

USIHC - BOD 08/12/08 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members (present):

Bernie Willis,
Anne Elwell,
Doug Smith,
Ásta Covert,
Karen Olson-Fields,
Laura Benson

Board Members (excused):

Kari Pietsch-Wangard,
Kathy Love

Regional Club Observers:

Dawn Shaw (Cascade),
Annette Coulon (Kraftur)

Meeting Called to Order: 9:08PM EDT

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

Kari, as her last official act as Secretary, has prepared minutes from the General Members meeting held at Winterhorse Park. They were posted to the web site with Anne's approval. The constitution has been updated to reflect the amendment adopted at the July 26th General Meeting at Winterhorse Park.

Treasurer's Report (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

No report received. Kari is excused from the meeting.

Registrar's Report (Ásta Covert)

The registry account balance as of 7/31/08 is \$76,939.28.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Katrin Sheehan, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

No report received.

Education (Alexandra Pregitzer, Bernie Willis liaison)

See attached report.

Pleasure Riding (Karen Olson-Fields)

No report received.

Promotion (Kathy Love)

No report received.

Regional Clubs (Andrea Barber, Karen Olson-Fields liaison)

No new activity to report.

Quarterly (Anne Elwell)

No new activity to report.

Web (Doug Smith)

Progress is being made on the new stallion book. It should be ready in the next week or two.

Discussions are under way with the PRP Committee about integration of PRP enrollment with the online membership pages. A proposal for allowing PRP participants to directly enter their hours on the web site has been made and is under consideration by the PRP Committee.

The Quarterly Committee is considering bundling web site advertising with printed ads in the magazine.

A proposal has been made to Competition Committee to use web site for sanctioned show entry applications. The matter is under discussion on the Sport list. The current target is to use the CIA Open at the end of October as the first show to allow online registration.

New photo campaign targeted to start with announcement in the December issue of the *Quarterly*. Doug is the hold up on this project and will recruit a leader from the web committee to get this moving.

Youth (Laura Benson)

No report received.

Special Committee Reports

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

No report received.

Policies & Procedures (Anne Elwell)

No report received.

Old Business

▪ Email Votes

- Elect Doug Smith to the office of Secretary.
For: Bernie, Kathy, Karen, Laura, Ásta, Kari
Against: none

▪ Breeder's Association Brochure Printing (Doug)

- All three bids received are essentially the same. The only difference is in the cost of shipping the final product from the printers to the Secretary.
- The California printer suggested a better price could be achieved by printing some of the brochure in black and white. Bernie is working with Iceland to obtain approval to make that change.
- Recruiting sponsorships to defray costs is an option.

▪ Proposal Tracking Update (Doug)

- All resolved items have been updated. There are a handful of proposals still in the system marked as waiting for committee action.

New Business

▪ Youth Camp Venue (Laura)

- Youth Committee and Doug Smith met to discuss the venue options. Barb still needs to find leadership volunteers before she is comfortable holding the event. Barb expects a go/no-go decision before August 19. Youth Committee will vote on Colorado versus Winterhorse once Barb's option is firm. Laura will follow up with Barb by August 19th.

▪ Select location of 2009 Annual Meeting (Bernie)

- Doug to check pricing and availability at Burbank area hotels for March 27-29, 2009 and email findings to the Board.
- **Recognition of USIHC Level 1 Trainers (Bernie)**
 - Bernie and Alex to draft letter to the participants from the first seminar explaining the delays in issuing recognition.
 - Kathy was unavailable to comment on the status of the certificates.
 - Waiting on web site message from Sara Lyter (see below).
- **Web site message on trainer qualifications (Bernie)**
 - Anne to follow up with Sara Lyter on the message to be posted on the Congress web site explaining what a “FEIF Level 1” trainer is.
- **Vermont Judging Seminar approval request with as few as 7 participants (Alex Pregitzer)**
 - Approved unanimously.
- **Reciprocity agreement with other countries to recognize intern judges. (Alex Pregitzer)**
 - The consensus of the Board was agreement, in principle, with the idea of allowing a non-US citizen to act as an intern judge.
 - The procedure by which an individual would apply for and maintain intern judge standing is not well enough defined for the Board to act.
 - Bernie to contact Alex to ask her to develop a procedure to be reviewed by the Sport Committee before coming back to the Board.
- **Approve reimbursement for June “Mountain Icelandic Farm” sanctioned show (Will Covert)**
 - Approved unanimously.
- **Trail Blazing Festival (Karen Olson-Fields)**
 - As this is a Congress-sponsored event a notice needs to be sent to all members explaining the event and the application process for the adult and youth rider.
 - Karen is to draft the notice and send it to the Board for review before it is sent to the membership.
 - Doug will create either a postcard or self-mailer as appropriate once the Board approves.
- **Adjourn 10:00PM EDT.**

USIHC Education Committee report Aug 2008

1. USIHC sports competition seminars

Barb and Dan Riva from Winterhorse Park just hosted the 2nd USIHC sports competition seminar this year. Those taking the seminar qualify for the sports committee and a list of the participants has been emailed to Will for his information.

We are still awaiting two bills for the seminar to finish the income and expense report. As of today, it looks like there will be a surplus.

2. USIHC judging seminars (sports)

Solheimar Icelandic and Susan Peters will be hosting another USIHC judging seminar in the end of August.

Due to different reasons (amongst them participants not emailing me their registrations as requested but only mailing them to the USIHC treasury, a change of that postal address, a delay with mail forwarding and now Kari being gone on vacation) I don't have the exact participant numbers for that seminar yet but it looks decent. It looks as if we will have 7 or 8 participants so far and the calculation was based on 8. More people are thinking about taking the seminar.

I am requesting to get approval have the seminar even if we only have 7 participants. (We made a surplus last year with judging seminar in KY and will most likely have a surplus out of the last WI seminar).

3. USIHC breeding judging seminar

There is group of members that is very interested to educate themselves about breeding evaluations judging. We had received some interest in a seminar and did some research with the help of Martina Gates to possibly host such a seminar in conjunction with the NY evaluations. Those plans had to be cancelled as the infrastructure will not be working out (issues with providing enough riders and horses).

We may try to do some research for a different time and location in 2009.

4. questionnaire for USIHC seminars

I prepared a draft for a survey to send out to members after USIHC seminars. This will help ensure continued improvement and quality standards for our seminars. The draft went to both the education committee as well as the sports committee. Once I have feedback and all changes are made, Doug offered to work on the best format and to put it online so that we only have to email participants the link and ask them to fill it out.

5. FEIF Trainer seminar level 1

I am not sure if Kathy had a chance to send out the certificates to those that passed the seminar?

I am working on a draft of a letter for the participants to inform them accordingly. That email is going to go out to the participants this week.

6. English teaching materials for FEIF Trainer seminar level 1

Ian from FEIF education suggested to work with an international pool of people within FEIF to translate the materials. I have requested the data files from Katrin.

Katrin had permission by the former German IPZV president to have the materials translated for the USIHC for us to work with the materials. This is a slightly different situation and use of the materials than agreed upon and the former president of the IPZV is no longer president. I therefore asked Ian to get permission from the German IPZV to use the materials internationally within FEIF before getting started.

There was an educational FEIF meeting at Basselthof in Germany this week which Ian was going to attend. He thought it might be best to discuss the topic at the meeting. I am expecting his update.

7. list of certified trainers in the US

Sara Lyter and I are working on this.

8. Acknowledgement of other countries intern judges

I would like the board to think about us offering reciprocity for intern judges from other foreign countries provided that they fulfill similar prerequisites.

The Canadian Intern Judges go thru a very similar seminar and testing which seems very comparable and equal to ours. I compared it in detail. The only difference is that they ask for different currencies to stay up to date with their certificates. I think the board should consider acknowledging the Canadian Intern Judges if

1. Canada will do so vice versa
2. the currencies to stay up to date are fulfilled by our standards (which should hopefully be manageable)

We also have one German aspiring judge living in the US (at least only one that I know of) and I was asked if we would acknowledge her training so that she can continue her internships while living in the US to stay current. The training and testing she went thru in Germany is comparable to our standard and I would be in favor of also acknowledging her status as an intern judge if the currencies to stay up to date are fulfilled by our standards.

The German IPZV is already acknowledging US interns by being in favor of intern judges interning in Germany. I am not suggesting to ask for acknowledgement vice versa because the system in Germany to become a judge is so different from ours that I don't see how that could work.

I have more detailed information on both cases here and can provide more details if needed. I personally would be very much in favor of supporting more international exchanges and think we should embrace other countries education if it is at a similar level as ours.

9. Other

The May minutes said that Anne Elwell was going to work on the wording for a policy on USIHC seminars and that it would be presented in June. I asked last months about the updates on this but have not received any answers.

Aug 8th 2008

Alexandra Pregitzer
USIHC Education committee chairman

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