsh: no report
- ADA Fall Classic & Invitational Show Suzannah Simon: no report
- Newsletter: no report
- Advertising Whitney Peterson-McIntosh & Fran Cilella: no report
- Web-based Communications LoriAnn Thwing: no report
- Junior Board Representative: no report
- Elections Kathy Walters: no report
- Finance Sue Bardins: no report

F. **Unfinished business:**

G. **New business:** Discussion of planning an ADA sponsored show scribing clinic will be postponed until the new show tests are released in 2018. During the Banquet, Laurie gave a moving speech about Kathy Walters's many years of service and announced that Kathy would be stepping down to rest for a year - there was a standing ovation. **Kathy Walters as President of ADA takes full responsibility for the lack of prizes given out with the Championship ribbons at the 2017 banquet. Kathy knew that Whitney had volunteered to secure all donations from Millbrook. ***Kathy did not double check that Whitney secured prizes for Champions at banquet. Kathy spoke with Suzannah about ordering more silver plates so that the silver plates would be used as the Championship prizes at the banquet. ***Kathy did not follow through with Suzannah to make sure this got done. Fran was new at points and ordering banquet ribbons, as this was her first year. ***Kathy should have been more involved with the process. Moving forward Kathy recommends that the 2018 ADA President touch base with each chair person more often and ask very specific questions instead of open-ended questions. The ADA President walks a fine line between micro managing and trusting.**

H. **Announcements:** All 2017 Board members and potential "new" members are invited to attend the next meeting on January 9, 2018 - - 7pm at GreenStone Office Building.

I. **Adjournment:** at the end of the ADA Banquet - 9:30pm

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