



# USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes

## December 15, 2022

### 8:00PM (Eastern)

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**Present:** Lori Cretney, Leslie Chambers, Jeff Rose, Em Potts, Lucy Nold, Janet Mulder, Martin Nielsen, and Will Covert.

**Absent:** Virginia Lauridsen, Janet Mulder (first part of meeting).

**Auditing:** None.

Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:02PM EST.

#### 1. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

As of December 15, 2022, the USIHC has 802 Members in 604 Households.

#### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT (LORI CRETNEY)

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

Combined bank account balances as of 11/30/22:	\$171,731.08
Unrestricted membership funds as of 11/30/22:	\$150,491.27
Net Change from 10/31/22:	\$3,865.67
Net Change from 12/31/21:	\$21,729.87

#### 3. AFFILIATED CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT (LESLIE CHAMBERS)

See attached report.

#### 4. BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT (VIRGINIA LAURIDSEN)

Nothing to report.

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

The committee had not received any nominations for FEIF trainer of the year.

#### 6. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT (JANET MULDER)

Attached are the monthly updates for the 2022 S2SS ride, rules updated for 2023, and the map/graphic for the 2023 ride.

#### 7. PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE REPORT (EMILY POTTS)

Updating the trainer section on the website. The list of judges has been updated, and the Fall Virtual Show has been completed and results announced.

#### 8. QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT (NANCY BROWN)

See attached report.

#### 9. SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

See the minutes from the sport committee meeting attached. The fall virtual show has been completed and all results uploaded.

## **10. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (LUCY NOLD)**

A group of organizers is working on an American Youth Cup in the summer of 2023.

## **11. Old Business**

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Introduction of new NR ranking rules**

The Sport Committee had proposed to introduce a new rule that scores counting towards the national ranking should involve more than one judge. This would then allow back-to-back one-day preliminary-only NR shows. The Sport Committee proposed to change the data collection period back to two years, starting in January, 2023.

The Board discussed the proposals and was sympathetic to the proposals. However, a software update to implement this new rule would cost at least \$4-5,000, and concerns were raised whether the benefits would justify the cost. With a 2-year data collection period, there would be plenty of opportunities to collect points for the ranking. Jeff Rose made the motion to approve the 2-year data collection period starting in 2023, but to not approve the other proposed rule changes at this time. Will Covert seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The board recognizes the complexity in these matters and is willing to revisit these questions at a later stage.

### **b. 2023 World Championship Try-Out rules (draft attached)**

Martin Nielsen made the motion to approve the proposed Try-Out rules with the amendment that the try-outs would be part of the Spring Virtual Show. Jeff Rose seconded and all voted in favor.

### **c. Request for promotional copies of Quarterly from Flugnir**

Flugnir had requested promotional copies for a spring event. The cost would be approximately \$170. Jeff Rose made the motion to approve the request and Martin Nielsen seconded. All voted in favor.

### **d. Virtual Education Series (proposal attached)**

Virginia Lauridsen had developed a proposed seminar series as described. Em Potts was going to approach Horses of Iceland about a possible sponsorship. Martin Nielsen made the motion to approve the plans as described. Will Covert seconded and it was unanimously approved.

## **13. Miscellaneous.**

Henning Drath is confirmed as speaker for the USIHC Membership Meeting in February. Topic to be defined.

Board elections are complete and new/re-elected board members are Ásta Covert, Lucy Nold, Virginia Lauridsen, and Sara Stewart.

Em Potts will write a formal announcement about Will ending his years-long tenure on the USIHC board.

The newly elected board will meet on 12/29 at 8PM EST to distribute roles and responsibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM EST

*Martin K Nielsen,  
Secretary*

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2022

12/04/22

	Nov 30, 22
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	65,650.00
Associated Money Market Acct.	96,081.08
Total Checking/Savings	161,731.08
Other Current Assets	
CD2884 own USIHC mature 4/7/22	2,000.00
CD3696 ownUSIHC mature 10/7/22	2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD 3746-matures 4/15/22	3,000.00
CD 3720-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	171,731.08
Other Assets	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
Total Other Assets	-5,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>166,731.08</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Educational Outreach	231.08
Unexpended Breeding Fund	1,090.24
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp Fund	6,893.35
Unexpended Youth Funds	9,025.14
Total Other Current Liabilities	21,239.81
Total Current Liabilities	21,239.81
Total Liabilities	21,239.81
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	26,834.84
Net Income	21,729.87
Total Equity	145,491.27
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>166,731.08</b>

## USIHC General Membership Funds

10/31/2022		11/30/2022
\$ 61,513.81	Checking	\$ 65,650.00
\$ 96,066.08	Money Market	\$ 96,081.08
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 167,579.89	Subtotal	\$ 171,731.08
\$ (1,065.14)	Breeding Fund	\$ (1,090.24)
\$ (231.08)	Educational Outreach	\$ (231.08)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (6,790.12)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (6,893.35)
\$ (8,867.95)	Youth Fund	\$ (9,025.14)
\$ 146,625.60	<b>USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds</b>	\$ 150,491.27

Net Change from 10/31/2022  
\$ 3,865.67

12/31/2021 Balance      Net Change from 12/31/2021  
\$ 128,761.40              \$ 21,729.87

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Profit and Loss Standard**  
**January through November 2022**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Breeding Committee Income</b>		<b>Breeding Committee Expense</b>	
Breeding Manual	\$ 27.98	Breeding Comm Equip. Expense	\$ 117.14
<b>Total Breeding Committee Income</b>	<u>\$ 27.98</u>	Breeding FEIF Assessment Fees	\$ 30.44
<b>Competition/Sport Income</b>		<b>Competition/Sport Expense</b>	
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ -	2022 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 2,489.09
Virtual FEIF Youth Tryouts	\$ -	2021 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 318.50
Ice Test Fee Incom	\$ 660.90	FEIF World Ranking Comp. Fee	\$ 926.39
FEIF World Ranking Comp Fees	\$ 612.83	National Ranking Award Exp.	\$ 854.01
NR Competiton Fees	\$ 889.36	<b>Total Competition/Sport Exp.</b>	<u>\$ 4,587.99</u>
Virtual Competition Entry Fee	\$ 5,907.42	<b>Education Committee Expense</b>	
Virtual Competition Sponsorship	\$ 392.33	Trainer's Certification	\$ 5,983.39
<b>Total Competition Sport Income</b>	<u>\$ 8,462.84</u>	<b>FEIF Conference Expense</b>	
<b>Education Committee Income</b>		FEIF 2022 Conference Expense	\$ 649.12
Trainer's Certification	\$ 6,573.35	<b>Funding Programs</b>	
<b>Interest Income</b>	\$ 42.40	Flagship Event-Clinic	\$ 800.00
<b>Membership Related Income</b>		Flagship Event-Breeding	\$ 2,000.00
Farm Listing	\$ 3,086.32	Flagship Event-National Ranking Shows	\$ 1,250.00
Stallion Listing	\$ 47.76	<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>	
<b>Membership Dues</b>		Administration	
Family Memberships	\$ 7,134.32	Membership Postage	\$ 230.36
Foreign Friend mbshp	\$ 606.56	Tax Preparation	\$ 405.50
Individual Memberships	\$ 21,186.75	Annual Meeting Expense	\$ 150.00
Individual 3 Year Membership	\$ 3,069.78	FEIF Related Expenses	\$ 4,484.03
Individual - Lifetime	\$ 1,200.00	Insurance	\$ 715.00
Youth Membership	\$ 811.92	Quarterly Expenses	
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<u>\$ 34,009.33</u>	Graphics	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Quarterly Income</b>		Postage for Quarterly	\$ 1,674.21
Quarterly Ads Income	\$ 7,272.83	Printing	\$ 8,857.59
<b>Total Membership Related Inc.</b>	<u>\$ 44,416.24</u>	<b>Total Quarterly Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 12,531.80</u>
<b>Registry Income</b>		<b>Service Fees</b>	
DNA	\$ 2,139.84	Bank Fees	\$ 54.00
Duplicate Registration Fees	\$ 195.52	PayPal Refund Fees	\$ 12.90
Late Stallion Report Fees	\$ 1,076.12	Toll Free Line	\$ 171.05
Registration Fees	\$ 4,592.25	Website	\$ 8,610.64
Transfer Fees	\$ 2,147.84	<b>Total Membership Related Exp.</b>	<u>\$ 27,365.28</u>
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	<u>\$ 10,151.57</u>	<b>Promotional Expense</b>	
<b>USIHC Non-Member Fees</b>	\$ 977.11	Educational/Promotional Outreach	\$ 60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 70,651.49</u>	Promotional Advertising	\$ 1,000.00
		Promotional Postage Expense	\$ 67.30
		RC Co-op Promo Exp.	\$ 450.00
		<b>Total Promotional Expense</b>	<u>\$ 1,577.30</u>
		<b>Registry Expenses</b>	
		DNA	\$ 1,545.00
		Clerical for Registry	\$ 2,584.00
		Office Supplies	\$ 151.96
		Registry Postage	\$ 280.00
		<b>Total Registry Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 4,560.96</u>
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$ 48,921.62</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss):</b>		<b>\$ 21,729.87</b>	

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Income & Expense Report**  
**November 30, 2022**

Income		Expense	
<b>Breeding Committee Income</b>		<b>Breeding Committee Expense</b>	
Breeding Manual	\$ -	Breeding Comm Equip. Expense	\$ -
<b>Total Breeding Committee Income</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	Breeding FEIF Assessment Fees	\$ 30.44
<b>Competition/Sport Income</b>		<b>Competition/Sport Expense</b>	
Ice Test Fee Income	\$ 37.80	2022 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ 616.57
FEIF World Ranking Comp. Fee	\$ -	2021 Virtual Sport Show Exp.	\$ -
Virtual Youth NR Entry Fees	\$ -	National Ranking Award Exp.	\$ -
Virtual FEIF Youth Tryouts	\$ -	FEIF World Ranking Competition Fee	\$ 639.18
Virtual Competition Entry Fee	\$ 3,007.44	<b>Total Competition/Sport Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,255.75</b>
Virtual Competition Sponsorship	\$ 144.27	<b>Education Committee Expense</b>	
NR Competition Fees	\$ -	Trainer's Certification	\$ 318.03
<b>Total Competition Sport Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,189.51</b>	<b>FEIF Conference Expense</b>	
<b>Education Committee Income</b>		<b>Funding Programs</b>	
Trainer's Certification	\$ -	Flagship Event-Clinic	\$ -
<b>Interest Income</b>	\$ 15.00	Flagship Event - Breeding	\$ -
		Flagship Event - National Ranking Shows	\$ 1,250.00
<b>Membership Related Income</b>		<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>	
Farm Listing	\$ 212.32	Administration	
Stallion Listing	\$ -	Membership Postage	\$ -
<b>Membership Dues</b>		Tax Preparation	\$ -
Family Memberships	\$ 997.36	Annual Meeting Expense	\$ -
Foreign Friend mbshp	\$ 151.04	FEIF Related Expenses	\$ 2,221.92
Individual Memberships	\$ 2,020.02	<b>Quarterly Expenses</b>	
Individual 3 Year Membership	\$ 288.54	Graphics	\$ -
Individual Lifetime	\$ 1,200.00	Postage for Quarterly	\$ -
Youth Membership	\$ 95.52	Printing	\$ -
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$ 4,752.48</b>	<b>Total Quarterly Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Quarterly Income</b>		<b>Service Fees</b>	
Quarterly Ads Income	\$ 298.60	Bank Fees	\$ -
<b>Total Membership Related Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 5,263.40</b>	PayPal Refund Fees	\$ -
<b>Registry Income</b>		Toll Free Line	\$ 15.55
DNA	\$ 114.33	Website	\$ -
Duplicate Registration Fees	\$ -	<b>Total Membership Related Exp.</b>	<b>\$ 2,237.47</b>
Late Stallion Report Fees	\$ -	<b>Promotional Expense</b>	
Registration Fees	\$ 294.43	Educational/Promotional Outreach	\$ -
Transfer Fees	\$ 111.69	Promotional Advertising	\$ -
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	<b>\$ 520.45</b>	Promotional Postage Expense	\$ -
<b>USIHC Non-Member Fees</b>	\$ -	RC Co-op Promo Exp.	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,988.36</b>	<b>Total Promotional Expense</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
		<b>Registry Expenses</b>	
		DNA	\$ 31.00
		Clerical for Registry	\$ -
		Office Supplies	\$ -
		Registry Postage	\$ -
		<b>Total Registry Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 5,122.69</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss):</b>			<b>\$ 3,865.67</b>

Affiliated Club Committee Report for December 13, 2022

Chair: Leslie Chambers

Members: N=28

**Upcoming BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13 at 8:00 EST**

**Promotion: Regional Clubs banner :**

*Clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the USIHC funding for these banners.*

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:**

Promotional copies used by clubs at Horse Expos, fairs, Equine Affaire and the like, will come out of the Promotion Committee budget starting in 2022.

If your club anticipates a regular need for such copies, please contact Leslie Chambers, [lchambers17@comcast.net](mailto:lchambers17@comcast.net).

Jackie Alschuler (Flugnir) has a request in for 25-30 copies (first issue of 2023)

**Regional Club Clinics/Schooling Shows - Policy #31, 2022**

(updated 11/8/22 LKC )

No changes since Nov. Still waiting for Klettafjalla application

Proposed changes to Policy #31 for 2023 favored by:

1. Angie Calve (Klettafjalla)
2. Silke Roland (Cascade)
3. Jen Feldner (Sirius)
4. Carrie Laurencot (FIRC)
5. Andrea Barber (Saint Skutla)
6. Bev Short (Alaska)

7. Leslie Chambers (NEIHC)  
Caeli Cavanagh (committee member)

Not in favor:

1. Lisa McKeen (Hestafolk)

Clubs that did not respond:

1. Toppur
2. NWIHC
3. Kraftur
4. CIA
5. Flugnir

Proposal:

**The Affiliated Club Committee has the following request for consideration in the 2023 Budget meeting:**

**Policy #31: Regional Club Clinic or Schooling Show Support (2023) - Request**

The Affiliated Club committee is requesting a budget of at most \$6500 for 2023 from the USIHC to support clinics or schooling shows held by USIHC regional clubs (\$250-\$500 per club). Funds to be distributed up to \$500/club, for the calendar year 2023 subject to the eligibility requirements below.

Eligibility:

1. The event details must be submitted to both the Affiliated Club Committee Chair ([affiliated\\_clubs@icelandics.org](mailto:affiliated_clubs@icelandics.org)) and the USIHC Secretary ([calendar@icelandics.org](mailto:calendar@icelandics.org)) 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.)
2. Each regional club will be eligible for not more than one \$250 or \$500 grant in 2023.
3. Funds will be based on the number of USIHC member participants (in good standing at the time of the event). Clubs using USIHC recognized Trainers (those listed on the [Icelandics.org](http://Icelandics.org) website on Horse Trainer Page under Ride tab) or



USIHC recognized Judges (those listed on Sport Judge Page, under Ride then Competition tab) would be eligible for \$50.00 per USIHC member participating, for up to 10 USIHC members. Total not to exceed \$500.

Clubs using a clinician not recognized by the USIHC (as detailed above), would be eligible for \$25.00 per USIHC member participating, for up to 10 USIHC members. Total not to exceed \$250.

4. The regional club hosting the event must be in good standing with the USIHC at the time of the event.

5. New regional clubs formed after January 1, 2023, will be eligible for funding only if the budget allows and therefore are not guaranteed funding.

6. Upon completion of the event, the regional club will submit a list of all USIHC participants in good standing (names) and the total number of participants (USIHC and non USIHC) to the Affiliated Club Committee Chair.

7. Once the event has been approved as successfully completed, payment will be issued to the Regional Club by the USIHC Treasurer.

Suggested (but not required): Affiliated Club include a write up of the event in the Quarterly.

Thank you  
Leslie

<b>2022 S2SS Ride</b>						
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1200</b>
"Nilla" Anna Pernilla Ekström-Rypka	12/1/22					
Emily Potts						
Sue Roska						
Rachel Miller						
Debra Duvall	5/1/2022	9/13/22	9/13/22	12/1/22		
Pierre Lessard	3/6/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	8/18/22	10/4/22	
Orianna Dwyer						
Jackie Thurston						
Lynda Zur	3/6/22	5/1/22	7/10/22	12/1/22		
Terri Mielke	6/5/22	7/10/22	8/18/22	10/4/22		

<b>Teams</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1200</b>
<b>AIHA</b>	5/1/22	6/5/22	8/18/22	9/13/22	11/2/22	
<b>Alaska Arctic Riders</b>	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	
<b>Cascade NW Icelandics</b>	5/1/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	8/18/22	9/13/22	9/13/22
<b>Cedar Tree Icelandics</b>	2/1/22			4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22
<b>Frozen Tundra Tölter</b>	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22
<b>Hestafolk</b>	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	6/5/22	6/5/22
<b>Hestafolk 2</b>	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22
<b>Ice Trekkers</b>	2/1/22	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	3/6/22
<b>Merrimack Valley Icelandics</b>	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	
<b>Merry Maryland Mares</b>	3/6/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	8/18/22
<b>Northcountry Tölter</b>	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22
<b>Sirius Tolting Trekkers</b>	5/1/22	7/10/22	9/13/22	12/1/22		
<b>Solfaxi</b>	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
<b>Solheimer Dream Team</b>	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22
<b>Coastal Maine Icelandics</b>	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	7/10/22	8/18/22	9/13/22
<b>Toppur</b>	2/1/22	3/6/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
<b>Tolt-A-Holics</b>	2/1/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	6/5/22
<b>West Coast Tolting Girls</b>	2/1/22	2/1/22	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	3/6/22
<b>WYO Toltsetters</b>	2/1/22	3/6/22	3/6/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	7/10/22

<b>Teams</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>2400</b>	
<b>AIHA</b>							
<b>Alaska Arctic Riders</b>	6/5/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	11/2/22	11/2/22	11/2/22	11/2/22
<b>Cascade NW Icelandics</b>	11/2/22	12/1/22					
<b>Cedar Tree Icelandics</b>	5/1/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	7/10/22
<b>Frozen Tundra Tölter</b>	5/1/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	6/5/22			
<b>Hestafolk</b>	6/5/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	8/18/22
<b>Hestafolk 2</b>	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	6/5/22
<b>Ice Trekkers</b>	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
<b>Merrimack Valley Icelandics</b>	5/1/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	8/18/22
<b>Merry Maryland Mares</b>	9/13/22	10/4/22	12/1/22				
<b>Northcountry Tölter</b>	5/1/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22
<b>Sirius Tolting Trekkers</b>							
<b>Solfaxi</b>	6/5/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	8/18/22
<b>Solheimer Dream Team</b>	5/1/22	5/1/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22
<b>Coastal Maine Icelandics</b>							
<b>Toppur</b>	6/5/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	6/5/22	7/10/22	7/10/22	7/10/22
<b>Tolt-A-Holics</b>	7/10/22	7/10/22	8/18/22	8/18/22	8/18/22	8/18/22	8/18/22
<b>West Coast Tolting Girls</b>	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	4/2/22	5/1/22	5/1/22	5/1/22
<b>WYO Toltsetters</b>	7/10/22	8/18/22	8/18/22	9/13/22	10/4/22	10/4/22	



2023 S2SS Virtual Ride  
Join Us to follow the Historical Route 66



# Sea to Shining Sea Ride 2023

## About the Ride

Sea 2 Shining Sea is a yearlong virtual ride on Icelandic Horses. This 2,400 mile 'ride' follows the historical Route 66 from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica, CA. The ride begins on January 8, 2023 ending December 31, 2023. Each checkpoint will count for 150 miles or about 38 hours of riding. (*Actual distances between locations may be slightly more or less than 200 miles*)

Riders can participate as individuals or teams. Registration is online at [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org). All participants must be US Icelandic Horse Congress members throughout the ride to log their hours. Participants log their time riding which is converted to distance at 4 miles-per-hour. This is easier for everyone to record. If you are riding as part of a team you should log your individual time. The website credits your rides to the team you joined. Teams may have up to six riders.

Horses used in the ride must be Icelandic Horses, either fully registered or having obtained a participation number from USIHC after being DNA verified. Registered horses do not have to be registered in the United States, any FEIF member country's registry or WorldFengur is acceptable.

The Sea 2 Shining Sea ride is for leisure riders. You participate by riding or driving your Icelandic horse however you like – if you are not being paid for the time. The route begins in Chicago, IL travels 2,400 miles to Santa Monica, CA. If a team would like to continue additional challenge they may reverse the route to Chicago completing a total of 4,800 miles.

Hours are logged by using the website, [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org), login with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you may log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on Wednesday 12:00 AM Eastern and ends Tuesday at 11:59 PM Eastern. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.

Once the week is over, you need to start your hours at zero again. ***Please, do not carry hours forward between weeks.*** Since this ride is aimed at leisure activities, we expect your weekly total will be under 20 hours. If you have a big week, you will need to e-mail your hours to [s2ss@icelandics.org](mailto:s2ss@icelandics.org) with a short description of what you did during the week. Lastly, hours count when you are doing an activity (riding or driving) with your horse...not watching someone's lesson or auditing a clinic. It is one on one with a horse, ground work does not count (lunging, liberty, etc.)

We have created a Sea 2 Shining Sea Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1866794093559110/>) and encourage everyone to share photos and stories about their rides.

## Rider Recognition

Each participant receives a patch with the S2SS logo when they log their first hours.

When each individual or team passes a milestone, monthly posts will be made for them on the FB group celebrating their achievement.

Riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program, will have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine the Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will be posted on Facebook and will be featured in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.

## The Route and Checkpoints:

Leg	State	Checkpoint	Distance Traveled
<b>First Quarter - 0 miles complete</b>			
1	Illinois	Chicago	150
2	Illinois	Springfield	300
3	Missouri	Springfield	450
4	Oklahoma	Tulsa	600
<b>2nd Quarter - 600 miles complete</b>			
5	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	750
6	Oklahoma	Elk City	900
7	Texas	Amarillo	1050
8	New Mexico	Santa Rosa	1200
<b>Halfway - 1200 miles complete</b>			
9	New Mexico	Santa Fe	1350



10	New Mexico	Albuquerque	1500
11	New Mexico	Gallup	1650
12	Arizona	Flagstaff	1800
<b>Third Quarters - 1800 miles complete</b>			
13	Arizona	Kingman	1950
14	California	Amboy	2100
15	California	Barstow	2250
16	California	Santa Monica	2400
<b>Ride Complete - 2400 miles!</b>			
<i>Reverse Route for another 2400 mile challenge</i>			

## The Fine Print

- Participants must be USIHC members throughout the entire program.
- Registration is online at [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org)
- Horses must be Icelandic horses, registered with a FEIF registry or DNA Verified through USIHC cooperation with UC Davis.
- Horses need not be owned by the participants.
- Each member can only enter once.
- Members participate as individuals or in teams. Teams can only have a maximum of 6 riders. Regional clubs may have more than one team.

- Once participants join a team they must remain with the group for the rest of the ride. Changing teams is not allowed mid-ride.
- Logged time transfers if participants join a team.
- Participants may start any time during the ride.
- Progress is logged in hours ridden and converted to distances using a 4 MPH conversion at [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org).
- Paid riding time is not eligible.
- Participants must log their hours by logging into [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org) with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you can log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on 12:00 AM Wednesday Eastern and ends Tuesday at 11:59 PM Eastern. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.
- Participants must record hours weekly by Tuesday 11:59 PM (ET). Failure to record, results in lost hours.
- Participants submitting more than 20 hours for a week, must provide details for the long hours by e-mailing [s2ss@icelandics.org](mailto:s2ss@icelandics.org).
- Rider of the Month - All riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program for 2023 season have agreed to have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will go in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.

Quarterly Committee report  
December 8, 2022  
submitted by Nancy Brown

Quarterly Issue Four 2022 is currently in the mail, and the committee is now working on Issue One 2023. The deadline for articles & illustrations (including possible cover photos) is January 1. Board members and committee chairs, please send us any text, photos, or advertisements you want us to print in this issue. Remember that ads for USIHC events & programs are free, space permitting.

After editing and committee review, the submissions will enter the design stages on January 15; our press date is February 1. The e-Quarterly should be ready around February 15, with printed copies mailed by March 1.

We are budgeting to print 600 copies of this issue, which is only a little more than enough to cover our current mailing list. If you need copies for promotional purposes between March and June, please contact [quarterly@icelandics.org](mailto:quarterly@icelandics.org) in January so that we can plan and increase our print run if necessary.

**Sport Committee Meeting  
November 17, 2022**

**Present:** Janet Mulder, Virginia Lauridsen, Leslie Chambers, Lori Cretney, Deb Cook, Lucy Nold, Carrie Brandt, Alex Pregitzer, Martin Nielsen.

**Absent:** Will Covert, Ásta Covert, Em Jacobs

Martin Nielsen called the meeting to order at 8:03pm EST.

**1. Sport Judge Preparatory Modules**

Alex Pregitzer gave a brief summary of the work thus far and explained the proposed outline. The idea is to create a series of four modules to be offered virtually or in-person with two goals; 1) To serve as a general introduction to the sport, competition rules and principles of judging for anyone interested, and 2) To serve as preparation for those intending to attend a judging seminar. Alex also made the suggestion that the exam could be separated from the judging seminar to improve the overall outcome of the seminar for those attending and to allow more time to prepare for the exam. It is not anticipated that there will be an exam offered on a yearly basis, but all seminars and exams will be organized through USIHC. The committee strongly supported the initiative. Virginia Lauridsen mentioned that she is working on a winter webinar series for the USIHC membership and suggested that one or more of the preparatory modules could be included if ready.

**2. Changing data collection period for national ranking to one year**

The committee discussed changing the data collection period from two years to one. The justification was that with two yearly virtual shows, more show opportunities exist within a given calendar year. However, this would depend on a few other items under discussion: a) Whether or not single-day preliminary-only shows would be allowed for NR, and b) Whether a requirement of judge rotation would be introduced.

**3. Allowing preliminary-only shows back-to-back**

The triple WR shows are preliminary-only and are approved for the NR as well. However, WR shows have five judges, which eliminates concerns about scores given by the same individual judge over two or more days. However, using additional judges may be too costly for many of the smaller shows.

**4. Introducing some sort of judge rotation between shows**

To address the problem outlined under the previous item, Janet Mulder had suggested introducing some degree of judge rotation, to avoid scenarios where the same one-judge show uses the same judge show after show.

After a longer discussion of these three items, Virginia Lauridsen made the following motion:

To keep the data collection period for the national ranking at two years but require that the two counting scores have involved at least two different judges. Janet Mulder seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

After this, Virginia then made a motion to allow two one-day preliminary-only shows with the same judge. Janet Mulder seconded the motion. Carrie Brandt made the friendly amendment that the motion would be contingent on the first motion being approved by the board. All voted in favor.

Martin will bring these two recommendations to the board and will discuss the programming requirements with Em Potts.

#### **5. Defining rider and horse tracks for classes**

Leslie proposed to define two sets of classes based on experience/education level. One based on the horse and one based on rider skills. This had already been implemented in recent shows and classes had been offered suiting these needs. With the upcoming rewrite and revision of the rules, this could implemented as well. The committee agreed with the proposal.

#### **6. General sport rule edit and cleanup**

Alex P. and Jana Meyer had volunteered to lead this effort and Leslie will have oversight and coordinate.

#### **7. Judges for virtual shows**

The virtual shows remain popular, but it has proven a little challenging to find international judges during the busy spring. The committee discussed this briefly and agreed to still aim for five judges for both shows but dial back to three judges for the spring show, if need be.

#### **8. Change of Policy 30A to encourage use of US judges**

Leslie had floated the idea of changing the criteria for Policy 30A to reward shows making use of more than one judge. While the committee found this idea sympathetic, it would be cost-prohibitive as the cost of engaging a second judge would far outweigh the reward paid out by the policy.

#### **9. Lifetime achievement award proposal**

Caeli Cavanagh and Carrie Brandt had worked out a proposal for recognizing horses and riders for consistent achievements over longer periods of time. They had developed a rough outline of a suggested rewards matrix. While the details need further definition and tweaking, the committee was very enthusiastic about the idea. Martin suggested it would be worthwhile to investigate how long the NR database is maintained for. If kept from all the years, it would contain all information needed, and software could potentially be developed to keep track of everything. However, this may require a substantial investment to develop, and it may be more feasible to start out in a less advanced manner. However, Martin will check on the database question with Em Potts. The idea will be further addressed in future sport committee meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm EST

*Martin K Nielsen, Chair*

## **Selection of the US Team for the 2023 World Championships**

### **Goal**

There needs to be a clear understanding of the goal of the tryout process. In the past, the goal has been to send riders to force the event to a global scope. That goal has been met. The next logical step is to send the best qualified horse/rider combinations to be competitive with the European horses and riders.

### **Tryout Prerequisites**

1. Riders must meet all current FEIF Sport Rule requirements including being US citizens or holders of Green Cards for at least one year before the tryout entry deadline.
2. Riders must be members in good standing of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress for at least one year before the tryout entry deadline.
3. Riders must be ranked in either the World Rankings or the US National Rankings in all their tests of choice for the World Championships tryouts.
4. Each horse may only be used by one rider in the tryouts.
5. The horse must be registered in the United States if the tryout (by video) takes place in the United States. If the horse is European, it must have a FEIF ID Number.
6. Riders must submit proof their horse is microchipped.
7. Riders must pay the appropriate fees.

The tryout process must enforce the rules presented in the Current FEIF Sport Rules.

### **Tryout Process**

In 2023, all riders wishing to try out for the WC, will have to **enter the USIHC Virtual Spring Show**.

1. The tryout entry deadline shall be set by the Sport Leader to be no later than May 13.
2. The team members and team leader shall be announced by the Sport Leader by June 3rd.
3. Riders must qualify by achieving the scores used to compete at the "master" level in Iceland: T1: 6.5, V1: 6.2, T2: 6.2, and F1: 6.0.
4. Riders who make the team are allowed to compete in any event at the World Championships as long as the event was ridden in the tryouts. Riders who qualify in F1 may ride any pace event at the Championships.
5. Riders must qualify on the horse they will take to the World Championships.
6. The same five FEIF International Judges will evaluate all videos.
7. Tryout videos must be made no earlier than 60 days before the tryout submission deadline.

The minimum scores must be held at a high standard if we are to meet the goal of sending a team with hopes of making the finals in each test. The judging at the World Championships is, rightly, the strictest judging of any competition in the Icelandic Horse world.

The United States is not ready to rely on rankings alone to determine its team. The World Ranking process is designed to minimize human error by excluding high and low scores and taking the average of the three remaining judges. For the 2023 try-outs, all video entries will be judged by five international judges following this principle.

### **Team Selection**

Following the evaluation of all video submissions, the team shall be selected by first taking the highest qualifying combination from each test: T1, T2, V1, and F1. The remaining spaces on the team shall be filled additional qualifying combinations. The combinations are invited to join the team in descending order until a full team is formed or there are no more qualifying combinations.

There are some exceptions to the simple traversal of the ranking:

- The four- and five-gait combination events are not considered in the selection of the team.
- Per the rules of the Championships, each rider may only start on one horse. Therefore, only the highest scoring horse for each individual rider is invited to join the team. If a rider qualifies for the team with more than one horse, he/she may select any of these horses for the team regardless of ranking
- In the event that more than seven riders qualify for the US National World Championships team, four placements will be prioritized for US residents.
- In the event more than five young riders qualify for the US National World Championships team, three will be prioritized for US residents.
- Ties between combinations are broken as follows:
  1. Young riders defer to adults. This rule is applied first because we can send up to 5 additional young riders.
  2. The combination with a higher (possibly non-qualifying) score in another test is chosen first.
  3. Coin toss.

# Virtual Session Proposal

Virginia Lauridsen

1. Four Virtual sessions of two hours each. One per month, January-April.
2. I think we should budget \$1000 - \$1200; or \$250 per session. I haven't confirmed fees, but think it will cost about \$250 per session for the presenter. Some may need a videographer as well. Participants would pay \$30 (or \$35?) per session or \$100 for all four. I think we could make at least \$1000 in profit.
3. Sessions would be available for viewing for 7 days after the scheduled presentation.
4. For topics, I propose the following:
  - a) Proper saddle fitting. I have spoken with Guðmundur (Mummi) Arnarsson from Ástund about doing this. The board may prefer someone else, but it seems most saddle fitters are associated with a brand. Mummi and his father have been making saddles for many years. I have a saddle fitter in the states, but she mostly works with Warmbloods and would be more expensive.
  - b) Horse conformation and how it affects movement. I have spoken with William Flügge about doing this. He did a similar presentation at my farm and it was excellent. Unfortunately, due to the trainer certification exams, it was poorly attended.
  - c) Hoof care. This would include a discussion of proper angles and different kinds of shoeing techniques used for Icelandic horses. Sigurður Torfi is willing to do this. He is an experienced farrier in Iceland and has been teaching at Holar.
  - d) Gaits. This would be a basic discussion of the gaits and how to determine quality movement. Alex Pregitzer and Jana Meyer would do this. It would be a more basic presentation than the seminar proposed for judges.