

USIHC – Board Of Directors 4/19/16 Meeting Minutes

Board Members

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

Excused: Andrea Barber

Observers Kristina Behringer

Meeting called to order at 8:02pm EST (Will Covert)

Secretary's Report (Juli Cole)

Membership status as of April 17 : 424 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 3/31/16:</u>	<u>\$154,220.92</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds as of 3/31/16:</u>	<u>\$138,505.73</u>
<u>Net increase (decrease) since 2/29/16:</u>	<u>\$200.72</u>

Standing Committee Reports

● Leisure Riding Committee (Lisa McKeen)

See attached

● Quarterly Committee (Nancy Brown)

See Attached

● Youth Committee (Colleen Monsef)

See Attached

● Regional Clubs (Leslie Chambers)

See attached

The Proposal for Regional Club clinic funding passed unanimously.

Email Voting

- Appointment of Kydee Sheets as USIHC Breeding Leader
- Appointment of Leslie Chambers as Regional Club Committee Chair
- Regional Club name change - the Central Washington Club has restructured and has been renamed the Northwest Icelandic Horse Club.

Old Business

- Blood Profile Project (Andrea Barber)
See attached

New Business

- Proposal from Klettafjalla Club to host the 2018 USIHC Annual Meeting

The proposal from Klettafjalla Club to host the 2018 USIHC Annual Meeting passed unanimously.

Next meeting date is May 10, 2016 at 8:00pm EST

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm EST

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

Income		Expense	
Competition Inc.		FEIF Seminar Fee Expense	-1,005.00
Sanction Competition fee	75.00		
Total Competition Inc.	75.00		
 Interest Income	 19.37		
 Membership Related Income		 Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing	106.81	Quarterly Expenses	
Membership Dues		Graphics	1,000.00
Foreign Friend mbshp	66.97	Postage for Quarterly	363.41
Youth membership	67.67	Quarterly Printing	2,136.76
Family Memberships	758.10	Total Quarterly Expenses	3,500.17
Individual Memberships	1,183.51	Toll Free line	12.95
Total Membership Dues	2,076.25	Total Membership Related Expenses	3,513.12
 Total Membership Related Income	 2,183.06	 Promotional Exp.	
		Ambassador award	97.85
		Promotional postage expenses	80.70
Registry Income		Total Promotional Exp.	178.55
Late Stallion Report fees	95.80	Registry Expenses	
Registration fees	170.47	Clerical for registry	33.00
Transfer fees	278.63	Total Registry Expenses	33.00
Total Registry Income	544.90		
 USIHC Non-Member fees	 98.06		
Total Income	2,920.39	Total Expense	2,719.67

Net Income: 200.72

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

Income		Expense	
		Breeding Committee Exp.	
		Cantella YH Evaluation Award	56.98
		FEIF Evaluation fees	17.23
		Elwell Breeding Award	81.03
		Total Breeding Committee Exp.	155.24
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
Sanction Competition fee	75.00	National Ranking Award Expense	774.40
Total Competition Inc.	75.00	Total Competition Comm. Expense	774.40
Interest Income	63.63	FEIF 2016 Conference exp.	1,768.00
		FEIF Seminar Fee Expense	-1,005.00
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing	1,614.91	Administration	
Membership Dues		Mbshp. Postage	19.60
Foreign Friend mbshp	66.97	Total Administration	19.60
Youth membership	67.67		
Family Memberships	2,917.73	2016 Annual Meeting exp.	2,514.91
Individual Memberships	5,874.09	FEIF Mbshp fees	1,396.17
Total Membership Dues	8,926.46		
		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,390.17	Postage for Quarterly	363.41
Quarterly back issue sales	19.11	Quarterly Printing	2,136.76
Total Quarterly Inc.	2,409.28	Total Quarterly Expenses	3,500.17
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	38.85
Website Ad Inc.	378.38	Total Membership Related Expenses	7,469.70
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Total Membership Related Income	13,329.03	Promotional Exp.	
		Ambassador award	377.30
		Promotional postage expenses	110.05
		Total Promotional Exp.	487.35
Registry Income		Registry Expenses	
Late Stallion Report fees	192.60	Clerical for registry	288.00
Registration fees	511.82	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	188.09
Transfer fees	512.71	Registry Postage	179.07
Total Registry Income	1,217.13	Total Registry Expenses	655.16
USIHC Non-Member fees	148.06	Youth Committee Exp.	
		Spaeri Award	98.15
Youth Committee Inc.		Youth Cup Exp.	
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	660.00	2016 Youth Cup Exp.	391.26
Total Youth Committee Inc.	660.00	Total Youth Cup Exp.	391.26
Total Income	15,492.85	Total Youth Committee Exp.	489.41
		Total Expense	10,794.26

Net Income: 4,698.59

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

	Mar 31, '16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	11,980.44
Associated Money Market Acct.	132,065.71
Total Checking/Savings	144,046.15
Other Current Assets	
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	3,114.13
CD-matures 10/5/18	3,057.13
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	6,171.26
Total Other Current Assets	10,174.77
Total Current Assets	154,220.92
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	6,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,190.25
Unexpended Youth Funds	6,524.94
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,715.19
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Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	36,880.58
Net Income	4,698.59
Total Equity	138,505.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	154,220.92

USIHC General Membership Funds

<u>2/29/16</u>		<u>3/31/16</u>
\$ 11,542.93	Checking	\$ 11,980.44
\$ 132,050.05	Money Market	\$ 132,065.71
\$ 10,174.77	CDs	\$ 10,174.77
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\$ 153,767.75	subtotal	\$ 154,220.92
\$ (6,277.49)	Youth Fund	\$ (6,524.94)
\$ (6,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (6,000.00)
\$ (3,185.25)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,190.25)
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\$ 138,305.01	USIHC General Membership Funds	\$ 138,505.73

Net Increase **(Decrease)** from previous report

\$200.72

Report from the Leisure Riders

Hello all, I am Lisa McKeen, the chair of the Leisure Riders committee. I hope you will consider joining the committee or submitting photos and information we can use on our website.

I have owned Icelandics since 2001. I bought my first mare, Tinna fra Hvammi II, from Alfasaga. What a journey she took me on. I have learned about the breed, sold all of my "big" horses, and met so very many wonderful people because of Tinna. Tinna took me back into the world of showing, endurance riding, and so much more. She brought me to my back to my roots and left me surrounded with supportive friends before she left me in 2012 to cross the Rainbow Bridge. She left me with a deep love and appreciation of the Icelandic Horse and a commitment to the community of Icelandic owners. I now live in Bellingham, Washington with my husband and 3 Icelandics. I am co-president of the Hestafolk Icelandic Horse Club and am retiring this summer from my career in public education. I'm excited to have a role with the USIHC by chairing this committee.

The Leisure Riders are off and gathering momentum! We now have 10 members and are looking into how to go about publicizing the amazing things our members are doing with their horses. Some of the activities we are looking for pictures of are driving, extreme trail competition, ground work, jumping, team penning, trail riding, and more. We are working on a budget and have ideas for how to celebrate the Icelandic horse like drawings, friendly competition between regional clubs, and individual high point awards. In the next month, we have plans to come up with a budget request for the board and enhancing ways to communicate with members and publicize our activities. More to come!

Quarterly Committee Report
submitted by co-chair Nancy Brown
April 12, 2016

The Quarterly Committee is hard at work on the June issue, which goes into design on April 15, to press on May 1, online May 15, and in the mail on June 1. As per the Board's decision in March, we will be printing 650 copies of this issue. Extras will be made available for promotional purposes through co-chair Nicki Esdorn at quarterly@icelandics.org.

The June 2016 issue of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly* features 52 pages of color photos and information about the Icelandic horse, with articles on the basics of tölt, working through riders' fears, equine-assisted psychotherapy, safety in the back country, establishing a breeding line, and more, as well as news from the Regional Clubs, the USIHC Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF.

We are also working on a topical index to the online Quarterly archive to make it easier for members and visitors to find articles of interest.

Deadline for the September issue is July 1.

USICH Youth Committee
Board Report for April 2016

- All required forms have been submitted to FEIF for the FYC2016 team selection. Arrangements are being made for training and horses outside of Amsterdam the week prior to the event at participants expense and choice. Quarterly submissions have been made highlighting the participants.
- A Youth Fund Thank You ad for the June issue is set to run.
- More time and work needs to be done to quantify the requirements to host 2017 American Youth Cup.
- No changes to the budget.
- The request from the Board for a one week review of membership and horse registration prior to any announcements has been shared with the committee.
- We have 12 members on the Youth Committee. We have between one to three members on the monthly call and these are the same individuals each time.

Respectfully Submitted by: Colleen Monsef

Anita Sepko (Regional Club Committee Chair) called for a vote on the attached proposal on 3/15/16, voting closed on 3/18/16 at 5:00 EST. The majority of committee members approved this proposal (vote was 9 in favor and 3 opposed). Anita has asked me (Leslie Chambers - Board liaison) to submit to the board.

Regional Club Clinic Support (2016 only) *

The USIHC has budgeted to support clinics held by USIHC regional clubs. This amount will be distributed in increments of \$500 per club for one (1) event for the calendar year 2016 subject to the eligibility requirements below.

Eligibility:

1. The event must be open to the public to either participate, or audit.
2. The event details must be submitted to both the Regional Club Committee Chair (regional_clubs@...) and the USIHC Secretary (calendar@...) for inclusion in the USIHC Calendar of Events no later than 1 month (30 days) before the event. (The club hosting the event must be in good standing with the USIHC at the time of event submission for inclusion on Event calendar.)
3. Each club will be eligible for \$500 for one (1) event for 2016.
4. The club hosting the event must be in good standing with the USIHC at the time of the event.
5. The event must be approved as successfully completed by the Regional Club Committee Chair.
6. Once the event has been approved as successfully completed payment will be issued to the organizer by the USIHC Treasurer.

Suggested (but not required):

1. Regional Club include a write up of the event in the Quarterly.

*This proposal differs from the original, in that the restriction requiring the clinician to have "Icelandic" certified training has been removed.

3/21/16 Leslie Chambers

Blood Profile Project

Submitted by Andrea Barber

- I spoke to Cornell's Office of Sponsored Programs this week. They had a few additional questions regarding the contract which were quick to answer. Once those items were cleared up they told me the contract would be approved that they would send me a document for signature soon with instructions on how to make the initial payment. Once that is complete we can get rolling on the actual testing.
- In order for the account for donations to be set up they need an initial donation. So I am going to personally make that donation. Once the account is set up and I have the instructions for donors I will publicize that information.
- I also spoke to Bettina Wagner. She will be getting the sample kits ready to send. We agreed that the horses involved in this study would be identified by FEIF ID number. That way we can ensure they are purebred and there is no confusion with horses with similar names.
- To be ready to go as soon as possible, I am going to start contacting large farms to see if they would be interested in having their horses participate and, if so, how many horses we can expect would meet the stated criteria (so we know how many kits to send). One small rub this time of year (spring vaccination season) is that the sampled horses cannot have had any vaccinations within the past month. But hopefully by the time we are ready to sample most horses will be past that period anyway.
- If need be, there are also 15 horses in Bettina's study herd that have not yet been sampled (they were too young at the time the original samples were taken). We both agreed that it would be best to try to get other horses first, but that if we find ourselves running short we can always use these horses.
- Just to show we are on the right path with this Bettina told me that the values that they have from the Cornell horses sampled have already proved useful when dealing with ill Icelandic horses at Cornell. So she believes this study has the potential to be very beneficial.