

Minutes USIHC meeting of December 19, 2007

Members present - Andrea Barber, Laura Benson, Caryn Cantella, Anne Elwell, Ed Hilgaertner, Katrin Sheehan, Sandie Weaver, Bernie Willis

Regional Club Observers - Dawn Shaw, Cascade Icelandic Horse Club, Alys, Culhane, Alaska Icelandic Horse Association, Annette Coulon, Kraftur, Judy Strehler, Flugnir

Secretary's Report - Barb reported by email that all previous board meeting minutes have been transcribed and await board approval before forwarding to the website.

Treasurer's Report - Ed Hilgaertner reported Nov. beginning balance of \$8683.26. The month ended with \$3824.91. The significant expenses were the judge fee for the seminar in Kentucky at \$3900.00 and the printing and mailing of the Quarterly at \$2142.99. Many memberships have been renewed already in December bringing total deposits for this month to \$9655.

Registrar's Report - Caryn Cantella reports registry account at the beginning of November of \$67,224.05. The month ended with a balance of \$69,418.05.

Breeding Committee - Katrin Sheehan submitted the following: The first evaluation for 2008 has been approved. The event will be held at Creekside Farm in Georgia May 17th and 18th with possible extension to the 16th depending on attendance. Organizer of the show will be NEIHC.

Competition Committee - Heidi Kline provided the following written report -

1. I am still waiting for copies of 2 registrations for the Dillsburg show. Both horses did not show up in the USIHC database or in Worldfengur.
2. Waiting for copies of 2 registrations for Kentucky. Both horses were Canadian born and there was a question about their names. I am also waiting for a check for \$285.

(The board requested more information about the \$285.00 check. What does it pay for? Katrin will contact Heidi about it.)

Were both of these shows cleared for payment? If so, were the checks sent?

Los Angeles show has finally submitted the last paperwork and the checks were forwarded to Asta. Stina Sigurbjornsson is seeking reimbursement of \$1222.06.

Santa Ynez show is also finished. All paperwork has been received. Asta Covert is seeking reimbursement of \$1177.40.

(The board assumed that the two shows referred to in the first line of this section applied to the Los Angeles and Santa Ynez shows. Ed confirmed that the checks had been sent.)

3. The sport committee would like to make a change to the sanctioned show document to clarify that all non-sanctioned classes have the same tack, shoeing & dress code rules as sanctioned classes.

Pleasure classes aka non-sanctioned classes should follow the same tack & shoeing rules but have dress code for pace classes as spelled out in FIPO. This would keep things more lenient for pleasure riders going to show for the first time.

(The board requests that the actual wording of the rules changes be submitted for approval.)

Constitution Review Committee - Andrea reports no developments. Anne suggested that Kari Wangard has submitted changes that were being considered.

Education Committee Report -

A) Sports Judges Education Program

We had a very successful judging seminar in combination with the Kentucky Show this November. We had 11 participants, 5 attempting to get certified and four of them passing the exam. The four new intern judges have been added to our website ([www.icelandics.org/education committee](http://www.icelandics.org/education_committee)) as well as to the Intern Judge email list. The accounting has been submitted to Ed.

(Alex is planning another sport judge seminar for Vermont in Aug. 2008)

It is our goal to not make any deficit or surplus on USIHC educational seminars but that is not always possible. In this case, I had to calculate with a min of 9 participants and ended up having two more last minute. We included some snacks that were not planned on but yet made a surplus of USD 833.43. *(Ed revised the numbers to \$783.43)*

I have the following suggestions for the surplus:

1. Gudmar Petursson allowed us generously to use his printer, paper and the

services of his staff (computer specialist, show organizer) for the seminar. In addition, he spent a minimum of 2.5 hours together with two staff members riding horses for the seminar participants to judge. I request that we reimburse Gudmar for his help. He did not ask for it but as we have a surplus, I would feel it would be a good idea in order to maintain a good business relationship for further seminars. I think USD 300 would be a reasonable amount.

2. I would like to see any amount besides a payment to Gudmar (if approved) to go into an education committee fund for us to use for future seminars.

For 2008, we would like to focus on the further education of our intern judges and will come up with suggestions to offer one or two seminars.

(The board concluded that there is no need to pay Gudmar for these services because it might set a precedence we couldn't always follow and we hadn't previously agreed to such a charge.)

B) FEIF International Trainer Seminar

Katrin Sheehan is planning to host a FEIF International Trainer seminar at her farm in Georgia in the beginning of March 2008. This seminar is a FEIF seminar and the exam will certify any participants that pass as a FEIF International Trainer. The USIHC is NOT the one certifying the riders so there are no liability questions coming up.

Bernie Willis and I were discussing whether this should be a private seminar hosted by Katrin or a USIHC seminar. Katrin said she was flexible either way.

While I personally feel I would like to see a seminar like this planned longer ahead of time and with more knowledge about the FEIF seminar structure as well as the much needed reading material in place before offering it, I agree that such a seminar should be offered by the USIHC. Katrin is working on the dates as well as a schedule and getting the clinician and judges for the seminar. Most likely, the clinician will be Walter Feldmann.

For anybody interested, the education matrix from FEIF can be found at

<http://feif.glitnir.nl/documents/edmatrix07.pdf>

Our challenge for now will be to get reading material and to translate it asap. This discussion came up before when discussing the riding badge program and although Walter Feldman had agreed to have his book translated, it never happened. The German IPZV has a manual for the trainers seminar and we are trying to get allowance to translate it. If there will be enough time to have it

ready by March is hard to say.

C) Breeding seminars

We feel it is too early yet to offer a breeding seminar to certify intern breeding judges. More education is needed first. There might be a seminar this spring offered in combination with the evals in GA to educate those interested but it will be a seminar open to anybody interested, breeders etc.

D) Proposals

I will submit two proposals to the board via our website. Short information:

1. Travel costs

As the USIHC grows and we are getting more active and are offering more events and seminars, there will be more travel involved. While I agree with some opinions that the USIHC cannot be responsible to cover all travel costs and that this would not be healthy for our finances, we should consider making some changes with regard to reimbursement. There will be means of restricting the costs but yet helping out in some cases.

If we don't reimburse any travel costs whatsoever, we will end up forcing people with good knowledge that have to offer a lot to our association to stay away from positions within the USIHC or we will risk the success of some events. I have compared my ideas to other associations and will submit more details with my proposal.

2. USIHC seminars

I feel we should have a rule in place as to what kind of seminars we offer in the name of our association and what kind of seminars are "privately" offered. I feel that any kind of formal education such as riding badges, trainer certifications and judges seminars should be offered thru the USIHC only.

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Pleasure Riding Committee Report - Andrea had nothing to report.

Policy and Procedures Committee Report - Anne

Promotion Committee Report - Laura is working on a standard article with Kim Hart that can be used as needed.

Regional club Committee Report - Andrea had nothing to report.

Quarterly Committee Report - Anne had some concern about the mailing list used for the Quarterly. It should be the list of individual, family and youth members not the voting list.

Website Committee Report - Katrin expressed concern about the lack of function of the committee. The board agreed that Bernie would contact Mark Peal with our concern and figure out what to do. After the meeting he contacted Mark and Mark decided to resign. Doug Smith who was co-working the website with Mark has agreed to continue the website development and chair the committee.

Youth Committee Report - Sandie reported that the applications for country leaders and team leaders have been written and submitted for approval by the board. The board approved the applications with minor changes, the page numbering and the statement regarding providing a phone. The country leader will be required to have a phone and the congress will reimburse up to \$100.00 for phone calls related to the event.

Old Business

Annual Meeting awards - delayed until next meeting

New Business

Replacement of board members Barb Riva and Caryn Cantella due to resignation. The board agreed to appoint Kari Pietsch-Wangard and Asta Covert as replacements. They are to fill out the last year of the two respective terms. They will be up for re-election in 2008. Doug Smith and Karen Olson-Fields were also considered for the appointed positions.

Request from David Kline for membership names and horse data for icetest.

Request was approved unanimously.

U.S. representative for Delegates Assemble - delayed until next meeting.

Correction to certificate of origin - delayed until next meeting.

Accounting and Reporting - [The board agreed that if Kari wanted to she could analyze our finances by looking over the annual reports.](#) Ed refers her to IRS pub. 598 for non-profit information.

Future of Worldfengur for USIHC members - The board agreed unanimously to continue the subscription to WF as it is a general educational service. It also wants to track its use to determine if it is cost effective.

World Championship tryout eligibility - The board confirmed the constitutional requirement that membership in the USIHC is a requirement and that members not residing in the U. S. must have a horse here. There was also discussion that this requirement may be out of date and need revision that can only come as the result of a constitutional amendment.

FEIF judge for FEIF Youth Cup applicants – Sandie offered to ask Will Covert if he would be willing to judge the videos/DVDs for the 2008 FEIF Youth Cup applicants.

Use of PayPal for ads placed in the Quarterly - It was agreed unanimously that PayPal can be use for Quarterly ad payments.

Items that were not addressed because of time constraints -

Annual Meeting Awards

U.S. representative to the Delegates Assemble

Correction of certificate of ownership