

USIHC - BOD 09/09/08 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members (present)

Bernie Willis,
Anne Elwell,
Doug Smith,
Ásta Covert,
Kari Pietsch-Wangard,
Kathy Love,
Laura Benson

Board Members (excused):

Karen Olson-Fields

Regional Club Observers:

Dawn Shaw (Cascade),
Annette Coulon (Kraftur)

Meeting Called to Order: 9:06PM PDT

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

2008 *Notice of Election* and *Trail Blazer* event announcement (first electronic notices) sent on August 23, 2008.

Treasurer's Report (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

The Membership Account balance as of 8/31/08 was \$7,850.31
The Registry Account balance as of 8/31/08 was \$78,826.12
Combined cash balances on 8/31/08 was \$86,676.43
Financial Statements Attached.

Kari noted that the timing of the Labor Day Weekend holiday delayed receipt of the Vermont Judging Seminar monies, which makes the Membership Account balance look significantly worse than it really is. By September 2nd the balance of the Membership Account was back up to close to \$15,000.

Based on initial estimates by Alex Pregitzer the Vermont Judging Seminar will probably break even or be close to it. The final expenses have yet to be reported.

Kari now has complete control over all the Congress accounts. The last of Ed's old accounts have been transferred to her bank in Wisconsin.

No applications for the *Trail Blazer* event have been received. The deadline for applications is September 15th.

Registrar's Report (Ásta Covert)

No report received.

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)

Goals for the PRP:

These are items or issues I would like to have in place by January 2009:

1. 2500 hour prize, a gift "basket" from a sponsor.
2. PRP dues streamlined with member dues.
3. PRP logs available via website/computer.
4. New sponsors for PRP awards.
5. A new award or points for community service.

Items 1-3 have been discussed in committee. 4 and 5 are items I need to develop further.

I have a good lead on a sponsor for item #1.

The Board unanimously supports including the PRP renewal with the general Congress renewal process and instructed Doug to make the necessary changes to the web site and mail-in payment systems.

Promotion (Kathy Love)

Our ad will run in The Equine Journal in the issue that will be handed out free at the MA Equine Affaire.

The issue of Western Ride and Times with Laura's article and our ad looked nice and they have offered \$200 toward an ad running for a year, which I think we should take them up on.

The September issue on gaited horses of Horse Illustrated has featured Icelandics.

Am hoping to get an article about the Youth Cup 2008 written by Carrie L. Brandt in a future issue of Young Rider.

Breyerfest was a success with much interest generated in our breed and there were hints of plans to release a Breyer Icelandic. The Trail Competition that Karen Olson-Fields has entered, hopefully along with a Youth Rider, will provide another opportunity to promote the breed and Icelandics as superior trail horses. The Massachusetts Equine Affaire in November will include the Iceland Trade Council booth in which the USIHC display will be hosted by Brian Puntin and local Congress members. Many other members are doing their bit to promote the breed in local events.

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

There is nothing new to report from the regional clubs. (Andrea Barber).

Quarterly (Anne Elwell)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

Redesigned *Stallion Book* launched on the web site and integrated into online membership pages.

Awaiting approval from Pleasure Riding and Competition to implement online presence for hour logs and show applications (sanction and participation).

The Board unanimously supports automating show sanctioning and enrollment process using the web site. Doug will work on a prototype for the Sport Committee and Board to review with a target of having a working solution before the start of the 2009 competition season. Anne and Kathy will forward samples of the entry forms used for the East Coast and Kentucky shows to be used as examples for developing the online entry form.

Youth (Laura Benson)

No report received.

Special Committee Reports

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

No report received.

Election (Debbie Cook)

The *Notice of Election* along with the announcement of the *Trail Blazer Festival* “Battle of the Breeds” was mailed to the membership on August 26, 2008.

Policies & Procedures (Anne Elwell)

No report received.

Old Business

▪ **Email Votes**

- Place ½ page Congress ad in *Horse Illustrated*. (Kathy)
This issue will be distributed at the MA Equine Affaire.
For: Bernie, Anne, Karen, Laura, Kathy, Doug, Kari, Ásta
Against: none
- Approve Karen’s announcement/application for the “Trail Blazer” event in Santa Barbara, CA (November 2009). Approval of this notice via email will allow its inclusion with the *Notice of Election* to save the cost of a separate mailing.
For: Karen, Doug, Ásta, Kari, Kathy
Against: none
- Approve Debbie Cook’s *Notice of Election* for the 2008 election. The notice must be mailed before our next scheduled meeting.
For: Doug, Bernie, Karen, Kari, Ásta, Laura
Against: none
- Approve *Stallion Book* letter notifying stallion owners of new policy for stallion listings on the web site.
For: Doug, Bernie, Kari, Kathy, Anne, Ásta
Against:

▪ **Youth Camp Venue (Laura)**

Laura presented the status of the Committee’s work and the issue was tabled pending confirmation that the Colorado dude ranch is still a viable option.

▪ **Annual Meeting Venue (Doug)**

- 200+ bids received.
- Selected San Jose, California.
- Selected weekend of January 16-19, 2009

Doug presented two options for hotels in San Jose. The Board unanimously instructed him to negotiate a lower meeting room rental fee and request a contract from the *Plaza Suites*.

▪ **Judges Training Scholarship Offer (Kari)**

Waiting on final donor approval of minor changes to the wording of the program. Bernie is to follow up with the donor.

▪ **Breeder’s Association Brochure Printing (Doug)**

- Still waiting for permission to print some pages in black-and-white.

▪ **Recognition of USIHC Level 1 Trainers (Bernie)**

See attached letter and certificate. Both have been mailed to the new trainers.

- **Web site message on trainer qualifications (Bernie)**
Anne and Sara Lyter are working on language to describe FEIF Level 1, Hólar, and the German training levels as they are represented in the United States. Anne is to report back on their progress.

New Business

- **Approval of August Tunbridge Show sanction. Application received 57 days late. (Will Covert)**
The Board voted on the following proposal put forward by Bernie:
Shall the Board approve the late sanction application of the Tunbridge show with the conditions that the organizers pay a \$5/day fine for the late application and receive no reimbursement from the Congress?
For: Ásta, Kari, Anne, Bernie
Against: Doug
Abstain: Kathy, Laura

The Board unanimously approved the following changes to the way shows appear on the web site calendar:
 - A show cannot be called *sanctioned* until the Sport Committee chair confirms the sanction has been approved.
 - Shows may be listed as *sanction pending* to indicate the organizer intends to apply for a sanction.
- **Selection of *Trail Blazer* adult and youth riders (Karen)**
The Board will decide the riders to send to this event, via email discussion as soon as possible after the September 15th deadline. To date no applications have been received.
- **Approval of Election Committee request to eliminate the double-envelope format for the upcoming Board election. (Debbie Cook / Doug)**
The Board unanimously supports making the election process easier and less expensive. The Election Committee may eliminate the second envelope from their ballot packets but is urged to make every effort to keep the voting anonymous.
- **Web Site / *Quarterly* advertising bundles (Doug)**
The Board unanimously supported creating a pilot program to place advertising on the web site. The initial program will be to run a single banner ad in place of the World Fengur banner on the home page. The ad will run coincidentally with a print ad in the *Quarterly* and will be charged at a rate of \$20/month.

Kathy Love indicated Guðmar Petursson would be willing to be the advertiser for the pilot program.

USIHC Education Committee report Sep 2008

1. USIHC sports competition seminars

Barb and Dan Riva from Winterhorse Park in Eagle, WI, 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.

The income and expense report is attached, the surplus is USD 616 surplus.

2. USIHC judging seminars (sports)

Solheimar Icelandics and Susan Peters in Tunbridge, VT, just hosted a USIHC judging seminar in the end of August. Those taking the seminar qualify for the sports committee and a list of the participants has been emailed to Will for his information.

Jason Brickner took the exam and passed the practical exam and oral test and is a new USIHC intern judge. His name has been added to the list of intern judges on our web site.

We are still awaiting a few receipts and bills for the seminar to finish the income and expense report. The seminar was not covering the expenses as expected but the loss will be reasonable. I will submit a detailed income and expense report.

3. questionnaire for USIHC seminars

We prepared a draft for a survey which Doug is going to put online for us. The survey will go via email with a link to the website to participants

4. FEIF Trainer seminar level 1

The participants that passed the exam received a recognition letters as well as certificates. See enclosed documents.

Within the next weeks, I hope to find time to work on a letter to send out to those that did not pass the seminar. Those participants should also get an information that the seminar is acknowledged by the USIHC and that they can still take the exams they failed and will get acknowledged.

5. English teaching materials for FEIF Trainer seminar level 1

I am in touch with Ian from FEIF education. Ian requested that the German IPZV should think about making the materials available for use within FEIF. IPZV is working on it.

6. list of certified trainers in the US

Sara Lyter and I are working on this. I updated all addresses and phone numbers but we have not yet finished the descriptions of all different levels. Work in progress...

7. Acknowledgement of other countries intern judges

I will work on a more detailed suggestion as requested by the board.

8. KY Icelandic horse show Oct 2008

Kathy Love and I are working on a USIHC seminar in conjunction with Gudmars show in the end of Oct in Louisville, KY.

We are hoping to put together lectures evolving around the topic of horse health and welfare. We have been in touch with the University of Kentucky and have some good ideas for lectures on horse health for Thursday (e.g. equine dental specialist) and have requested other speakers for Thursday. On Friday morning, we are planning to offer a saddle fitting clinic with Eileen Gunnipero.

As soon as we have a proposal with prices etc... put together, we will submit it to the board for approval.

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 the past two months about the updates on this but have not received any answers.

Sep 3rd

Alexandra Pregitzer
USIHC Education committee chairman



FEIF Trainer level 1 CERTIFICATION

NAME

born 00 Month 0000, has successfully completed the FEIF Trainer level 1 seminar and examinations at Creekside Farm in Madison, Georgia, on 00Date2008.

The judges supervising the exams were two independent international experts, Walter Feldmann Junior and Andrea Katharina Rostock.

The seminar and examination were conducted according to the standards and rules of the International Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations FEIF and are recognized by the United States Icelandic Horse Congress.

August 23rd 2008

Bernie Willis
USIHC president

Alexandra Pregitzer
USIHC Education Committee chairman



USIHC

United States Icelandic Horse Congress

August 2008

2008 FEIF Trainer level 1 seminar

Dear Participants,

The United States Icelandic Horse Congress would like to congratulate you on your achievements in the FEIF Trainer level 1 seminar that you attended this year in March at Creekside Farm in Georgia.

The USIHC appreciates the initiative and efforts of Katrin Sheehan to organize and host this first course and recognizes it as an important step in the development of Icelandic Horse riding in the USA. This seminar focused our attention on what certification really means, how our role parallels that of other FEIF countries and what the role of FEIF is in the development of education around the world.

The USIHC board was faced with some obstacles that needed resolution before it could acknowledge certification. Outside sources were consulted which further delayed this recognition. The delay has caused each of you concern and perhaps some confusion. Please accept our apology for this. Your patience has been appreciated.

The board of directors of the USIHC has voted that those participants who passed all of the exams of the trainer seminar in March 2008 are fully recognized as certified Icelandic Horse trainers FEIF level 1 by the USIHC. In addition to this letter you will receive a document that shows this certification.

We wish you many opportunities to use your increased knowledge in the development of Icelandic Horse riding in the USA.

Alexandra Pregitzer
Chairman USIHC Education Committee



USIHC Sports Competition Seminar

With Andre Boehme

July 24 - 25, 2008

Income and expense report

Income:

11 participants at \$350.00 **\$ 3,850.00**

Expenses:

Winterhorse Park

Walmart Super Store Groceries: \$ 147.23

Delafield Brewhouse Dinner Andre \$ 16.74

Heaven City Restaurant Dinner Andre \$ 36.03

Live horse judging \$ 32.00

Andre partial flight & daily seminar fees \$ 2,772.00

Insurance \$ 100.00

Invoice Ann-Christin Kloth \$ 130.00

Total expenses **-\$ 3,234.00**

Surplus \$ 616.00

USIHC
Profit and Loss Standard
 July 2008

	Jul '08
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Mbshp. Acct. Inc.	
Membership Dues	
08 Family memberships	251.24
08 Individual Memberships	499.31
Total Membership Dues	750.55
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	27.00
Quarterly Inc.	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	72.52
Total Quarterly Inc.	72.52
Total Mbshp. Acct. Inc.	850.07
Registry Acct. Inc.	
Duplicate Registration fees	50.00
Registration fees	500.00
Seminar Inc.	
Judging Seminar Inc.	
08 VT Judging Seminar	300.00
Total Judging Seminar Inc.	300.00
Sport Judging Seminar Inc.	
08 WI Sport Judging Smnr. Inc.	3,100.00
Total Sport Judging Seminar Inc.	3,100.00
Total Seminar Inc.	3,400.00
Transfer fees	75.00
Total Registry Acct. Inc.	4,025.00
Total Income	4,875.07
Expense	
Mbshp. Acct. Exp.	
Administration	
Conference Calls	236.97
Mbshp. Postage	183.42
Printing for Membership	84.35
Total Administration	504.74
Pleasure Rider Pgm. Exp.	477.85
Seminar exp.	
Sport Seminar exp.	
08 WI Sport Judging sem. exp.	2,772.00
Total Sport Seminar exp.	2,772.00
Total Seminar exp.	2,772.00
Spaeri Award	50.00

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	<u>Jul '08</u>
Total Mbshp. Acct. Exp.	3,804.59
Promotional	
Promotional Advertising	335.00
Total Promotional	<u>335.00</u>
Registry Acct. Expense	
Clerical for registry	357.00
Registry Postage	3.12
Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>360.12</u>
Service fees	
Bank Fees	40.00
Total Service fees	<u>40.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,539.71</u>
Net Ordinary Income	335.36
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
unknown deposit	0.35
Total Other Income	<u>0.35</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.35</u>
Net Income	<u><u>335.71</u></u>

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Profit and Loss Standard
 August 2008

	Aug '08
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Mbshp. Acct. Inc.	
Membership Dues	
08 Family memberships	64.00
08 Youth Membership Dues	70.00
Total Membership Dues	134.00
Quarterly Inc.	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	310.00
Total Quarterly Inc.	310.00
Total Mbshp. Acct. Inc.	444.00
Registry Acct. Inc.	
Non Member fees	45.00
Non-registration fees	90.00
Registration fees	675.00
Seminar Inc.	
Judging Seminar Inc.	
08 VT Judging Seminar	150.00
Total Judging Seminar Inc.	150.00
Total Seminar Inc.	150.00
Transfer fees	195.00
Total Registry Acct. Inc.	1,155.00
Total Income	1,599.00
Expense	
Mbshp. Acct. Exp.	
Administration	
Mbshp. Postage	43.13
Total Administration	43.13
Quarterly Expenses	51.86
Seminar exp.	
Judging Seminar exp.	
08 VT Judging Seminar Exp.	4,500.00
Total Judging Seminar exp.	4,500.00
Sport Seminar exp.	
08 WI Sport Judging sem. exp.	362.00
Total Sport Seminar exp.	362.00
Total Seminar exp.	4,862.00
Total Mbshp. Acct. Exp.	4,956.99
Registry Acct. Expense	
Clerical for registry	207.00

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	<u>Aug '08</u>
Competition Judge Fees	1,000.00
Registry Postage	118.16
Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>1,325.16</u>
Total Expense	<u>6,282.15</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-4,683.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-4,683.15</u></u>

USIHC
Profit and Loss Standard
 January through August 2008

	Jan - Aug '08
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Mbshp. Acct. Inc.	
Evaluation-FEIF fees	510.00
Farm List	
08 Farm list	2,354.46
Farm List - Other	220.00
Total Farm List	2,574.46
FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	1,596.70
Membership Dues	
08 Family memberships	4,455.43
08 Individual Memberships	6,484.96
08 Youth Membership Dues	103.68
Total Membership Dues	11,044.07
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	825.00
Quarterly Inc.	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,027.24
Quarterly back issue sales	45.00
Total Quarterly Inc.	2,072.24
Spaeri Award Inc	300.00
Stallion Book Inc.	-200.00
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	350.00
Mbshp. Acct. Inc. - Other	0.00
Total Mbshp. Acct. Inc.	19,072.47
Registry Acct. Inc.	
Duplicate Registration fees	150.00
Late Stallion Report fees	2,200.00
Non Member fees	495.00
Non-registration fees	150.00
Registration fees	6,205.00
Seminar Inc.	
Judging Seminar Inc.	
08 VT Judging Seminar	450.00
Total Judging Seminar Inc.	450.00
Sport Judging Seminar Inc.	
08 WI Sport Judging Smnr. Inc.	3,850.00
Total Sport Judging Seminar Inc.	3,850.00
Total Seminar Inc.	4,300.00
Transfer fees	1,815.00
Total Registry Acct. Inc.	15,315.00
Total Income	34,387.47
Expense	
Mbshp. Acct. Exp.	

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	Jan - Aug '08
Administration	
Conference Calls	1,076.29
Government fee	25.00
Mbshp. Postage	226.55
Printing for Membership	84.35
Tax. Prep. Services	435.00
Total Administration	1,847.19
Annual Meeting Exp.	300.00
Election exp.	452.36
FEIF related expenses	
FEIF Mbshp fees	2,677.00
Wire fees for FEIF pmts.	42.00
Total FEIF related expenses	2,719.00
Insurance	1,324.00
Pleasure Rider Pgm. Exp.	1,393.72
Quarterly Expenses	
Graphics	4,000.00
postage for Quarterly	125.53
Quarterly Printing	6,753.94
Quarterly Expenses - Other	51.86
Total Quarterly Expenses	10,931.33
Seminar exp.	
Judging Seminar exp.	
08 VT Judging Seminar Exp.	4,500.00
Total Judging Seminar exp.	4,500.00
Sport Seminar exp.	
08 WI Sport Judging sem. exp.	3,134.00
Total Sport Seminar exp.	3,134.00
Total Seminar exp.	7,634.00
Spaeri Award	257.70
Website	107.40
WorldFengur Exp.	1,724.20
Total Mbshp. Acct. Exp.	28,690.90
Promotional	
Display booth shipping	56.16
Equine Affair Exp.	651.72
Promotional Advertising	335.00
Total Promotional	1,042.88
Registry Acct. Expense	
Clerical for registry	3,335.00
Competition Judge Fees	1,000.00
Printing & reproduction-Regist.	212.27
Reg. Office supplies	146.88
Registry Postage	389.95

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	<u>Jan - Aug '08</u>
WorldFengur Fees exp.	228.28
Total Registry Acct. Expense	5,312.38
Service fees	
Bank Fees	
Wire fees	42.00
Bank Fees - Other	58.00
Total Bank Fees	100.00
Total Service fees	100.00
Youth Exp.	
Youth Cup Exp.	350.00
Total Youth Exp.	350.00
Total Expense	35,496.16
Net Ordinary Income	-1,108.69
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
unknown deposit	0.35
Total Other Income	0.35
Other Expense	
Returned check fees	18.00
Total Other Expense	18.00
Net Other Income	-17.65
Net Income	-1,126.34