

## USIHC – Board Of Directors 6/14/16 Meeting Minutes

### **Board Members**

Present: Leslie Chambers, Lori Cretney, Juli Cole, Katrin Taylor-Sheehan, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Doug Smith, Will Covert, Andrea Barber

**Observers** Steve Cole, Martina Gates

**Meeting called to order at 8:03pm EST (Will Covert)**

### **Secretary's Report (Juli Cole)**

Membership status as of June 12 : 426 households.

### **Treasurer's Report (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)**

The monthly financial statements now include a detailed breakdown of the cash owned by the Congress. The key figures from the breakdown are:

<u>Combined bank account balances as of 5/31/16:</u>	<u>\$149,306.23</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds as of 5/31/16:</u>	<u>\$133,531.33</u>
<u>Net increase (decrease) since 4/30/16:</u>	<u>(\$4,585.19)</u>

### **Standing Committee Reports**

No committee reports were submitted for this meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Blood Profile Project (Andrea Barber)

*See Attached*

### **New Business**

- 2017 USIHC Annual Meeting (Juli Cole)

An update was given regarding holding the meeting at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh Airport. After reviewing the amenities offered and associated costs, it was decided to negotiate a contract with this venue.

- Registry rule change proposal (Martina Gates)

Discussion for this item was held in executive session.

A: An exclusively registered farm name cannot be used by another entity without prior written consent as it is their trademark. Farms in the US are able to register exclusive rights to a breeding farm name. The only requirement is that the name has not been previously reserved.

B: Any horse registered with a farm name that is registered exclusively to another farm without written permission is required to change their farm name unless the horse has already been presented at a FEIF breeding show or has already been used for breeding.

#### PROS:

An exclusively registered farm name is the breeders trademark and should not be useable to anyone else without written permission, otherwise anybody could register their horses in anybodies farm name. The registry rules do not specify the rules about name changes and use of farm names clearly. The rules only state that every breeder has the right to name their foal. And that any changes need to be made by the registrar. This rule amendment would also help clarify the rules for the registrar.

#### CONS:

It would add additional work to the registrar to correct the registration certificates of horses that have been registered in other farms exclusive names.

### **Section 11. CHANGES IN CERTIFICATES**

no changes, additions or deletions may be made to the registration certificate by the owner of the horse. In all instances where a change, addition or deletion is required, the certificate must be returned to the Registry where these changes will be made at no charge.

### **Section 13. BUSINESS NAMES OF ICELANDIC OWNERS**

- a. a breeder may register for exclusive use of a name to be used as a suffix in naming horses. Such a name will be allowed to only one person or entity. In the event two or more persons in good faith apply to use the same name, the first application will be granted.
- b. a breeder's suffix may be added to a horse's name only by the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service by the sire.
- c. if the recorded owner of the dam at time of breeding wishes to assign this right, a letter from the recorded owner making this assignment must accompany the registration application.

I accidentally recorded one of my young horses with the wrong farm name. It was an oversight as I was registering other horses for that farm. My young horse now has the farm name that was exclusively registered to another entity and I did not obtain written permission. In the current registry rules there is no provision to protect the exclusive rights of their farm name. Currently it is possible to name your offspring with any farm name you wish without written consent.

The only place where the exclusivity of the farm name is mentioned is in the “Helpful Hints & Links” section. But it says that in the US, we follow the rule that the mare owner at the time of the breeding has the right to choose the farm name of the foal. This does not specify that it has to be a name not already registered to another farm!

## **Helpful Hints & Links**

### **Last Name**

The last part of the horse's name is the breeder's trademark – usually the name of the breeder's farm. Traditionally in Iceland farm names come not from the owner's imagination, but rather from the geographic area where the farm is located. For example "OddhÃ³ll" and "LanghÃ³s". Here in the US we usually have more commercial farm names, which are just as acceptable. The breeder's farm name in the US need not be an Icelandic word.

Farms in the US are able to register exclusive rights to a breeding farm name. To do so, just requires filling out the [Form for Use of Farm Name](#) and sending it to the USIHC registrar. The only requirement is that the name has not been previously reserved.

In Iceland the current rule is that the foal will bear the name of the farm where it is physically born, whether or not that farm had anything to do with its breeding. Outside Iceland in several FEIF countries including the US, we follow the rule that the mare owner at the time of the breeding has the right to choose the farm name of the foal. That way, the foal's name is forever a trademark of the individual(s) who made the actual breeding decision. That person(s) can then pass off the right to the new owner with a simple letter if they so wish before the foal is registered.

It should therefore not be permissible to use another persons exclusive farm name without written consent. I am asking to have my young horse's last name corrected to my exclusively registered farm name. This is probably not the first time a case like this has come up, and I would not want someone else using my farm name without permission either. It would make sense to make this rule amendment to prevent further misuse if farm naming.

Thank you,

Martina Gates

**Executive session**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm**

**Next meeting date: August 9, 2016**



**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Income & Expense Report**  
**May 2016**

Income		Expense	
<b>Competition Inc.</b>		<b>Breeding Committee Exp.</b>	
Sanction Competition fee	150.00	Blood Profile Project exp.	5,000.00
<b>Education-Riding Badge</b>		<b>Funding Programs</b>	
Riding Badge Inc.	80.00	Flagship Funding exp.	
		Flagship Event - Sanction Show	2,000.00
<b>Interest Income</b>	15.66		
<b>Membership Related Income</b>		<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>	
<b>Membership Dues</b>		<b>Toll Free line</b>	12.95
Youth Memberships	33.68		
Family Memberships	127.81		
Individual Memberships	877.01		
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	1,038.50		
<b>Quarterly Inc.</b>			
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	33.68		
Quarterly back issue sales	25.00		
<b>Total Quarterly Inc.</b>	58.68		
<b>Total Membership Related Income</b>	1,097.18		
<b>Other Income</b>			
Misc. Other Income	309.42		
<b>Registry Income</b>		<b>Registry Expenses</b>	
Duplicate Registration fees	50.00	Clerical for registry	215.00
Late Stallion Report fees	193.90	Registry Office supplies	112.62
Registration fees	443.82	<b>Total Registry Expenses</b>	327.62
Transfer fees	366.12		
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	1,053.84		
<b>USIHC Non-Member fees</b>	49.28		
<b>Total Income</b>	2,755.38	<b>Total Expense</b>	7,340.57

**Net Income/Loss: -4,585.19**

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Income & Expense Report**  
**January through May 2016**

Income		Expense	
		Breeding Committee Exp.	
		Blood Profile Project exp.	5,000.00
		Cantella YH Evaluation Award	56.98
		FEIF Evaluation fees	17.23
		Elwell Breeding Award	81.03
		<b>Total Breeding Committee Exp.</b>	<b>5,155.24</b>
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
Sanction Competition fee	225.00	National Ranking Award Expense	774.40
Education-Riding Badge		FEIF Conference exp.	
Riding Badge Inc.	80.00	FEIF 2016 Conference exp.	1,768.00
Interest Income	108.23	FEIF Seminar Fee Stipend	600.00
		Funding Programs	
		Flagship Funding exp.	
		Flagship Event - Sanction Show	2,000.00
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing	1,828.53	Administration	
Membership Dues		Mbshp. Postage	19.60
Foreign Friend mbshp	66.97	Annual Meeting Exp.	
Youth membership	135.03	2016 Annual Meeting exp.	2,514.91
Family Memberships	3,233.97	FEIF related expenses	
Individual Memberships	7,533.73	FEIF Mbshp fees	1,396.17
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>10,969.70</b>	Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,569.20	Postage for Quarterly	363.41
Quarterly back issue sales	44.11	Quarterly Printing	2,136.76
<b>Total Quarterly Inc.</b>	<b>2,613.31</b>	<b>Total Quarterly Expenses</b>	<b>3,500.17</b>
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	64.75
Website Ad Inc.	378.38	WorldFengur Exp.	515.08
<b>Total Membership Related Income</b>	<b>15,789.92</b>	<b>Total Membership Related Expenses</b>	<b>8,010.68</b>
Other Income		Promotional Exp.	
Misc. Other Income	309.42	Ambassador award	377.30
Registry Income		Promotional postage expenses	110.05
Duplicate Registration fees	98.55	<b>Total Promotional Exp.</b>	<b>487.35</b>
Late Stallion Report fees	486.50	Registry Expenses	
Registration fees	1,225.08	Clerical for registry	652.00
Transfer fees	1,053.65	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	188.09
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	<b>2,863.78</b>	Registry Office supplies	112.62
USIHC Non-Member fees	221.62	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	116.92
Youth Committee Inc.		Registry Postage	179.07
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	660.00	<b>Total Registry Expenses</b>	<b>1,248.70</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,257.97</b>	Youth Committee Exp.	
		Spaeri Award	98.15
		Youth Cup Exp.	
		2016 Youth Cup Exp.	391.26
		<b>Total Youth Cup Exp.</b>	<b>391.26</b>
		<b>Total Youth Committee Exp.</b>	<b>489.41</b>
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>20,533.78</b>

**Net Income/Loss -275.81**

06/09/16

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet Standard**  
As of May 31, 2016

	May 31, '16
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Associated Checking acct.	7,023.38
Associated Money Market Acct.	132,096.52
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	139,119.90
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
CD ownd by USIHC mature 9/29/16	1,003.51
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/16	3,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-matures 10/5/17	3,123.03
CD-matures 10/5/18	3,059.79
<b>Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...</b>	6,182.82
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	10,186.33
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	149,306.23
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>149,306.23</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	6,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,190.25
Unexpended Youth Funds	6,584.65
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	15,774.90
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	15,774.90
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	15,774.90
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	36,880.58
Net Income	-275.81
<b>Total Equity</b>	133,531.33
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>149,306.23</b>

## USIHC General Membership Funds

4/30/16		5/31/16
\$ 11,574.23	Checking	\$ 7,023.38
\$ 132,080.86	Money Market	\$ 132,096.52
\$ 10,186.33	CDs	\$ 10,186.33
\$ 153,841.42	subtotal	\$ 149,306.23
\$ (6,534.65)	Youth Fund	\$ (6,584.65)
\$ (6,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (6,000.00)
\$ (3,190.25)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,190.25)
\$ 138,116.52	USIHC General Membership Funds	\$ 133,531.33

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Net Increase **(Decrease)** from previous report  
**(\$4,585.19)**

## **Blood Profile Project – June, 2016**

*Submitted by Andrea Barber*

- The contract has been signed by Kari and returned to Cornell. The initial \$5,000 payment has also been made. So the project is a go!
- Two donations have been received so far – one for \$100 and the other for \$500.
- I have written a detailed FAQs about the project which I have given Doug to put up on the website (see attached). A more expanded version will be given to the Quarterly for the next issue. Doug was also nice enough to make a new e-mail address for the project – [bpproject@icelandics.org](mailto:bpproject@icelandics.org). All questions regarding the project should be forwarded to this address.
- Four horses have been sampled so far. They were my horses and I wanted to do this so I could run through any issues and to understand the process. I am glad I did this as I did learned a lot from it and now can better explain it to others willing to have their horses sampled in the future. It's not difficult, but there are some particularities and logistical issues that participants need to be aware of.
- I have been talking with Carrie Lyons Brandt owner of Léttleiki Icelandics in KY. She is willing to work on getting a large number of horses sampled at her location. Her veterinarian, Roger A. Magnusson, DVM and USIHC member Martin K. Nielsen, DVM, PhD, are generously donating their time to identify the horses that meet the parameters to be sampled and then pulling the blood. I hope to hear from them soon how many kits we should send to them.



## **Icelandic Horse Standard Blood Profile Project – FAQs**

### ***What is the Icelandic Horse Standard Blood Profile Project?***

For many years the USIHC has received questions both from horse owners and from veterinarians caring for Icelandic horses wondering if some of the odd values they were seeing in blood tests results were due to illness, or were simply breed specific anomalies. Unfortunately, we've never had any good answers to give them as no standard blood profile for the Icelandic breed exists. But based on the number of inquiries over the years, plus experiences with our own horses, we speculated that there were indeed some breed specific anomalies – but without a study we couldn't be certain.

Several times in the past the idea came up to try to get a standard blood profile for the breed to deal with this problem. Unfortunately, cost and logistics always made the project impossible to complete.

However, USIHC Board Member Andrea Barber thought Dr. Bettina Wagner of [Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine](#) (and USIHC member) might be able to help. Dr. Wagner's primary research interest is equine immunology and she is currently studying summer eczema in Icelandic horses through her [Wagner Laboratory](#) at Cornell. The lab is home to a large herd of registered Icelandic horses owned by Cornell University that participate in the study. The USIHC was thrilled to learn that Dr. Wagner was willing to assist, and so began the journey to finally make a standard blood profile for Icelandic horses a reality.

Although the USIHC is committed to completing this daunting project, we could use additional support. Please see below to find out how you can help.

### ***Why would a standard blood profile for the Icelandic breed be beneficial?***

Currently, no standard blood profile for Icelandic horses exists. Thus, when any lab runs tests on blood from Icelandic horses the resulting values are compared to a

standard that has been set by other breeds – most often Thoroughbreds. This can make it difficult for veterinarians to interpret what deviation from normal is a symptom of illness, vs. what is simply a benign breed trait.

Having a standard blood profile would allow veterinarians to compare blood test results they are getting with those that are specific for the Icelandic breed. This in turn should allow for more accurate diagnoses and treatment of Icelandic horses.

***Who are the researchers at Cornell University that will be conducting the study?***

[Bettina Wagner, DVM, Dr. med. vet. habil.](#)

[Tracy Stokol, DVM, PhD](#)

***How many horses will need to be tested?***

A standard blood profile requires the testing of 120 horses that meet very specific criteria. Ideally, the horses that meet the criteria should also vary in age, sex, and location. 45 horses from the Wagner Lab have already been tested – which leaves us to have 75 tested to complete the data collection portion of the project.

***What tests will be included in the panel?***

- Automated Hemogram (CBCA)
- Large Animal Panel (LAP)
- Bile Acids (BAF/BAP/BAR)
- Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP)
- Tryglicerides (TRIG)
- Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH)
- Total Protein by Refactometer (TPREF)

***How will the results be shared?***

It really depends on the outcome of the data analysis. If the researchers do find that there are Icelandic breed specific anomalies (and preliminary results look very promising) they will first pursue a peer-reviewed academic publication. Such a publication would become available to veterinarians all over the world and would give them detailed explanation of the researchers' findings.

However, such a publication, while extremely valuable to veterinarians, probably won't be easily read by the average "lay" person. So the researchers have also agreed to provide a more "natural language" article that will appear in the USIHC *Quarterly*. If they do decide to pursue an academic article the "lay" article will appear after the professional article is published. However, if they decide to forgo the academic article the "lay" article will be a priority.

We of course hope to provide updates on the USIHC website and in the Quarterly as the project progresses.

***What's the timeline?***

Good, sound research takes time and things in the academic world can tend to move rather slowly. However, we of course would like to get the project completed as quickly as possible. We hope to get all the testing done during the calendar year 2016 with the analysis completed shortly thereafter. Crafting the article(s) then will take some time.

***I want to help! Should I send the USIHC blood test results I have on my horse(s)?***

No – in order to provide valid results for the study the samples have to be collected from horses that meet very specific criteria, have to be handled under a set protocol, and the tests need to be performed only at the Cornell University lab in a certain timeframe.

If we need your horse to be tested we will contact you directly with more information.

***How can I help?***

The biggest help to further this project is to donate funds. Although the USIHC has committed to Cornell to fund the enter project (\$14,000+) the USIHC is really hoping that members will help offset this high cost to help the breed. Plus, since donations go directly to Cornell, which is a not-for-profit entity, they can be considered tax deductible!

You can make a donation by:

- Make a gift ONLINE via credit card  
[Cornell Veterinary College Online Donation](#)
  - Select gift designation (a box with options pops up)
  - Select Other-Vet; hit Continue
  - In the box below the designation, type Icelandic Normal Blood Value Project
  - Complete the form as appropriate
- CALL 607.253.3745 any day 8am – 5pm (Eastern time) to make a gift via credit card. Reference Icelandic Normal Blood Value Project

- By Mail
  - Make checks payable to Cornell University, reference Icelandic Normal Blood Value Project, and send to:  
Cornell University  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Box 39  
Ithaca, NY 14853-6401

***Who can I contact with additional questions?***

Please contact USIHC Director Andrea Barber at [bpproject@icelandics.org](mailto:bpproject@icelandics.org)

**Thank you for your support for this important project!**

