



USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes

May 11, 2021

8:00PM (Eastern)

Present: Virginia Lauridsen, Lucy Nold, Leslie Chambers, Jeff Rose, Janet Mulder, Lori Cretney, Will Covert, Martin Nielsen.

Absent: Emily Potts.

Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:01pm EST.

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

As of May 8, 2021 the USIHC has 784 Members in 601 Households.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (LORI CRETNEY/KARI PIETSCH-WANGARD)

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

Combined bank account balances as of 4/30/21: \$147,024.15.

Unrestricted membership funds as of 4/30/21: \$130,474.65.

Net Change from 3/31/21: \$3,272.41.

3. AFFILIATED CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT (LESLIE CHAMBERS)

See attached report.

4. BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT (VIRGINIA LAURIDSEN)

Minutes from breeding committee meeting held on April 29, 2021 attached.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (WILL COVERT AND JEFF ROSE)

The Trainer Certification Committee met on April 19 and again on Monday, May 10. The committee is making good progress and is working on a study guide for those wanting to take the fast-track trainers' exam which may take place this fall.

6. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT (JANET MULDER)

Screen shots of S2SS ride standings attached. 118 S2SS riders signed up. More patches were sent out in April. S2SS logo gear is now available in the Zazzle Store.

7. PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE REPORT (EMILY POTTS)

Nothing to report for promotions. For the website, the virtual spring show pages and registration have been updated to reflect our new deadlines and the WC information has been removed.

8. QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT (NANCY BROWN)

See attached report.

9. SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

Meeting minutes from sport committee meeting held on April 27, 2021 attached.

10. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (LUCY NOLD)

The committee is developing the sign-ups for the pen pal program and working on program activities. The

board had a brief discussion about establishing an American Youth Cup Fund. This could be established if organizers would be willing to donate left-over funds. Criteria would need to be developed for how to manage the fund. Jeff Rose volunteered to develop a set of criteria for consideration at the next board meeting.

11. Old Business

a. USIHC Stallion Registry

The board discussed developing an accessible and searchable stallion registry. Discussions focused on design options and which information to include. Jeff Rose and Leslie Chambers will develop the ideas further and also consult with relevant people from within the US Icelandic horse community.

12. New Business

a. Proposal from Sport Judges' Task Force for financial support of continuing education of judges.

The newly formed sport judges' task force had made a budget request for up to \$1000 per year in support of their training activities for all levels of national judges. The chair of the task force, Alex Pregitzer, had provided a cover letter (attached) and an example of the training activities. Martin Nielsen provided some additional background information and made the motion to approve the request. Leslie Chambers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

b. Approval of increased Wild Apricot costs

The cost for Wild Apricot is increasing from \$1728/year to \$2052/year and Emily Potts was requesting approval of this increased expense. Martin Nielsen made the motion to approve the request and Leslie Chambers seconded. The request was unanimously approved.

c. Quotes from Eternity for improving the Farm List page

Emily Potts provided two quotes from Eternity for improving the Farm List page and add a stallion listing. The board discussed the two quotes and felt there would be more value in the quote that included options for adding a farm profile to the listing. The quote was for \$5250. Martin Nielsen made the motion to approve the expense. Virginia Lauridsen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

13. Miscellaneous.

Janet Mulder suggested the board discuss allowing life-time membership of the USIHC. This will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

Next meeting will be on June 8, 2021 at 8pm EST.

Meeting adjourned on 9:38pm EST.

Martin K. Nielsen, USIHC secretary

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2021

05/02/21

	Apr 30, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	40,982.04
Associated Money Market Acct.	96,042.11
Total Checking/Savings	137,024.15
Other Current Assets	
CD ownd by USIHC mature 4/7/22	2,000.00
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/22	2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-matures 4/15/22	3,000.00
CD-matures 10/11/21	3,000.00
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	6,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	10,000.00
Total Current Assets	147,024.15
Other Assets	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
Total Other Assets	-5,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	142,024.15
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Breeding Fund	340.57
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp Fund	5,758.35
Unexpended Youth Funds	6,450.58
Total Other Current Liabilities	16,549.50
Total Current Liabilities	16,549.50
Total Liabilities	16,549.50
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	15,593.55
Net Income	12,954.54
Total Equity	125,474.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	142,024.15

USIHC General Membership Funds

3/31/2021		4/30/2021
\$ 37,598.77	Checking	\$ 40,982.04
\$ 96,041.32	Money Market	\$ 96,042.11
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 143,640.09	Subtotal	\$ 147,024.15
\$ (340.57)	Breeding Fund	\$ (340.57)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (5,724.37)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (5,758.35)
\$ (6,371.91)	Youth Fund	\$ (6,450.58)
\$ 127,203.24	USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds	\$ 130,474.65

Net Change from 3/31/2021
\$ 3,271.41

12/31/2020 Balance Net Change from 12/31/2020
\$ 117,520.11 \$ 12,954.54

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
April 30, 2021

Income	Expense
Breeding Committee Income Breeding Education Seminar \$ 48.25 Competition/Sport Income Virtual Competition Entry Fee \$ 299.51 Virtual Competition Sponsorshi \$ 387.19 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Total Competition/Sport Income \$ 686.70 Interest Income 5.72 Membership Dues Family Memberships \$ 190.62 Foreign Friend mbshp \$ 66.62 Individual Memberships \$ 1,131.36 Youth Membership \$ 33.68 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Total Membership Dues \$ 1,422.28 Quarterly Income Quarterly Ads Income \$ 779.85 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Total Membership Related Inc. \$ 2,202.13 Registry Income Horse Name Change Fee \$ 48.25 Late Stallion Report Fees \$ 100.00 Registration Fees \$ 446.49 Transfer Fees \$ 354.72 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Total Registry Income \$ 949.46 USIHC Non-Member Fees \$ 100.00 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Total Income \$ 3,992.26	Leisure Committee Expense \$ 414.40 Membership Related Expenses Toll Free Line \$ 15.55 Promotional Expense \$ 97.90 Registry Expenses Clerical for Registry \$ 193.00 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Total Registry Expenses \$ 193.00 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> Total Expense \$ 720.85

Net Income: \$ 3,271.41

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Profit and Loss Standard
January through April 2021

Income	Expense
Breeding Committee Income	Breeding Committee Expense
Breeding Education Seminar \$ 1,253.75	Breeding Education Seminar \$ 500.00
Competition/Sport Income	Competition/Sport Expense
Virtual Competition Entry Fee \$ 299.51	USDF Expense \$ 240.00
Virtual Competition Sponsorsh \$ 387.19	2021 Virtual Sport Show Expense \$ 515.57
Total Competition/Sport Income \$ 686.70	2020 Virtual Sport Show Expense \$ 917.00
	IceTest Annual Fee \$ 268.62
Interest Income \$ 13.14	Total Competition/Sport Expense \$ 1,941.19
Membership Related Income	Leisure Committee Expense
Farm Listing \$ 1,708.96	S2SS 2021 Expense \$ 690.70
	S2SS 2020 Expense \$ 13.99
	Total Leisure Committee Expense \$ 704.69
Membership Dues	Membership Related Expenses
Family Memberships \$ 2,460.54	Administration
Foreign Friend mbshp \$ 199.86	Mbshp. Postage \$ 237.63
Individual Memberships \$ 8,224.86	Office/Supplies Expense \$ 105.82
Youth Membership \$ 134.72	Total Administration \$ 343.45
Total Membership Dues \$ 11,019.98	Annual Meeting Expense
	2021 Annual Meeting Expense (Zoom) \$ 150.00
	FEIF Related Expenses
	FEIF Mbshp Fees \$ 2,359.79
Quarterly Income	Quarterly Expenses
Quarterly Ads Income \$ 3,591.72	Graphics \$ 1,000.00
Quarterly Back Issue Sales \$ 40.00	Postage for Quarterly \$ 567.74
Total Quarterly Income \$ 3,631.72	Total Quarterly Expenses \$ 1,567.74
Total Membership Related Inc. \$ 16,360.66	
	Toll Free Line \$ 62.20
Registry Income	Total Membership Related Expenses \$ 4,483.18
Duplicate Registration Fees \$ 195.05	Promotional Expenses
Horse Name Change Fee \$ 48.25	Promotional Banners (Club) \$ 97.90
Late Stallion Report Fees \$ 587.20	Promotional Postage Expenses \$ 76.85
Registration Fees \$ 1,629.70	Total Promotional Expenses \$ 174.75
Transfer Fees \$ 875.66	Registry Expenses
	Clerical for Registry \$ 1,015.00
USIHC Non-Member Fees \$ 321.38	Registry Office Supplies \$ 84.34
Total Income \$ 21,971.49	Registry Postage \$ 113.80
	Total Registry Expenses \$ 1,213.14
	Total Expense \$ 9,016.95
Net Income:	\$ 12,954.54

Affiliated Club Committee Report for May 11, 2021

Chair: Leslie Chambers

Members: N=23

Upcoming BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11 at 8:00 EST

Regional Clubs:

Promotion: Regional Clubs banner Update:

Banners Received:

1. Sirius
2. Toppur

Banners Requested:

2. Hestafolk
3. Cascade
4. Klettafjalla
5. CIA

Although there is little demand for banners at this time since most expos have been cancelled or postponed, Clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the USIHC funding for these banners.

Promotion: Regional Club Banner Request Link:

Regional Clubs, here is the link to start the process of creating your joint banner with the USIHC. Em Potts will be assisting you, via this link. All Regional Clubs are eligible for banners, attending an expo is not a requirement.

The link to request banner:

<https://forms.gle/xftGYzruoDMWAmkB6>

Quarterly Promotional Copy Requests:

No new requests.

Regional Club Clinics/Schooling Shows - Policy #31, 2021
 (updated 5/5/21)

Regional Club	Region	Contact-ACC	Clinic/ Schooling Show	RCC Chair/ Calendar notification funds
Alaska IHA	Alaska	Jane Wehrheim		
California IA	Mid-South CA	Asta Covert		
Cascade IHC	Pacific NW Portland OR/Vancouver WA	Susan Wellington		
Flugnir IHC	WI and MN	Eve Loftness		
Frida IRC	Mid-Atlantic	Carrie Laurencot		
Hestafolk	NW Washington NW/Canadian Border	Lisa McKeen		
Klettafjalla IHC	Rocky Mountains	Angie Calve		
Kraftur	Northern CA	Carol Tolbert		
NEIHC	NE	Leslie Chambers	Carrie Lyons Brandt and Alex Pregitzer June 16-18, 2021 Thor Icelandics	Yes/Yes
NWIHC	Pacific NW	Laura Harrigan		
Saint Skutla IHC	Central and Western NY	Andrea Barber	Carrie Lyons Brandt Sept. 18/19, 2021 Sand Meadow Mendon, NY	Yes/Yes
Sirius Ohio Kentucky IHC	Ohio and Kentucky	Sherry Hoover		
Toppur IHC	Iowa	Liz Appel		

5/5/2021 LKC

US Breeding Committee Meeting
April 29, 2021
8 pm EST

The began at 7 pm CST.

Members Present: *Lori Cretney, Virginia Lauridsen and Lucy Nold*

The committee first discussed financials for breeding. The studbook could be a potential fund raiser for breeding events. Lori said the funds for the Virtual Breeding Seminar were put into the USIHC general fund. Virginia will bring it up at the board meeting, and feels these should be in the designated breeding fund.

The committee next discussed criteria for the studbook:

Name

FEIF number

Sire

Dam

Evaluation score total, conformation and ridden abilities

Color

Location

Is AI available?

Link to stallion's page on website

A picture

DMRT 3 genotype for horses who have been tested.

Breeder

Owner

Contact info

Pedigree

Measurements

No BLUP

The committee then discussed other possible criteria:

Virginia suggested including competition scores. Lucy suggested giving a 500 word limit where the owner could describe the horse and perhaps discuss competition success.

Lucy suggested we could require a conformation picture and Virginia agreed.

The committee then discussed format. Would the book be printed or just online, or both?

It could be all online but do something every spring in the *Quarterly*.

We would charge stallion owner to be included. Lucy feels it is best to include the fee with the farm listing, but Virginia is worried some stallion owners don't have a farm listing. Emily had

discussed the possibility of linking a stud's page to the farm listing. We need to consult her about this. The committee suggested a fee of \$100 per stud.

Should we have two different categories for half page/full page? Lucy suggested full page for assessed stallions and half page for unassessed. We want to encourage everyone to assess stallions but this has been very difficult in recent years so we don't want to penalize owners.

Lucy suggested including only unassessed stallions under the age of 10. Would we charge the same amount for the different sized ads?

We could solicit ads from vendors and farms.

Will told Virginia that the book in Iceland usually includes an article from the breeding leader Perhaps we could have an article about/from a prominent breeding expert

Perhaps include the table of percentages of conformation traits and gaits. How is the total score generated?

An informational article about proportions. Since most owners are new to this, informational articles would be helpful.

An article about DMRT3.

An article about color genetics.

Next steps:

Create a template for stallion owners. Virginia will work on this.

Schedule a meeting with Emily to discuss website. She could send an email blast to USIHC and we could send something more personal to stud owners..

Goals – no unevaluated stallions and including BLUP

Release on Jan. 1, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 EST

Miles Completed

	1500	1750	2000	2250	2500
Team/Individual					
AIHA					
Alaska Arctic Rider					
Blue Ridge Riders					
Frozen Tundra Tolters	5/1/21				
Girls from Vermont Icelandic horse Farm					
Heaven's Icies					
Hestafolk	5/1/21				
Hestafolk II	5/1/21	5/1/21			
Hestafolk III`					
Ice Trekkers	4/3/21	5/1/21	5/1/21	5/1/21	5/1/21
Merrimack Valley Icelandics	5/1/21	5/1/21			
Merrimack Valley Icelandics II	5/1/21				
Northcountry Tolters					
Sirius Trail Tolters I					
Sirius Trail Tolters II					
Solfaxi	5/1/21	5/1/21	5/1/21		
Solheimar Dream Team	4/3/21	5/1/21	5/1/21	5/1/21	5/1/21
The Merry Maryland Mares					
Virginia Valkyries					
West Coast Tölting Girls					

Miles Completed

	250	500	750	1000	1250
Team/Individual					
Deborah Kenny					
Lisa Blumhagen					
Pierre Lessard	4/3/21				
Terry Kane					
Rachel Miller	5/1/21				
Lynda Zur	4/3/21				
Ashley Perigo					
Barbara Shaer					

Miles Completed

	250	500	750	1000	1250	1500
Team/Individual						
AIHA	3/8/21	4/3/21				
Alaska Arctic Rider	2/7/21	3/8/21	4/3/21			
Blue Ridge Riders	5/1/21					
Frozen Tundra Tolters	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	5/1/21	5/1/21
Girls from Vermont Icelandic horse Farm	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	5/1/21	5/1/21	
Heaven's Icies	5/1/21					
Hestafolk	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	5/1/21	5/1/21
Hestafolk II	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	4/3/21	5/1/21
Hestafolk III	4/3/21	5/1/21				
Ice Trekkers	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	4/3/21
Merrimack Valley Icelandics	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	4/3/21	5/1/21
Merrimack Valley Icelandics II	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	5/1/21	5/1/21
Northcountry Tolters	2/7/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	5/1/21	5/1/21	
Sirius Trail Tolters I	3/8/21	5/1/21				
Sirius Trail Tolters II	4/3/21	5/1/21				
Solfaxi	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	4/3/21	5/1/21
Solheimar Dream Team	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	3/8/21	4/3/21
The Merry Maryland Mares	4/3/21					
Virginia Valkyries	3/8/21	5/1/21	5/1/21			
West Coast Tölting Girls	2/7/21	2/7/21	3/8/21	4/3/21	5/1/21	

Quarterly Committee report
May 6, 2021
submitted by Nancy Brown

Quarterly Issue Two 2021 is at press. Issue Two features articles on acclimating and registering your imported horse, promoting domestic breeding of Icelandics, and getting ready for a virtual show, as well as news from the USIHC Affiliated Clubs, the Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF.

The e-Quarterly should be ready to release around May 15, with printed copies mailed by June 1. We are printing 600 copies of this issue, which is just enough to cover our current mailing list and one request for promotional copies.

We are now open for submissions for Issue Three 2021, to be mailed in September. Please send articles, photos, and advertisements to quarterly@icelandics.org. Board members and committee chairs, please send let us know if you want us to save space for you in this issue. Remember that ads for USIHC-sanctioned events are free, space permitting. Deadline for submissions is July 1.

Sport committee meeting, 4/27/21, at 8pm EST

Present: Deb Cook, Alex Pregitzer, Lori Cretney, Leslie Chambers, Lucy Nold, Carrie Brandt, Will Covert, Ásta Covert, Martin Nielsen

1. Message on website about national ranking being suspended

The committee agreed that this needed to be changed reflecting the decision that the virtual shows are national ranking shows. Leslie will follow up.

2. Deadline for completing continuing education for judges

The committee agreed to postpone the deadline until end of December, 2022.

3. Budget request for continuing education from the Judges' task force

Alex explained the thinking behind the request. The committee did not find it unreasonable to make such a request to the board, and Alex will finalize a proposal to be added to the agenda of the next board meeting.

4. Description of requirements for judging seminars

Leslie explained that such a description currently does not exist. The committee agreed that such a description was needed. There was some discussion whether this should become a new policy document or added to the sports rules. Leslie has circulated a draft for the committee to review.

5. Application form for P2

The committee reviewed the form one last time, and approved it for publication.

Meeting adjourned at 9.05pm EST

To

May 10th, 2021

USIHC

United States Icelandic Horse Congress

Board of Directors

From

USIHC Judges Task Force

Funding request for ongoing judge's education for US sports judges

Dear USIHC board members,

The newly formed judge's task force is in the process of reviewing

- Ongoing education, concepts for existing US judges
- A matrix for a basic judging seminar to precede the judging seminars offered by the USIHC in cooperation with Thorgeir Gudlaugsson

In order to prepare the national judges for the upcoming virtual show after a long break without judging opportunities for the past 1.5 years, the group of national judges started a series of spring coaching sessions with FEIF International sports judge Alexandra Dannenmann. Attached is a document that provides a brief overview with the format, dates, content and length of each session as well as the participating judges and the overall cost per session. So far, we have had one session, another one is in progress and we are hoping to continue with another 2-3 sessions before the USIHC virtual show judging. Each session is paid for privately so far.

We would kindly ask the board of directors to consider a financial support for these sessions. The discussion was first brought into the sports committee by me, where those sports committee members present on the zoom call were in favor of such support. It was discussed to either request a partial refund of the cost or to think about a yearly budget for judge's education that could be used for this kind of training.

Currently, the situation in the US is such that we need judges to support our sports events. For the judges, getting trained and staying current with ongoing education means a big commitment, both timewise and financially. However, there are few opportunities to generate any income. During the pandemic, the few opportunities have shrunk to none.

We therefore feel it would be helpful and not unreasonable to request financial support.

Possible funding scenarios could include:

- A partial funding of each spring training session, for example USD 100 per session, maximum USD 500 total for the spring sessions 2021
- A yearly budget for judge's education. In this case the judge's task force would inform the board of upcoming educational opportunities and request funding based on the annual budget.

In my opinion, this request should not be limited to the national judges. While FEIF international judges usually have more judging opportunities and are paid a higher fee per day, they also have to maintain their currencies during the pandemic, have to follow strict expectations by FEIF, yet have had no judging opportunities. We rely on our FEIF International Sport Judges very much for all high stakes sports competitions in the US.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

Alexandra Pregitzer

Judges Task Force