

USIHC – Board Of Directors 09/21/10 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Katrin Sheehan, Sara Lyter, Doug Smith, Anne Elwell, Kathy Lockerbie, Ásta Covert, Sam Castleman, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Cindy Wescott

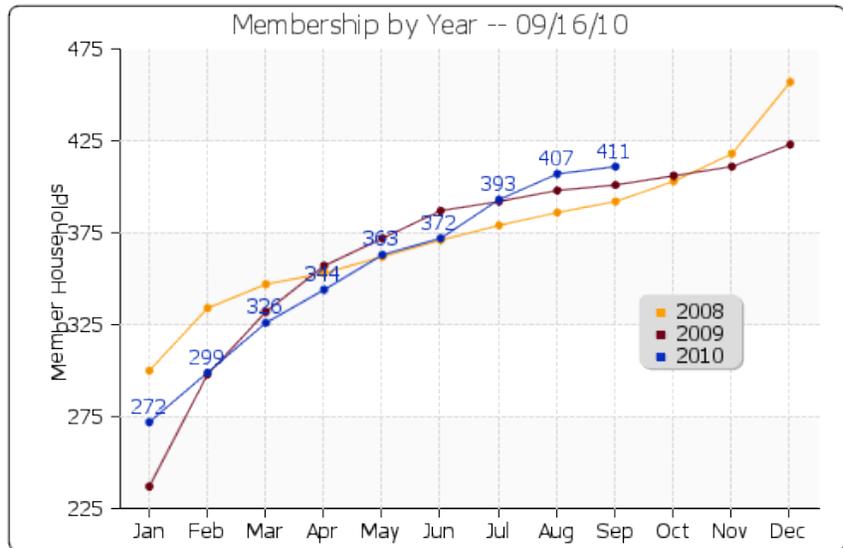
Excused: None.

Observers: Juli Cole, Knutur and Cerice Berndsen

Meeting Called To Order at 9:03PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

The phone numbers for general information and the Registry have been changed on the website, in the *Quarterly*, and on the Membership Application to the new toll-free number, 866-292-0009. The phone number is configured to route membership calls to Kathy and registry calls to Ásta. Voicemail alerts are delivered via email (and include a .WAV file of the message) so the messages can be checked directly from the computer.



The mailing lists for postal delivery of the *Notice of Election* and ballot packets (should they be necessary) were prepared and emailed to the Election Committee on September 1st.

The hotel contract for the 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans is signed and the meeting venue announced to the membership on the website and in the December *Quarterly*.

The mailing list for international *Quarterly* issues was updated to reflect the most current email addresses for the national chairmen of the FEIF member associations. At Nancy Marie Brown's request, the email addresses for all of the FEIF national magazines were added to the distribution list as well.

Treasurer's Report (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

Checking Account balance as of 08/31/10: \$8,936.35

Money Market account balance as of 08/31/10: \$105,808.51

Combined cash balances: \$114,744.86

See attached financial statements.

Registrar's Report (Ásta Covert)

No report received.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Katrin Sheehan)

See attached.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

No report received.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

No report received.

Education (Alexandra Pregitzer, Sara Lyter liaison)

See attached.

Membership (Kathy Lockerbie)

No report received.

Pleasure Riding (Karen Olson-Fields, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

Karen has had no response from the committee for a replacement chair. She will continue until a replacement is identified. She will contact Barb to see if someone from the Regional Clubs committee can take over.

Promotion (Cindy Wescott)

No report received.

Regional Clubs (Barb Riva, Cindy Wescott liaison)

No report received.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

Board members and others with authorized access to the membership database are now able to search near a ZIP code. This will make it easier to find members (active or expired) who are candidates for events. It will also be easier for the Membership Committee to help connect people with each other.

Our site was moved to an upgraded server by FutureQuest, our Internet Service Provider (ISP). The change was largely invisible to the membership. There was one reported problem with email delivery that resolved itself within 12 hours of the migration. We are now on the most modern hardware and software our ISP offers.

Following, and enabled by, the change to the new server hardware, a new tool has been added to the website to simplify the process of printing competition judge / score cards for schooling shows and sanctioned shows that do not use IceTest “live”. The show organizer enters the number of starting combinations for each FIPO test and indicates whether the test includes a final or just preliminaries. Based on the organizer's entries a single PDF file is created with all the necessary judge's cards for a single-judge show. This translates to one file to download and one file to print for the entire show! The new service is available on www.icelandics.org/competition/download.php

Youth (Sam Castleman)

No report received.

Old Business

- By Email: Annual Meeting
The Board unanimously approved the terms of the hotel contract for the Annual Meeting to take place at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in New Orleans January 14-15, 2011.

- Report from Breeding Committee on USIHC Procedures for Breeding & Young Horse Evaluations. [Katrin Sheehan]
Katrin requested this discussion be returned to the Breeding Committee after a presentation of the committee's work on revising the checklists and forms proposed to serve as the guidelines for future. After some minor revisions to the full evaluation documents, Katrin will present them to the Board for email approval before the November conference call.
- Registry Fee Waivers for Rescue Organizations [Katrin Sheehan]
The Breeding Committee recommends no waivers be granted. The Board accepts the Committee's recommendation.
- Non-member fee policy. [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]
Membership status for all Congress events, which have non-member fees, shall be determined at the conclusion of the event. Any participant who is not a member in good standing at the conclusion of the event shall be required to pay the appropriate non-member fee. The event organizer shall be responsible for the collection of all non-member fees.

MOTION [Doug Smith] The above policy be adopted as written.
VOTE: Unanimous approval by all Board members.

- Stud Service Auction [Katrin Sheehan]
A working group of the Breeding Committee endorsed the concept of a stud service auction to support the World Championships team. One member of the Breeding Committee registered an objection to the idea. Katrin and Juli Cole will work together to formulate the procedure to be used for publication on the website and in the *Quarterly*.

Standard Blood Profile [Anne Elwell & Katrin Sheehan]

A Standard Blood Profile is a profile created from blood taken from a reasonably large number of horses (minimum of 25) to which blood of a sick horse can be compared. (*See attached.*)

Katrin discussed it with the University of Georgia and they said they would do it for free which is terrific as this is an expensive undertaking. The University of Georgia will develop the protocol and we will then figure out what is needed. Katrin should report back on her conversations with the University of Georgia about this.

At the Chairmen's meeting of the FEIF conference I asked if anyone knew of a Standard Blood Profile for Icelandic Horses and no one was aware of one. I discussed this with one of the vets working on the welfare Committee and she had not heard of one either.

New Business

- V3 (Intermediate Four Gait) National Ranking [Will Covert & Doug Smith]
The Sport Committee identified an oversight from the March 2010 update to the competition rules. We neglected to recognize that the changes to V3 adopted by FEIF and incorporated with our changes make it more difficult to achieve high scores in V3. [Largely, the change in question is the fact that no scores are dropped from the final mark.] In fairness, the committee recommends the 2009 V3 ranking be "retired" to the bottom of the ranking page until the end of the 2011 competition season, at which point those scores would age out of the ranking naturally. The ranking and tally of scores used to advance riders out of Intermediate Four Gait eligibility will be reset to the beginning of the 2010 competition season. This has been discussed by the Sport Committee via email with no objection.

MOTION [Kari Pietsch-Wangard] The pre-2009 V3 ranking be retired and the V3 ranking and intermediate four-gait advancement scores be restarted beginning with the 2010 competition

season per the Sport Committee recommendation.
VOTE: Unanimous approval by all Board members.

- Spaeri Award [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]
Kari received one entry by the deadline published on the website. The Board plans to continue to offer this award following the withdrawal of its original sponsor. The one submitted essay will be awarded this year. Kari will forward the author's information to Sam who will arrange for the plaque and to Nancy Marie Brown for publication.
- Non-member fees at Breeding Evaluations
The Breeding Committee recommends a fee of \$25 per horse be collected from all horse owners who are not active members in good standing of the Congress at Breeding Evaluations. This figure is in line with the fees collected at sanctioned Sport Competitions. Further, the committee suggests all non-member fees be the same to avoid confusion.

MOTION [Doug Smith] The Breeding Committee's recommendation of \$25 per horse non-member fee at Breeding Evaluations be adopted.
VOTE: Unanimous approval by all Board members.

[Sara Lyter, Education Committee liaison, will take the fee discussion to the Education Committee as that fee is now different than the fees assessed at Breeding and Sport events.]

- Rescue Contact
Katrin Sheehan agreed to act as the point of contact within the Congress for any horse rescue related questions. Doug will create an appropriate email alias to be added to the appropriate "contact us" pages on the website and for "Page 4" of the *Quarterly*.
- Sanction for Creekside Farm Trainer Level 1 & 2 Seminar
Creekside Farm/Katrin Sheehan applied with the Education committee to host another FEIF trainer course for 2011 at Creekside Farm in Georgia in March of 2011, offering FEIF level 1 and level 2 trainer certifications. Creekside fulfills all requirements we have in place since Jan 1, 2010. The education committee is recommending to sanction the seminar based on the information that Katrin provided. The clinician will be Nicole Kempf. The examiner is planned to be Marlise Grimm along with Nicole Kempf.

MOTION [Kathy Lockerbie] The trainer seminar be sanctioned per the Education Committee's recommendation.
VOTE: Unanimous approval by all Board members except Katrin Sheehan who abstained.

Next meeting to take place by conference call at 9PM Eastern on November 2, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45PM Eastern.

Breeding Committee Report September 2010

1. Rescue Groups have the same obligations with registering Icelandic horses in the USIHC Registry as anyone else.

The committee has unanimously agreed to this statement. Rescue Groups can ask for reimbursement of the money spent when horses get adopted. Our fees are in the financial range of normal adoption fees for horses.

2. The committee had a conference call on August 29th 2010.

Members present: Anne Elwell, Katrin Sheehan, Dawn Shaw, Sali Peterson, Juli Cole, Jer Oliver (a couple of minutes)

- a) The issue of non-member fees at breeding shows was raised. Should a person, who is not a member of the Congress, who owns a horse in the show, be charged an extra fee per horse?

It was unanimously agreed upon charging non-member fees per horse. The members of the committee would like to propose a fee of \$25 at this time. If an owner has 2 horses in an evaluation, the non-member fee of \$50 is higher than a membership fee for one year. This could encourage non-members to become members.

The committee would like to propose all non-member fees for all USIHC events to be the same to prevent confusion and create unity.

- b) Fundraising for the World Championships.

As it is very expensive for any team member to travel with or without their horses to Europe to compete at the World Championships, Doug Smith and a group of members are trying to find creative ways to get money to support the team.

- c) Does the breeding committee support the idea of auctioning off breedings?

Present members of the committee agreed to this idea. Stallion owners conditions need to be met, the Congress has to be held harmless and participation is voluntary. Andrea Barber emailed her vote against auctioning off breedings to help funding the WC team prior to the conference call.

3. The committee has reviewed the final version of the 'Breeding evaluation Handbook'. Please look at the attachment. The committee would like to get this handbook approved by the board. It should be made available on the USIHC webpage for all organizers and rider/handler/owners.

USIHC Education Committee report

1. USIHC seminar with Barbara Frische and Birga Wild Oct 2010

This seminar was cancelled due to lack of participation.
I am in the process of planning locations and dates for 2011.

2. FEIF trainer course 2011

Creekside Farm/Katrin Sheehan applied with the Education committee to host another FEIF trainer course for 2011 at Creekside Farm in Georgia in March of 2011, offering FEIF level 1 and level 2 trainer certifications.

Creekside fulfills all requirements we have in place since Jan 1, 2010.

The education committee is recommending to sanction the seminar based on the information that Katrin provided. The clinician will be Nicole Kempf, like last year. The examiner is planned to be Marlise Grimm along with Nicole Kempf as the 2nd examiner. The examiner is requested but not verified.
If any of the details will change, the committee will reconsider.

3. Riding badge achievements

The KRAFTUR Club organized a riding badge seminar level 2 for members. The clinician was Heidi Benson, the examiner was Svanhildur Stefansdottir.
7 young riders passed the level 2 riding badge exams on Augst 20th at Coast Road Stables in Santa Cruz, CA.

Badges and certificates were sent out to Heidi. An information about the seminar along with names and photos to honor the achievements will be published in the next Quarterly.

Blood Profile for Icelandic Horses

[Katrin Sheehan]

It is my intent to create a blood Profile for Icelandic Horses in the US. Experience shows, that Icelandics have a slightly different profile than other breeds but there is no research available on this topic.

Through my vet Dr. Robin Barrow, I am able to access the lab of University of Georgia to have a full blood profile for every sample taken. Cost will be \$40 per horse for the sampling and analysis.

Dr. Barrow will provide a questionnaire for every horse to be filled out by the owner of the horse to their best knowledge. After evaluating the results of all blood sampled in a certain time period, that needs to be agreed on, Dr. Barrow will provide a report of the findings in comparison to other breeds.

The report will be available to any vet in the US through the nationwide veterinary email lists as well as to anyone requesting it via online or fax transfer.

Creekside Farm will make all it's horses available for the initial testing as all records of these horses are known. Horses of all ages will be tested both domestic born and imported.

Creekside Farm will further donate \$1000 to this project for other interested Icelandic horse owners, who want to participate in the study. Specifics will be outlined and made available through internet and print media to reach as many Icelandic horse owners as possible.

Dr. Barrow has agreed to be available for a lecture at our annual meeting, if enough research can be done by December 31st to give her enough time to analyze the data.

Katrin Sheehan
Creekside Farm Rutledge, Ga.

09/16/10

USIHC
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of August 31, 2010

	Aug 31, '10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	8,936.35
Associated Money Market Acct.	105,808.51
Total Checking/Savings	114,744.86
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
1 yr CD-#2201262884	1,024.64
2 yr CD-#2201262991	2,077.43
4 yr CD-#2201263072	7,333.16
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	10,435.23
Total Other Current Assets	10,435.23
Total Current Assets	125,180.09
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended Youth Funds	3,363.31
Total Other Current Liabilities	13,363.31
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Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	8,095.73
Net Income	6,794.49
Total Equity	111,816.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	125,180.09

USIHC
Income and Expense Report
August 2010

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Education Seminar Inc.		Education Seminar exp.	
2010 KY Seminar Inc.	2,625.00	2010 KY Seminar - July 30	<u>931.54</u>
Riding Badge Inc.	<u>60.00</u>	Total Education Seminar exp.	931.54
Total Education Seminar Inc.	2,685.00		
Interest Income	35.93		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Membership Dues		Administration	
2010 Membership dues		Mbshp. Postage	23.14
2010 Family Membership	439.67	Office Exp.	<u>96.68</u>
2010 Foreign Friend	66.97	Total Administration	119.82
2010 Individual Membership	744.07		
2010 Youth memberships	<u>137.36</u>		
Total 2010 Membership dues	<u>1,388.07</u>		
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Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	473.97	postage for Quarterly	<u>-9.50</u>
Quarterly back issue sales	<u>30.00</u>	Total Quarterly Expenses	-9.50
Total Quarterly Inc.	503.97		
Website Inc.		Service fees	
Website Ad Inc.	<u>57.96</u>	Bank Fees	<u>3.00</u>
Total Website Inc.	<u>57.96</u>	Total Service fees	3.00
Total Membership Related Income	1,950.00	Total Membership Related Expenses	113.32
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.			
2010 PRP Mbshp. Inc.	<u>29.14</u>		
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	29.14		
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Late Stallion Report fees	200.00	Clerical for registry	567.00
Registration fees	1,263.46	Reg. Office supplies	29.35
Transfer fees	<u>400.56</u>	Registry Postage	<u>46.60</u>
Total Registry Income	1,864.02	Total Registry Acct. Expense	642.95
USIHC Non-Member fees	<u>615.00</u>		
Total Income	7,179.09	Total Expense	<u>1,687.81</u>

Net Profit (Loss): 5,491.28

USIHC
Income and Expense Report
January through August 2010

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
		Competition Comm. Expense	
		National Ranking Award Expense	609.00
		Total Competition Comm. Expense	609.00
Education Seminar Inc.		Education Seminar exp.	
2010 A/M Education seminar Inc.	320.00	2010 Ed. Seminar at Annual Meet	286.72
2010 KY Seminar Inc.	2,625.00	2010 KY Seminar - July 30	2,037.44
Riding Badge Inc.	60.00	Total Education Seminar exp.	2,324.16
Total Education Seminar Inc.	3,005.00		
Evaluation-FEIF fees	465.00	FEIF Evaluation fees	466.86
Feif Youth Cup Reimbursement	2,924.52		
Interest Income	366.04	Elwell Breeding Award	65.65
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
		Annual Meeting Exp.	
		2010 Annual Meeting	
2010 A/M Dinner Inc.	1,850.00	2010 Annual Meeting dinner exp.	2,040.75
Farm Listing		2010 Annual Meeting Room Exp.	615.52
2010 Farm Listing	1,844.48	Total 2010 Annual Meeting	2,656.27
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FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	4,557.01		
Membership Dues		Administration	
2010 Membership dues		Mbshp. Postage	80.34
2010 Family Membership	3,693.34	Office Exp.	96.68
2010 Foreign Friend	66.97	Special Awards Exp.	69.89
2010 Individual Membership	8,014.96	Total Administration	246.91
2010 Youth memberships	274.41		
2010 Membership dues - Other	260.34	FEIF related expenses	
Total 2010 Membership dues	12,310.02	FEIF Conf. exp.	4,537.02
Total Membership Dues	12,310.02	FEIF Mbshp fees	4,059.28
		Wire fees for FEIF pmts.	40.00
		Total FEIF related expenses	8,636.30
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,288.77	Graphics	3,000.00
Quarterly back issue sales	30.00	postage for Quarterly	1,112.09
Total Quarterly Inc.	2,318.77	Quarterly Printing	2,658.25
		Total Quarterly Expenses	6,770.34
Website Inc.		Website	193.40
Website Ad Inc.	57.96		
Total Website Inc.	57.96		

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Income and Expense Report
January through August 2010

Income		Expense	
		Service fees	
		Bank Fees	
		Wire fees	53.91
		Bank Fees - Other	3.00
		Total Bank Fees	56.91
		Total Service fees	56.91
		WorldFengur Exp.	607.23
Total Membership Related Income	22,938.24	Total Membership Related Expenses	19,167.36
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2010 PRP Mbshp. Inc.	600.11	09 PRP Award expense	758.58
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	600.11	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	758.58
		Promotional Exp.	
		Display booth shipping	81.70
		Equine Affair Exp.	891.00
		Other Promotional expenses	757.58
		Promotional Advertising	700.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	120.00
		Total Promotional Exp.	2,550.28
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	146.50	Clerical for registry	2,624.00
Late Stallion Report fees	2,080.80	Reg. Office supplies	36.19
Registration fees	5,668.88	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrtpn exp.	136.27
Transfer fees	1,793.40	Registry Postage	256.75
Total Registry Income	9,689.58	Total Registry Acct. Expense	3,053.21
		Youth Exp.	
		Youth Cup Exp.	
USIHC Non-Member fees	1,164.28	2010 Youth Cup Exp.	5,513.18
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00	Total Youth Cup Exp.	5,513.18
		Total Youth Exp.	5,513.18
Total Income	41,302.77	Total Expense	34,508.28

Net Profit (Loss): 6,794.49