

Alberta Dressage Association – Committee Reports

EC Dressage Committee

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Equestrian Canada Dressage Committee 2020
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EC Dressage Committee Member and ADA Director at Large

The pause in competition in Canada (2020) allowed EC time to consolidate and move ahead with programs and alignment with NCCP (coaching) and Sport Canada (Safe Sport). The alignment with national programs impacts funding throughout all the EC disciplines.

The Dressage Canada “Am I Ready?” video judging program allows any sport license holder to submit a Dressage Canada or F.E.I. test for judging. “Am I ready?” is a confidential way to try a new test or level of mastery before competing at a show. The test is recorded for private viewing of an EC Dressage Judge, uploaded to a secured site (YouTube) then scored with comments by a licensed EC official. The score and comments are sent directly back to the athlete. There is no charge for this program. The information on how to video and upload privately on YouTube is on the EC website under Dressage programs.

Two initiatives brought to the Dressage Committee are the Rising Stars Junior Dressage Equitation program (2019) and the new Masters’ Dressage division (TOC) for 2021. Information on running these classes is on the EC website. The Rising Stars junior division was piloted in 2019 and was to commence in 2020. The Masters Division (55+) is a test of choice program offered as a miscellaneous class in 2021 and will be in the rule book for 2022.

The Long-Term Equestrian Development (LTED) program/plan is ongoing. EC and the Dressage Committee are using the LTED philosophy to continually work toward alignment with dressage rules, competition structure, officials’ development and rider levels. This year we have been tasked with identifying gaps in officials and competition structure. I was tasked to quantify numbers and levels of officials present in each province/territory. For example: Alberta currently has no F.E.I. level judges, and is in desperate need of learner dressage stewards. One problem with the 2020 (21) competition pause is the physical number and readiness of officials to resume roles after a year without active officiating. Other sports have lost a considerable number of referees due to Covid (ref. soccer).

Covid travel restrictions prevent show organizers importing foreign judges. CDI organizers without the ability to bring in FEI officials will be impacted once we can relaunch competitions.

The EC Dressage Committee has had its attention drawn to the lapse in two critical agreements. Firstly, the EC/USEF reciprocal agreement has expired. This affects our Canadian dressage judges in that they are no longer able to judge with EC only credentials in the US. Canadian judges must certify over again with the USDF. EC leadership is in the process of trying to negotiate a new agreement at this time.

USDF tests remain active through 2022. Please note that EC has our own rule book and in Canada it is our rules which prevail. Dressage Committee members are consulted on all proposed national rule changes and amendments.

The Memorandum of Association between the EC and PTSO's (Provincial and Territorial Sport Organizations) has expired and new negotiations will begin. The EC Dressage Committee recognizes this affects our license holders in the concern over the use of EC officials at PTSO shows. In the short term, until the MOA is reset, the suggestion is to allow the EC licensed official to sign a waiver, indemnifying EC, in order to judge at PTSO sanctioned events. Note: EC officials are not allowed to judge or officiate at unsanctioned "schooling" shows. Pony Club events are allowed.

My term on the Dressage Committee has been extended for a second term, until March 31, 2024. Bylaws dictate a maximum two terms in sequence.

I am thankful for the continued ability serve as both Director at Large of the ADA and nationally on the Dressage Committee of Equestrian Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cox

ADA Awards Committee

ADA Awards Committee Annual Report 2021

2020 was the year that the ADA chose to revamp the Awards program. The year of COVID19 restrictions in 2020 saw very few shows so this gave us an opportunity to rework the Awards program. It is felt that we have a more inclusive program for our membership. We also established an Awards Committee to review the nominations for lifetime awards, and review applications for the medal program.

Sheri Dumonceaux, Lorraine Hill and Audrey Kokesch presented the new program. We will now be giving awards based on specified levels of achievement. Briefly this includes:

- Rider Performance – Any 2 of Training, First, and Second levels – This award will be a stall plaque
- Bronze Medal – 6 scores of 60% or higher Training, First and Second levels
- Silver Medal – 4 scores of 60 % or higher Third and Fourth levels
- Gold Medal -4 scores 60% or higher PSG Intermediate I
- Platinum Medal – 4 scores 60% or higher Intermediate II and GP

Lifetime Recognition Award – for individuals who have supported, promoted, and/or volunteered in the sport of dressage in Alberta.

Lifetime Achievement Award - for individuals who have made a significant contribution to the sport of dressage and have competed at an FEI level.

For details of eligible shows; FEI test; and forms for the program, please go to the ADA Website.

The medals that were developed specifically for ADA awards will be individualized for the recipients, mounted and framed. The recognition and achievement awards will be individualized.

The medals are given to the recipients as the levels are achieved and could be accomplished on more than one horse over the course of a year or more. Each medal would be given only once to the individual rather than the horse and rider combination as was done before.

The lifetime awards will be given to individuals that are nominated and approved by the Awards Committee.

We are very excited about this program as it will allow ADA to recognize the membership not only for achievement, but also for very hard-working individuals who contribute so many hours of their time to promote the sport throughout Alberta.

Respectfully Submitted

Sheri Dumonceaux, Lorraine Hill, Audrey Kokesch

ADA Awards Committee

Recipients of the 2019 ADA Awards Presented in 2020

Show Level	Rider	Horse	Test	Division
Gold	Kayla Andrusiw	Rouletto	Fourth	AA
Gold	Cheryl Brown	Extra C	Training	AA
Gold	Emily Graham	Wilma	Training	AA
Gold	Suzanne Hanley-Hawkings	Qestano	Prix St Georges	AA
Wild Rose	Lisa Peeters	Armini	Second	AA
Gold	Carol Robinson	Cleopatra	Intermediate B	AA
Gold	Sarah Rotermann	Davidoff W	Fourth	AA
Wild Rose	Frances Teixeira	Storm Chaser	First	AA
Gold	Ashley Brady	Baral Historica	Jr Individual	JR
Gold	Morgan Colston	Lunar Eclipse	Second	Jr
Gold	Pyper Snow	Brujo KR	Training	JR
Gold	Sheri Cameron	Henkie Fan De Klaster	First	Open
Gold	Sheri Cameron	Rolex	First	Open
Gold	Sheri Cameron	Sovereign Hill	Grand Prix	Open

Show Level	Rider	Horse	Test	Division
Gold	Sheri Cameron	Tjalling Fan De Klaster	Training	Open
Bronze\Silver	Sheri Dumonceaux	Ixtapa	Second	Open
Gold	Elizabeth Fletcher	Creekland Braveheart	Training	Open
Gold	Angie Golley	Jeriko	5 Yr Old	Open
Gold	Angie Golley	Jeriko	First	Open
Gold	Angie Golley	Koltrane	Training	Open
Wild Rose	Lorraine Hill	Oliver	Second	Open
Wild Rose	Aleksandra Kieraite	Wizard of Oz	First	Open
Wild Rose	Aleksandra Kieraite	Rosabelle	Second	Open
Gold	Amberley Marsden	Luminescent	Fourth	Open
Gold	Amberley Marsden	Luminescent	Prix St Georges	Open
Gold	Christina Seidel	Kanika	Second	Open
Gold	Lindsay Seidel-Wassenaar	Iko	First	Open
Gold	Lindsay Seidel-Wassenaar	Gaga	Prix St Georges	Open

ADA Website/Facebook Report

ADA Website & Facebook Report 2021

Facebook

- Administrators: Lorraine Hill & Tanya Jacobson-Gundlock
- Content posted includes: show schedules; awards; links to other dressage-related pages, other current information relevant to Alberta's dressage community
- The analytics show that any time a new post is published there is a spike in "hits" so people are following our site
- Many items are linked to the ADA website so people can access complete details and also be directed to visit the ADA website
- Links are also posted to relevant news from other equestrian organizations such as Alberta Equestrian Federation and Equestrian Canada
- The settings on the site are such that only the site administrators can post material and comments. We have not been allowing public discourse.

Website

- The ADA website is located at <http://www.albertadressage.com/> (compiled in Joomla and hosted by G4Ventures)
- The current website manager is Doug Orr from CC/ADA who can be contacted at adawebmaster@albertadressage.com
- Any "bugs" in the system are regularly identified and "squashed" by the host administrator G4Ventures

- The ADA website site provides information about ADA, links to the ADA Facebook page and other resources, as well as web pages for each ADA Area Group
- Dates and information about Alberta dressage shows, clinics and other events are available on the “Events Calendar”
- Each ADA Area Group has an Area Group website administrator who can update news, events and other information for their Area Group
- All Area Groups are posting information to the website, as well as linking to other relevant sites (local webpages, Facebook, Instagram, etc)
- We are working to keep the ADA pages up-to-date and improve access to important information and resources
- We are also posting information for other provincial dressage events as requested

Doug Orr & Lorraine Hill