

**USIHC BOD meeting Oct. 10, 2005**

**Members present – Andrea Barber, Caryn Cantella, Sara Conklin, Betsy Covert, Judy Strehler, Sandie Weaver and Bernie Willis**

**Guests – Barb Riva**

**Election – According to the constitution three BOD positions are up for reelection each year. Those running for reelection are Anne Elwell, Caryn Cantella and Sara Conklin.**

**USIHC location – When Anne Elwell's office closes the new address and phone number will be needed. The timing is not yet determined.**

**Judge Seminar – A story for the Quarterly by Sara Lyter to be coordinated by Sara Conklin. Ed Hilgaertner will write a short announcement for the website indicating who passed the test with guidelines for their use and as they aspire for further skills and knowledge as judges. The BOD will continue to develop a procedure for aspiring judges to follow toward FEIF certification.**

**Registry Report – Caryn Cantella reported the following  
2823 horses registered in the U.S.**

**2344 of the above horses are entered in World Fenger**

**1276 of these are domestic bred**

**479 horses are not yet entered in World Fenger**

**134 of these are imported**

**333 are domestic**

**12 have origins still to be determined**

**Horses from Washington Island are a concern that Anne and Caryn will discuss.**

**Youth Camp – It was held in Iceland. 58 teens attended. There was a lot of riding 3 of the 4 days. They attended a demo of a breeding evaluation. The emphasis was on Icelandic Horses this year instead of sight seeing. Our three teens had a good time inspite of limited accomidations.**

**Youth Cup – Letter of procedures etc. will be sent out Nov. 1. Tryout video info will be included. Ages are 14-17,**

**Future Judge Seminars – Bernie to compile a list of items to be included in planning.**

**Judge Accomidations – Marlise Grimm is concerned about our procedure of not allowing visiting judges to stay in the private homes of show participants. She says this policy reflects against the integrity of the judges. The BOD will revisit the policy.**

**Ambassador to the IH. – Jonas has quit and been replaced with a committee of interested folk to market the IH abroad.**

**World Championship - Betsy reports that in spite of Sara's accident the U. S. had a great team. They were on time, ready and worked hard. Dan Riva was the fun leader. There was mud from hell but she remained very pleased with the team.**

**Sport Competition Committee – Dan Riva and Gudmar Petursson to be added.**

**Quarterly – The next one is on the way anytime and the following one will be out in Nov.**

**Visa Info – Anne Elwell reports that there is an increase in the number of H2B foreignn visas available for teacher/trainers. It takes 2-3 montghs from application to approval. The cost for filing and attorney fees is about \$3000. The American employer must pay the going wage for similar work and show that no citizen can do the work required for them. Perhaps Iceland could fund a program for this.**

**The meeting concluded after about a hour.**

**Submitted by Bernie Willis, Recording Secretary**