



United States Icelandic Horse Congress Annual Officer & Committee Reports

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The Constitutional Review Committee was dissolved with gratitude for their service.

Members are invited and encouraged to join the committees working in their personal areas of interest. The bulk of the work supporting the Icelandic Horse in the United States comes from the dedicated efforts of the volunteers who lead and staff the various working groups of the USIHC.

2012 President's Report

Anne Elwell

From my particular point of view, which is primarily focused on the functioning of the organization, 2012 was a year of organizational experiment and improvement in efficiency.

We revised the definition of a membership year from the old calendar year approach to one which runs from the date of joining. In other words, if you became a member on May 1, 2012 your membership ends on April 30, 2013. We established an automatic renewal through Paypal for those who want the option of automatic renewal. The advantage to the members of the new definition of the membership year is obvious. The advantage to the organization is a tremendous savings in time and labor, always at a premium. There will undoubtedly be a few glitches but so far it has been remarkably effective in achieving goals of greater efficiency.

We experimented in 2012 with a new form of General Meetings, holding two in different parts of the country in conjunction with events that draw substantial participation by members who do not customarily attend the Annual Meeting when scheduled as a single event. What we hoped was that this would bring together portions of the membership who do not usually attend the Annual Meeting with Board members to broaden the discussion about what we had been doing in 2011 and planned to do going forward.

While attendance at the meetings was good, the lively exchange of ideas about past activities and future programs that we had anticipated did not occur. For a number of reasons it seems that the old structure, requiring time and travel though it does, provides a much more productive interaction than the experimental structure. It simply may be the case that while everyone can think of a number of things the Congress should be doing instead of what it is actually doing, those who are motivated to focus on its activities and growth are the ones willing to travel and have that dialogue over a couple of days. As a result we will be returning to the old Annual Meeting framework in the future.

The Board has been working on an extremely interesting proposal for funding creative projects furthering the mission statement of the Congress. Almost every activity within the Congress, from Equine Affair exhibitions to educational clinics to evaluations and sanctioned shows, to the Pleasure Riding Program was the idea of an individual member who got others sufficiently excited to develop the idea into an activity or program. To encourage such brainstorming and new program development on the part of the membership the Board is working on a program which will commit a percentage of income each year to fund ideas that meet criteria indicating reasonable prospects of success. The program will be brought to the membership at some point in 2013 and I encourage all individual members and Regional Clubs to start giving thought to areas of outreach benefitting the breed.

The Committee Reports on the website detail the advances made in the Committees in 2012 in numerous areas. All Committees except the Sport Committee (which has certain prerequisites), are open to any member interested in the topic. There is no better way to be involved in Congress activities than to join a Committee and add your thoughts and questions to the general dialogue. Every member is welcome and makes a significant contribution to our understanding of what is going on throughout the country and how best to meet the needs of the horses and their people.

2012 Secretary's Report

Doug Smith, USIHC Secretary

Membership

2012 was the first full year under the “anniversary” membership renewal model. In general, the model has been quite successful. We have had shorter lapses in membership than in the past. The primary motivation behind the change was to keep the number of *Quarterly* magazines delivered each issue more consistent. We have certainly met that goal.

There were some small issues that hadn't been completely considered before the new model was implemented. For example, there was nothing in the World Championships Tryout Rules regarding short lapses in membership under the new model. In the past, March was a key deadline for membership lapses. The tryout rules were updated to include a clear statement that a less than 30-day lapse is acceptable. All of the issues were of a similar caliber have been resolved.

The PayPal Subscription option is being used by nearly 10% of the membership. Other than an erroneous renewal reminder email message sent in late December, this option seems to working as intended. I will try to push this option more in 2013 as it solves many problems for the membership, the Secretary, and the Treasurer to have memberships renew on schedule with absolutely no action required from anyone.

Annual vs. General Meetings

In 2012 we tried an experiment by having two General Member Meetings instead of the traditional Annual Meeting. There were two key motivations behind the experiment: a reduced workload for the Secretary and a desire to reach a wider audience.

This experiment was a failure from the the Secretary's workload perspective. It proved to be a significant increase in workload at more inconvenient times of year to have the two meetings instead of a single-purpose meeting.

The performance against the second goal is less clear. There were certainly members present at the two meetings who would not have travelled to a dedicated event. It is not entirely clear that we reached members who would not have had contact with Board members or been able to express opinions and concerns directly to the Board without these meetings.

Board members should be present at as many member rich events as possible. The membership should also take some responsibility to elect local representation to the Board. As long as these happen, there is no clear advantage to having a traveling meeting attached to some other event.

There is a significant disadvantage to the experimental, multiple meeting model. There is never a dedicated time in the year when all of the Board members are able to meet fact-to-face. The Board will function more effectively if there can be at least one such meeting. This is especially true when there are new members on the Board who don't have the benefit of established relationships.

Moving forward, I believe it is in the best service of the Congress to resume a dedicated annual meeting.

Election

This year we had one vacant seat created by Cindy Wescott's resignation late in the year. The Board chose not to fill that seat since Cindy was in the last year of her term and the election was close at hand. The other incumbents, Anne and Sara, agreed to serve again. The membership nominated one candidate, Lori Cretney. All these factors combined to create a situation where the Board was able to suspend the election process before ballots were mailed. This was, once again, a significant savings of volunteer time and membership money.

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Income		Expense	
Breeding Committee Income		Breeding Committee Exp.	
Evaluation-FEIF fees	475.00	Evaluation Loss Prevention exp.	765.97
Total Breeding Committee Income	475.00	Total Breeding Committee Exp.	765.97
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	167.00	Total Competition Comm. Expense	938.85
Education Seminar Inc.			
Riding Badge Inc.	160.00	Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Total Education Seminar Inc.	160.00		
FEIF Conference Reimbsmt.	2,213.73	FEIF Conference exp.	2,213.73
Interest Income	391.71		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2013 Farm Listing	754.05	Mbshp. Postage	444.89
2012 Farm Listing	3,013.01	Office/Supplies Exp.	50.30
Total Farm Listing	3,767.06	Tax. Prep. Services	325.00
Membership Dues		Total Administration	820.19
2013 Membership dues		FEIF related expenses	
2013 Youth membership	33.68	FEIF Mbshp fees	150.89
2013 Family Membership	946.53	Total FEIF related expenses	150.89
2013 Individual Mbshp	2,014.81		
Total 2013 Membership dues	2,995.02	General Meeting Expense	
2008 Membership dues		2012 Meeting Expenses	227.86
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	Total General Meeting Expense	227.86
Total 2008 Membership dues	43.54		
2012 membership dues		Insurance	715.00
2012 Family Membership	5,057.00		
2012 Individual Mbshp	11,197.78	Service fees	
2012 Youth Membership	239.72	Bank Fees	20.86
Total 2012 membership dues	16,494.50	Total Service fees	20.86
Total Membership Dues	19,533.06		
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	3,270.39	Graphics	4,000.00
Quarterly back issue sales	138.24	postage for Quarterly	1,943.65
Total Quarterly Inc.	3,408.63	Quarterly Printing	4,944.55
		Quarterly Expenses - Other	226.00
		Total Quarterly Expenses	11,114.20

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Income		Expense	
		Toll Free line	155.40
Website Inc.			
Website Ad Inc.	750.54		
Total Website Inc.	750.54	Website Expense	761.37
		WorldFengur Exp.	581.79
Total Membership Related Income	27,459.29	Total Membership Related Expenses	14,547.56
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Youth fee	-12.00		
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	-220.15	Promotional Exp.	
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	-220.15	Display booth shipping	914.79
		Equine Affair Exp.	1,145.00
		Promotional postage expenses	246.96
		Promotion Material Printing exp	1,213.05
		Promotional Advertising	325.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	572.50
		Promotional Exp. - Other	1,303.12
		Total Promotional Exp.	5,720.42
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	144.15	Clerical for registry	3,930.00
Late Stallion Report fees	1,972.40	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	491.22
Registration fees	4,983.02	Reg. Office supplies	88.33
Transfer fees	2,666.40	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	114.29
Total Registry Income	9,765.97	Registry Postage	414.96
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	5,038.80
USIHC Non-Member fees	1,192.18	Youth Committee Exp.	
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00	Youth Cup Exp.	
		2012 Youth Cup Exp.	4,353.68
Youth Committee Inc.		Total Youth Cup Exp.	4,353.68
FEIF Youth Cup Reimbursement	2,521.92	Total Youth Committee Exp.	4,353.68
Total Youth Committee Inc.	2,521.92		
Total Income	44,276.65	Total Expense	34,156.04

Net Income: 10,120.61

Annual Report: Icelandic Horses Registered for year 2012

	Domestic Bred Under 12 Months	Imported Under 12 Months	Domestic Bred	Imported from Iceland	Imported from Canada	Imported from other countries	Total Registered		Total Transfers
Mares	42	0	29	27	0	1	99	91	
Stallions	16	0	5	2	0	0	23	11	
Geldings	9	0	8	9	5	0	31	77	
Total 2012	67	0	42	38	5	1	Total	153	179
Total 2011	53	0	78	32	11	8	Total	196	189
	14	0	-36	6	-6	-7		-43	-10

2012: Total number of horses registered: 153
2012: Total number of horses transferred 179

Domestic Horses registered **2821**
 Imported Horses registered **1790**
 Total number of Icelandic horses registered with the USIHC 12/31/2012 **4611**

Recorded for 2012

Number of Mares Bred in 2011 254
 Foals born in 2012 already registered 26
 Microchips registered into WorldFengur 34

2012 Breeding Committee Report

Barbara Frische, Breeding Committee Chair

One International FEIF breeding evaluation was held in the United States in 2012. The event, hosted by Kristjan Kristjansson, took place in August at Thor Icelandics in Claverack, NY.

The Anne Elwell Award for the highest evaluated US bred horse went to Sprettur from Destiny Farms, breeder Pamela Merlow. Sprettur received scores of 8.13 (conformation) and 8.07 (ridden abilities) for an overall score of 8.09.

There was also a 5-year-old mare, Revia from Vinland (breeder: Martina Gates), shown without pace very successfully receiving scores of 7.98 (conformation) and 7.84 (ridden ability) for an overall score of 7.90. Revia has much more potential and expected to be shown again in Winterhorse Park at the breeding qualification event for the 2013 World Championships. Generally, we will have the chance in 2013 for the first time in many years to present breeding horses at the World Championships representing the American breeding.

The conformation and gaits clinics went well this year and were able to cover all costs without the need for financial assistance from the Congress.

The foal shows were also successful in 2012. The schedule did not allow for as many of these events as in the past. The planning is underway for 2013 in hopes of being able to reach more locations. The top five results from the 2012 foal evaluations are as follows:

1. **Balthasar from Creekside Farm (83.54) (C: 79.95 S: 85 G: 85.10)**
Creekside Farm, Georgia. Breeder/Owner: Katrin Sheehan
S: Tangó frá Strandarhöfði
D: Lára vom Neuenfelde
2. **Mist from Hanging Valley (83.27) (C: 78.80 S: 85 G: 82.86)**
Hanging Valley Ranch, Colorado. Breeder/Owner: Garry and Sharon Snook
S: Stígandi frá Leysingjastöðum II
Helena Fagra frá Ragnheiðarstöðum
3. **Skáti from Hanging Valley (83.04) (C: 82.20 S: 87.67 G: 81.70)**
Hanging Valley Ranch, Colorado. Breeder/Owner: Garry and Sharon Snook
S: Veigar frá Lækjamóti
D: Gunnhildur frá Kollaleiru
4. **Maidis from Hanging Valley (81.82) (C: 78.38 S: 79 G: 85.01)**
Hanging Valley Ranch, Colorado. Breeder/Owner: Garry and Sharon Snook
S: Lykill frá Blesastöðum 1A
D: Gunnhildur frá Kollaleiru
5. **Zophonías from Vinland (81.48) (C: 81.03 S: 85 G: 80.34)**
Thor Icelandics, New York. Breeder/owner: Martina Gates
S: Stígandi frá Leysingjastöðum II
D: Gnótt frá Holtsmúla I

USIHC Sport Committee 2012

Will Covert, Sport Leader

Sanctioned Shows in 2012

Location	FEIF International Judge(s)
*Santa Ynez, CA May 11	Florian Schneider, Nicolai Thye, Þorgeir Guðlaugsson, Rune Svendsen, Will Covert
*Santa Ynez, CA May 12	Florian Schneider, Nicolai Thye, Þorgeir Guðlaugsson, Rune Svendsen, Will Covert
*Santa Ynez, CA May 13	Florian Schneider, Nicolai Thye, Þorgeir Guðlaugsson, Rune Svendsen, Will Covert
Reston, VA May 19-20	Florian Schneider, Will Covert
Wattsonville, CA 8-9	Halldór Victorsson
Santa Ynez, CA Oct. 13-14	Nicolai Thye
Kentucky October 20-21	Pétur Jökull Hákonarson, Halldór Victorsson, Nicolai Thye

*FEIF World Ranking competitions

2012 There were a total of 7 Sanctioned shows vs. 12 in 2011

Year End National Ranking 2011			Year End National Ranking 2012		
Award Winners			Award Winners		
Discipline	Rider	Average	Discipline	Rider	Average
T1	Asta Covert	8.89	T1	Asta Covert	8.80
T2	Anne-Marie Martin	7.42	T2	Anne-Marie Martin	7.50
T3	Lucy Nold	7.20	T3	Dominic Ng	6.19
T4	Morgan Venable	5.90	T4	Doug Smith	6.55
T5	Dominic Ng	6.22	T5	Dominic Ng	6.22
T6	Kari Pietsch-Wangard	5.33	T6	Willy Ma	4.47
T7	Laurie Pristine	5.20	T7	Colleen Monsef	5.95
T8	Rachel Ng	6.90	T8	Elizabeth Monsef	6.15
V1	Asta Covert	7.97	V1	Asta Covert	8.02
V2	Lucy Nold	6.70	V2	Lucy Nold	6.19
V3	Dominic Ng	6.20	V3	Dominic Ng	6.27
V5	Ellen Reidy	5.40	V5	Colleen Monsef	6.09
V6	Rachel Ng	7.15	V6	Jessica Blough	6.15
F1	Gudmar Petursson	7.03	F1	Gudmar Petursson	6.70
F2	Anne-Marie Martin	5.95	F2	Barbara Chilton	3.59

FEIF World Ranking

There were 3 FEIF World Ranking events in 2012 and six US riders ranked on the FEIF list in 2012

To view the complete FEIF World Ranking List: <http://www.feif.org/WorldRanking/tabid/188/Default.aspx>

2013 World Championships

The 2013 World Championships will take place in Berlin, Germany. These championships will be the first time a championships event has been held in a large city. For more information, visit the official website, www.berlin2013.de

2013 US Tryouts for the World Championships

Tryout locations will be announced as soon as possible. In-person tryouts will take place between May 25th and June 2nd. The Tryout Applications will be due by May 14th.

2012 Education Committee Report

Katrin Sheehan, Committee Chair

The following members have passed the USIHC Riding badge level 1:

1. Rose Terami
2. Margot Frost
3. Sierra Mac Donald
4. Thea Penner
5. Scotlyn Davis
6. Jenna Watts
7. Zoe Johnson

The following members have passed the USIHC Riding badge level 2:

1. Biven Chapman

The German version of the Trainer C educational material is still in translation process. It is our goal to have the complete material translated until the end of April 2013.

2012 Pleasure Rider Program Report

Ellen Wilson, PRP Chairperson

For 2012 the board waived the fee for participating in the PRP. The natural assumption would have been that there would be an increase in participants, however the number of members who actually sent in logs during any part of the year was 35, compared to 33 in 2011. During the first half of the year many of the members were unaware of the change and either continued to send in checks, or sent in their logs for the old midsummer period. By the end of 2012 most of the participants had gotten up to speed and with very few exceptions did send their year end logs in by the correct due date.

In regards to the 2012 results, besides the three regional competitions, only two Allstars participated and a single youth. The regional club award was a three way tie with three clubs having equal numbers of participants.

This year Doug also created an online administration form for me to enter the log numbers into. This has been a HUGE improvement in being able to maintain the numbers and easily sort them to see the rankings on the scoreboard. Several PRP members have requested that they be able to access the form themselves to enter their numbers online. Doug offered a quote for doing the work but the funds were not approved.

Tolt Tack was listed as a sponsor for the stirrups, bridles, and t-shirts prizes, but I was unable to make contact with Linda Templeton and have since gotten special pricing from Eileen and Asta. The purchase of these items and the remainder of the jackets is currently on hold pending budget approval.

Several members have raised a question regarding the PRP requirement to conduct the riding on a registered horse. But since there is no longer a registration fee, no one has been sending in a copy of the horse registration papers. This is something that the board might want to address in the future, or at least we should notify the members that this is still required.

2012 Promotion Committee Report

Juli Cole, Chair

In 2012, the Promotion Committee brought one major project to conclusion & has a second major project well underway to completion.

A second USIHC display booth was purchased for use by Regional Clubs and members of USIHC to help promote the breed and the organization at various events across the country. The booth was beautifully designed by Martina Gates with the input and suggestions of the Promotion Committee members and by utilizing photos submitted by USIHC members that illustrated the beauty and versatility of our wonderful breed.

In addition to the new display booth, a small sub-committee of talented volunteers and Chaired by Promotion Committee and BOD member, Kathy Lockerbie, began the daunting task of designing a new promotional brochure.

The photos being used for the brochure were again supplied by various USIHC members and the text was created in such a way as to best promote the Icelandic Horse to the United States. This brochure will belong to USIHC, which allows for any future changes to be made as needed or deemed appropriate. The brochure is in the final designing phase and should be sent to the printer and available for distribution in 2013.

2012 Quarterly Committee Report

Judy Strehler and Nancy Marie Brown, co-chairs

The Quarterly Committee produced four issues of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. Each issue was 52 pages long, with a color cover and a total of 41 feature articles and numerous news items written and illustrated by committee members and other USIHC members.

The four 2012 issues were released electronically as PDF files and posted by the USIHC webmaster on www.icelandics.org on approximately Feb. 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15, and mailed approximately two weeks later. Design costs of \$1000 per issue included both the electronic (full color) and the print (black-and-white with color cover) editions. Costs for printing were just over \$1200 per issue for 500 copies; of these up to 426 were mailed directly to members and contributors, 30 were given to the Membership Director for Welcome Packets for new members, and the remainder given to the Promotion Committee for promotional use. Postage (by the most economical bulk mail method) and handling totalled roughly \$500 per issue. Copies to our FEIF colleagues were sent electronically.

The committee continued its efforts to present “best practices” in both text and photographs. Topics covered all facets of the Icelandic horse world, including: clinics and seminars, training and riding techniques and resources, competition, pleasure riding, breeding, youth activities, USIHC and FEIF announcements, book reviews, and members’ experiences. In addition to its ongoing commitments to focus on the versatility of the Icelandic horse and to emphasize the welfare of the horse, the committee focused this year on including more how-to articles, youth essays, examples of promotional activities, and news from the Breeding Leader.

2012 Web Committee Report

Doug Smith, Chair

This year was a relatively quiet year for the web site. The key projects accomplished in 2012 were:

- Changes in support of the “anniversary” renewal model. Most of this work was done in 2011 before the new model was rolled out. There were, however, some small changes necessary to make other parts of the website work in cooperation with the new model.
- Better integration between the website calendar and news pages and Facebook. All new postings on the website are shadowed on Facebook within an hour. This has dramatically increased our outreach to the membership.
- An internal tool was created to support the management of the Pleasure Rider Program.
- The idea of supporting the Education Committee by hosting educational videos was explored. The Web Committee has a framework available if the Education Committee produces videos in the future.

There are no specific projects planned for 2013.

2012 USIHC Youth Committee Annual Report

Laurie Prestine, Youth Leader

International

The United States sent three youth riders and one Country Leader to Verden, Germany for the FEIF Youth Cup. For a full report on this event, please see the Congress minutes from August, 2012.

National

The youth committee worked with the Quarterly and many young riders submitted articles for publication.

Regional

Record numbers of youth riders participating in sanctioned shows. Youth camps profiled in many regional club updates. Youth fundraising at some regional events.

USIHC – Board Of Directors 01/17/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Anne Elwell, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Cindy Wescott, Ásta Covert, Doug Smith, Katrin Sheehan, Barbara Frische, Sara Lyter, Kathy Lockerbie

Excused: None

Observers: Juli Cole

Meeting Called to Order 9:05 PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

As announced on the website in December, the final results of the 2011 Board Election are as follows:

Ásta Covert (176)
Barbara Frische (175)
Kari Pietsch-Wangard (166)
Sam Castleman (94)

The familiar membership chart that used to appear here is no longer valid since the membership expiration policy was changed from the calendar year to each member's payment anniversary. For the next few months, I will report our current membership numbers with the same time last year and the final count for 2011 as reference points:

January 2011	282 households.
December 2011	430 households.
January 10, 2012	342 households (before renewal reminder email).
January 17, 2012	368 households.

Email reminders were sent to all members who had not renewed as of January 11th. A monthly reminder will be sent starting February 1st. Each member will receive at most two email reminders so we don't end up spamming someone who has decided to not renew.

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 12/31/11:</u>	\$145,701.71
<u>Unrestricted funds as of 12/31/11:</u>	\$127,975.56
<u>Net increase (decrease) since 11/30/11:</u>	\$1,534.59

See attached financial statements.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Katrin Sheehan)

NEIHC Breeding Evaluation has been approved.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

Six World Ranking events have been registered with FEIF for 2012 – three each in California and Vermont.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

No report received.

Education (Sara Lyter)

Nothing to report.

Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

The 2011 PRP competition year has ended and participants are sending their logs in. I've received 21 to date and I expect a few late stragglers. I received a lot of positive feedback this year in regards to the seasonal updates that are being sent out encouraging people to ride.

On the down side there were a number of people who sent their logs in and they were not always tallied correctly or presented in an orderly fashion. I would like to propose we try an online recording system for the logs. I understand this has come up previously and was shot down, but it is something I am considering putting back before the group.

A number of people also sent me their 2012 PRP renewal checks, but as the fee has been dropped I am letting the folks know that I will destroy any that are received. Several people have expressed that they are glad for the change and expect overall PRP participation to increase.

Promotion (Anne Elwell)

No report received.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

The committee has been hard at work compiling the March issue. We've been asked to wait for the results of the PRP awards and the Youth Cup tryouts before going to design, so mailing could be up to a week later than usual (but still early in March).

Juli Cole has volunteered to take over the advertising section. We are hoping to increase our ad pages since *Tölt News* is no longer offering that service.

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

After talking to some club members we would like to propose expanding the USIHC events (aka calendar) page to include regional events so more people can participate and be informed on what is happening at other clubs without having to access each club events page separately. This would also help scheduling so that dates can be coordinated and not conflict one another. **[This has been the policy of the Congress for quite some time. Any Congress member is welcome to submit any calendar item at any time.]**

We are working on a universal sign-up for breeding shows for regional clubs that includes a non-refundable deposit. Simultaneously we have some club members working on a proposal for regional clubs to receive Congress funding if necessary for breeding shows so that we do not have to cancel year after year due to lack in participation. Breeding shows are the basis of the Icelandic horse development in this country and are essential if we try to breed to the FEIF breed standard.

Web (Doug Smith)

Our Internet Service Provider announced that we will be getting more for less. Effective January 2012 our monthly fee went down a little over 10% and our disk space quota increased by 20%.

The membership support pages have been changed to eliminate the PRP fee per the Board's email decision. Members who paid their PRP fees with PayPal have received refunds via PayPal. One member had included the PRP fee in a subscription, not only was she refunded this year's fee but her subscription has been modified to exclude the PRP fee moving forward.

Youth (Laurie Prestine, acting chair)

Youth Cup Team Selection:

The youth committee confirmed with Anne Levander, FEIF Director of Youth Work, that the US has been allotted three spaces for the U.S. Youth Cup Team. She said there is a possible fourth space, but will not be able to confirm until the spring.

Amelie sent Þorgeir the try-out videos and he scored them and provided written feedback for the riders. It took him ½ a day and we would like to pay him \$100.00. Amelie sent his bill to Kari.

Doug Smith processed the scores from Þorgeir and combined them into a total score. He sent the results to Amelie. The young riders must score a 4.5 or better in both their programs be considered for the U.S. Youth Cup Team.

Þorgeir mailed the videos to Amelie's parent's farm in Germany so that her mom could see our youth riders and match up competition horses for them.

The youth committee received a suggestion from a USIHC member to have the kids ride easier programs in the future for the try-out videos. The committee will consider this idea.

Youth Cup Country Leader (CL) and Team Leader (TL) Selection:

Four youth committee members volunteered to be on an independent panel to select the CL & TL for the Youth Cup. The panel members are Ásta, Amelie, Cindy and Sam. They met January 10th and selected the CL & TL.

Youth Cup Team Announcement:

The U.S. Youth Cup Team candidates, CL & TL will be announced by email on January 18th. The candidates will be given a deadline to accept or decline their invitation.

Youth Camp Inquiry:

A USIHC member contacted the youth committee and reported that she would like to put together a sleep over camp at Pineland Farms in Maine in the summer of 2012. She has interest from kids in the U.S. as well as Norway.

She is interested in finding out if there are any USIHC funds available to support this event. The youth committee would like help with this question.

FEIF Youth Leader Meeting:

The FEIF youth leader meeting 2012 will take place in Malmö, March 2-4, 2012. We do not expect to have a U.S. representative at this meeting.

Old Business

- Email Vote:
The Board voted to repeal the Pleasure Rider Program fee effective immediately to reduce the complication associated with having the memberships run on an anniversary basis and the PRP run on an annual basis. The same action authorized refunding any 2012 PRP fees paid before the policy change. [Approved. Cindy Wescott and Barbara Frische abstained.]
- New "Annual" Meeting Policy [Anne Elwell]
 - a) At least one meeting per year; maximum of three. *For 2012, plan for 2 events.*
 - b) At events which usually have a large draw (*estimate* of 30 members)
 - c) Annual reports (officer and committee) go up on website by January 15th. *For 2012: February 1st.*
 - d) Events posted on the website as soon as selected (60 day minimum)
 - e) Event host must agree; logistics worked out with event host

- f) At least 3 Board members must be present; every Board member is strongly encouraged to attend a meeting not in his/her area; Board members must be reasonably knowledgeable about reports submitted by those not present.
- g) The Congress shall reimburse any Board member's nonrefundable travel expenses in the event the meeting is canceled.

MOTION: [Doug Smith] Adopt the above as policy. Adopted unanimously.
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- Awards Announcements [Anne Elwell / Kathy Lockerbie]
Breeding, Sport and Pleasure Rider awards will be announced on the website and in the *Quarterly*. Prizes will be sent to the winners as appropriate.

New Business

- Selection of Officers, Chairs, and Liaisons [Doug Smith]
President – Anne Elwell [approved with no opposition]
Vice President – Sara Lyter [approved with no opposition]
Secretary – Doug Smith [approved with no opposition]
Treasurer – Kari Pietsch-Wangard [approved with no opposition]

Youth Chair / Leader – Laurie Prestine [approved with no opposition]
Youth Committee Liaison – Ásta Covert [approved with no opposition]

Education Chair – Barbara Frische [approved with no opposition]
Education Liaison – Katrin Sheehan [approved with no opposition]

All other chairs and liaison positions remain the same as 2011.
- “Foreign Friends” Membership [Doug Smith]
We will continue to offer the option with the understanding that only one person has taken advantage of the program in the two years it has been available.
- Annual Committee / Officer Reports [Doug Smith]
Reports received from Registrar and Competition Committee. Based on the discussion of the handling of the 2012 General Meeting, officer and committee reports will be posted on the website by February 1st.
- FEIF Conference [Doug Smith]
Doug Smith selected as US Delegate. [Unanimous approval.]
Katrin Sheehan, Barbara Frische, Will Covert and Doug Smith are planning to attend the conference. Others interested must contact Doug **as soon as possible** to be included on the national reservation.
- Dissolution Procedure Policy [Anne Elwell]
[Standard New Jersey corporation language with regard to corporate dissolution.]
In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or winding up of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after provision for all liabilities, distribute any remaining assets or property of the corporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Code section 501(c)(3) to such organization or organizations then located in the United States and qualified under Code section 501(c)(3), or to a state or local government for a public purpose, as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate. Any such assets not so disposed

of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of New Jersey, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

[The Board unanimously endorses this language as a constitutional amendment to be presented at the next General Meeting.]

- Process for disbursement of Youth Funds [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]

The Youth funds are not technically a part of the USIHC treasury and we do not have an approval process for disbursement of these funds.

MOTION [Doug Smith] : The Youth Committee shall make recommendations to the Board for the disbursement from the Youth Fund on a case-by-case basis. The Board shall approve the disbursements before the Treasurer releases any funds. Approved unanimously.
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A member has approached the Youth Committee with a request for financial support of a summer youth camp. *[The Board suggests this member contact the Youth Committee. Further, the Board will need more information about the event, the attendees, budget, etc before any decision by the Committee can be endorsed.]*

- Disband Rescue Committee [Sara Lyter]

MOTION [Sara Lyter]: The committee be disbanded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 10:50 PM (Eastern)

Next Meeting: February 9, 2012

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>11/30/11</u>		<u>12/31/11</u>
\$ 26,985.93	Checking	\$ 28,834.61
\$ 106,193.98	Money Market	\$ 106,215.22
\$ 10,598.15	CDs	\$ 10,651.88
\$ 143,778.06	subtotal	\$ 145,701.71
\$ (4,803.55)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,015.23)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (2,533.54)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (2,710.92)
\$ 126,440.97	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 127,975.56

Net Increase from previous month
1,534.59

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Balance Sheet Standard
 As of December 31, 2011

	Dec 31, '11
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	28,834.61
Associated Money Market Acct.	106,215.22
Total Checking/Savings	135,049.83
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,016.29
CD-#2201263072	7,632.08
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	10,651.88
Total Other Current Assets	10,651.88
Total Current Assets	145,701.71
TOTAL ASSETS	145,701.71
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	2,710.92
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,015.23
Total Other Current Liabilities	17,726.15
Total Current Liabilities	17,726.15
Total Liabilities	17,726.15
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	22,959.58
Net Income	8,089.42
Total Equity	127,975.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	145,701.71

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
December 2011

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Interest Income	78.70	Competition Comm. Expense	
		FEIF World Ranking Comp. fee	978.34
Membership Related Income		Total Competition Comm. Expense	978.34
Farm Listing		FEIF Evaluation fees expense	152.19
2012 Farm Listing	971.16		
Total Farm Listing	971.16	Membership Related Expenses	
Membership Dues		FEIF related expenses	
2011 Membership Dues		FEIF Mbshp fees	1,489.24
2011 Individual Membership	270.00	Total FEIF related expenses	1,489.24
Total 2011 Membership Dues	270.00		
2012 membership dues		Quarterly Expenses	
2012 Family Membership	1,589.96	Graphics	1,000.00
2012 Individual Mbshp	1,835.26	postage for Quarterly	467.43
2012 Youth Membership	102.36	Quarterly Printing	1,293.10
Total 2012 membership dues	3,527.58	Total Quarterly Expenses	2,760.53
Total Membership Dues	3,797.58		
		Toll Free line	12.95
Quarterly Inc.		Total Membership Related Expenses	4,262.72
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	122.52	Promotional Exp.	
Total Quarterly Inc.	122.52	Promotion Material Printing exp	264.17
Website Inc.	570.13	Total Promotional Exp.	264.17
Total Membership Related Income	5,461.39		
		Registry Acct. Expense	
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Clerical for registry	320.00
2012 PRP program Inc.		Registry Postage	42.00
2012 PRP Adult fee	192.85	Total Registry Acct. Expense	362.00
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	192.85		
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	192.85		
Registry Income			
Duplicate Registration fees	100.00		
Late Stallion Report fees	100.00		
Registration fees	891.25		
Transfer fees	324.82		
Total Registry Income	1,416.07		
USIHC Non-Member fees	75.00		
Youth Inc.			
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	330.00		
Total Youth Inc.	330.00		
Total Income	7,554.01	Total Expense	6,019.42

Net Income: 1,534.59

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Income and Expense Report
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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
		Breeding Committee Exp.	664.90
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
FEIF World Rankng Comp Fee Inc.	802.70	FEIF World Ranking Comp. fee	1,231.03
Total Competition Inc.	802.70	National Ranking Award Expense	645.82
		Total Competition Comm. Expense	1,876.85
Education Seminar Inc.		Education Comm. Exp.	15.50
2011 KY CC Seminar Inc.	3,252.50	Education Seminar exp.	
Total Education Seminar Inc.	3,252.50	2011 KY Seminar - April	3,230.40
		Total Education Seminar exp.	3,230.40
Evaluation-FEIF fees	270.00	FEIF Evaluation fees	465.59
		Elwell Breeding Award	50.21
Interest Income	489.21		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
2011 A/M Dinner Inc.	950.00	Annual Meeting Exp.	
Farm Listing		2011 Annual Meeting	
2011 Farm listing	2,054.91	2011 Annual Meeting Dinner exp.	2,826.66
2012 Farm Listing	1,295.09	2011 Annual Meeting exp.	205.26
Total Farm Listing	3,350.00	2011 Annual Meeting Printing ex	83.06
		Total 2011 Annual Meeting	3,114.98
		Total Annual Meeting Exp.	3,114.98
FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	2,058.68	FEIF related expenses	
		FEIF Conf. exp.	2,058.68
		FEIF Mbshp fees	2,837.34
		Total FEIF related expenses	4,896.02
Membership Dues		Administration	
2011 Membership Dues		Mbshp. Postage	190.41
2011 Family Membership	4,424.29	Office Exp.	44.84
2011 Individual Membership	9,583.30	Tax. Prep. Services	500.00
2011 Youth memberships	103.68	Total Administration	735.25
Total 2011 Membership Dues	14,111.27		
2012 membership dues		Election exp.	516.52
2012 Family Membership	1,780.58		
2012 Individual Mbshp	2,185.60	Insurance	715.00
2012 Youth Membership	102.36		
Total 2012 membership dues	4,068.54		
Total Membership Dues	18,179.81		

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Income and Expense Report
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Income		Expense	
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	3,779.34	Graphics	4,000.00
Quarterly back issue sales	<u>80.33</u>	postage for Quarterly	1,958.44
Total Quarterly Inc.	3,859.67	Quarterly Printing	<u>5,435.33</u>
Website Inc.		Total Quarterly Expenses	11,393.77
Website Ad Inc.	<u>1,408.35</u>	Toll Free line	142.45
Total Website Inc.	<u>1,408.35</u>	Website Exp.	193.40
Total Membership Related Income	29,806.51	WorldFengur Exp.	648.71
		Service fees	
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Bank Fees	
2011 PRP Program Inc.		Wire fees	23.31
2011 PRP Adult fee	690.21	Bank Fees - Other	<u>-75.00</u>
2011 PRP Jr mbshp fee	<u>59.54</u>	Total Bank Fees	<u>-51.69</u>
Total 2011 PRP Program Inc.	749.75	Total Service fees	<u>-51.69</u>
2012 PRP program Inc.		Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>22,304.41</u>
2012 PRP Adult fee	207.11		
2012 PRP Youth fee	<u>12.00</u>	Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	<u>219.11</u>	2010 PRP Award expense	727.20
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	968.86	PRP multi year award exp.	<u>742.28</u>
		Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	1,469.48
		Promotional Exp.	
USIHC Non-Member fees	836.82	Display booth shipping	335.87
USIHC Non-registration fees	769.47	Equine Affair Exp.	1,664.54
		Other Promotional expenses	537.81
		Promotion Material Printing exp	583.77
		Promotional Advertising	1,145.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	<u>200.00</u>
		Total Promotional Exp.	4,466.99
		Registry Acct. Expense	
Registry Income		Clerical for registry	4,346.00
Duplicate Registration fees	739.80	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	370.12
Late Stallion Report fees	2,787.50	Reg. Office supplies	7.53
Registration fees	7,526.99	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	128.29
Transfer fees	<u>2,932.85</u>	Registry Postage	<u>419.50</u>
Total Registry Income	13,987.14	Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>5,271.44</u>
WC Team Tryout Inc.		WC Team Tryout Expenses	
WC 2011 Team Tryout Inc.	<u>3,535.65</u>	WC 2011 Tryout exp.	<u>3,535.65</u>
Total WC Team Tryout Inc.	3,535.65	Total WC Team Tryout Expenses	3,535.65
Youth Inc.		World Championship Expenses	
Youth Cup Tryout Fees	<u>330.00</u>	WC 2011 Austria Expenses	<u>3,608.02</u>
Total Youth Inc.	<u>330.00</u>	Total World Championship Expenses	<u>3,608.02</u>
Total Income	55,048.86	Total Expense	46,959.44

Total Income: 8,089.42

USIHC – Board Of Directors 02/09/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Doug Smith, Anne Elwell, Sara Lyter, Ásta Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard,
Kathy Lockerbie, Katrin Sheehan, Barbara Frische,

Excused: Cindy Wescott

Observers: Juli Cole, Pamela Nolf

Meeting Called to Order 9:06 PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

The familiar membership chart that used to appear here is no longer valid since the membership expiration policy was changed from the calendar year to each member's payment anniversary. For the next few months, I will report our current membership numbers with the same time last year and the final count for 2011 as reference points:

January 2011	282 households.
December 2011	430 households.
January 12, 2012	354 households.
February 3, 2012	363 households.

Email reminders were sent to all members who had not renewed as of January 31st. As we saw last month, a burst of renewals followed the reminder. Automated reminders will begin in the middle of February.

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 01/31/12:</u>	\$154,852.65
<u>Unrestricted funds as of 01/31/12:</u>	\$136,494.32
<u>Net increase (decrease) since 12/31/11:</u>	\$8,518.76

See attached financial statements.

The reason why the 2012 PRP income is a negative number is due to the refunds I had to process. A lot of people had paid in 2011 which skews the 2012 income side.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Katrin Sheehan)

Nothing to report.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

The National Ranking trophies have been sent to the 2011 winners.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

Nothing to report.

Education (Barbara Frische)

Barbara will be in Europe from late February to mid May. As such requests for Education should be copied to Katrin. Doug will make sure emails to education@icelandics.org are delivered to both Barbara and Katrin for that time.

Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

Nothing to report.

Promotion (Anne Elwell)

Nothing to report.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

Nothing to report.

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

The annual club renewal process is complete. All of the clubs except for the Texas Tölter renewed their standing.

Web (Doug Smith)

The Education Committee, via Sara Lyter (former chair), requested a suggestion for hosting web video on the Congress website. The technology used to stream video is different from that used to serve web pages. Therefore, the best option would be to subscribe to the Vimeo Pro service (www.vimeo.com) to host the video. Using this service we have complete control over the video and can be certain that it is only available from our website. This affords the option of making videos either public or available to our members only. The current annual cost of the subscription is \$60.

Youth (Laurie Prestine, Ásta Covert liaison)

2012 Youth Cup Team:

Riders: Quinn Thomashow, Madison Prestine, Ayla Green
Country Leader: Jasmine Ho
Team Leader: Perry Ostrow

All candidates have accepted their invitation.

All candidates were informed by email of results of try-out and panel selections.

Quarterly was informed of team members. Thank you for waiting.

International Youth Camp Inquiry:

USIHC member was advised that more information is required for this event to be considered for funding.

Youth articles for *Quarterly*:

New idea: Youth Rider Report. Two articles were sent to the *Quarterly* written by USIHC youth members. The youth committee hopes to encourage youth members to write articles to inform the membership what they have been up to in their own words.

Regional Club Youth Leaders:

The regional club youth leader email addresses were collected by the youth committee. Beginning in February, they will be sent the monthly youth committee report.

Old Business

- Policy for Sanctioning and Funding of Educational Seminars [Sara Lyter]
Seminars (or any other funding requests) should be endorsed by the appropriate committee and forwarded to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

- FEIF Conference Voting Instructions [Doug Smith]
Doug is instructed to vote his conscience at the Delegates Assembly.

New Business

- Sales Horses on the Website [Doug Smith]
The Board gives the “green light” to the Web Committee to create this page on the website open to active Congress members selling US registered horses. No formal action was taken by the Board at this time.

Next Meeting March 13, 2012

Meeting Adjourned 9:34 PM (Eastern)

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>12/31/11</u>		<u>1/31/12</u>
\$ 28,834.61	Checking	\$ 37,967.56
\$ 106,215.22	Money Market	\$ 106,233.21
\$ 10,651.88	CDs	\$ 10,651.88
\$ 145,701.71	subtotal	\$ 154,852.65
\$ (5,015.23)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,170.89)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (2,710.92)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,187.44)
\$ 127,975.56	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 136,494.32

Net Increase from previous month
\$8,518.76

02/03/12

United States Icelandic Horse Congress I...
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of January 31, 2012

	Jan 31, '12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	37,967.56
Associated Money Market Acct.	106,233.21
Total Checking/Savings	144,200.77
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,016.29
CD-#2201263072	7,632.08
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	10,651.88
Total Other Current Assets	10,651.88
Total Current Assets	154,852.65
TOTAL ASSETS	154,852.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,187.44
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,170.89
Total Other Current Liabilities	18,358.33
Total Current Liabilities	18,358.33
Total Liabilities	18,358.33
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	8,518.76
Total Equity	136,494.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	154,852.65

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
January 2012

Income		Expense	
Interest Income	17.99		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	1,394.91	Mbshp. Postage	244.60
Total Farm Listing	1,394.91	Office Exp.	18.39
		Total Administration	262.99
Membership Dues			
2012 membership dues			
2012 Family Membership	1,576.82		
2012 Individual Mbshp	4,425.86		
2012 Youth Membership	33.68		
Total 2012 membership dues	6,036.36		
Total Membership Dues	6,036.36		
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,102.73	postage for Quarterly	48.21
Quarterly back issue sales	28.56	Total Quarterly Expenses	48.21
Total Quarterly Inc.	1,131.29		
Website Inc.			
Website Ad Inc.	186.28		
Total Website Inc.	186.28	Toll Free line	12.95
Total Membership Related Income	8,748.84	Total Membership Related Expenses	324.15
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Promotional Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		Other Promotional expenses	10.11
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Promotional Advertising	325.00
2012 PRP Youth fee	-12.00	RC Co-op promo exp.	172.50
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	-220.15	Total Promotional Exp.	507.61
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	-220.15		
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Late Stallion Report fees	293.60	Clerical for registry	209.00
Registration fees	627.94	Total Registry Acct. Expense	209.00
Transfer fees	191.30		
Total Registry Income	1,112.84	Youth Exp.	
		2012 Youth Cup Exp.	100.00
		Total Youth Exp.	100.00
Total Income	9,659.52	Total Expense	1,140.76

Net Income: 8,518.76

USIHC – Board Of Directors 03/13/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Doug Smith, Anne Elwell, Sara Lyter, Ásta Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard,
Katrin Sheehan, Cindy Wescott

Excused: Barbara Frische, Kathy Lockerbie

Observers: Juli Cole

Meeting Called to Order 9:06 PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

The meeting was turned over to Kari to present and review the budget as distributed with the agenda.

MOTION: [Doug Smith] The Board accept the budget as presented. Approved unanimously.
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Next Meeting April 19, 2012 9:00 PM (Eastern).

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Executive Session

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>1/31/12</u>		<u>2/29/12</u>
\$ 37,967.56	Checking	\$ 40,394.51
\$ 106,233.21	Money Market	\$ 106,250.04
\$ 10,651.88	CDs	\$ 10,651.88
\$ 154,852.65	subtotal	\$ 157,296.43
\$ (5,170.89)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,304.44)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (3,187.44)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,207.44)
\$ 136,494.32	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 138,784.55

Net Increase from previous month
\$2,290.23

United States Icelandic Horse Congress I...
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of February 29, 2012

	Feb 29, '12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	40,394.51
Associated Money Market Acct.	106,250.04
Total Checking/Savings	146,644.55
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,016.29
CD-#2201263072	7,632.08
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	10,651.88
Total Other Current Assets	10,651.88
Total Current Assets	157,296.43
TOTAL ASSETS	157,296.43
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,207.44
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,304.44
Total Other Current Liabilities	18,511.88
Total Current Liabilities	18,511.88
Total Liabilities	18,511.88
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	10,808.99
Total Equity	138,784.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	157,296.43

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
February 2012**

Income		Expense	
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	167.00	Total Competition Comm. Expense	938.85
Interest Income	16.83		
Membership Related Income			
Farm Listing			
2012 Farm Listing	110.00		
Total Farm Listing	110.00	Membership Related Expenses	
Membership Dues		Toll Free line	12.95
2012 membership dues		Total Membership Related Expenses	12.95
2012 Family Membership	883.72		
2012 Individual Mbshp	1,941.36	Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 Youth Membership	35.00	2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
Total 2012 membership dues	2,860.08	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	526.14
Total Membership Dues	2,860.08		
Quarterly Inc.		Promotional Exp.	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	413.01	Promotional postage expenses	26.96
Quarterly back issue sales	5.00	Total Promotional Exp.	26.96
Total Quarterly Inc.	418.01		
Total Membership Related Income	3,388.09		
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	48.25	Clerical for registry	690.00
Late Stallion Report fees	197.10	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	244.05
Registration fees	470.16	Total Registry Acct. Expense	934.05
Transfer fees	267.78		
Total Registry Income	983.29		
USIHC Non-Member fees	173.97		
Total Income	4,729.18	Total Expense	2,438.95

Net Income: 2,290.23

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
January through February 2012

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	<u>167.00</u>	Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>938.85</u>
Interest Income	34.82		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	1,504.91	Mbshp. Postage	244.60
Total Farm Listing	<u>1,504.91</u>	Office Exp.	18.39
Membership Dues		Total Administration	<u>262.99</u>
2012 membership dues			
2012 Family Membership	2,460.54		
2012 Individual Mbshp	6,367.22		
2012 Youth Membership	<u>68.68</u>		
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>8,896.44</u>		
Total Membership Dues	<u>8,896.44</u>		
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,515.74	postage for Quarterly	48.21
Quarterly back issue sales	<u>33.56</u>	Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>48.21</u>
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>1,549.30</u>		
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	25.90
Website Ad Inc.	186.28	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>262.99</u>
Total Website Inc.	<u>186.28</u>		
Total Membership Related Income	<u>12,136.93</u>		
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	<u>526.14</u>
2012 PRP Youth fee	<u>-12.00</u>		
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>		
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>	Promotional Exp.	
		Promotional postage expenses	37.07
		Promotional Advertising	325.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	<u>172.50</u>
		Total Promotional Exp.	<u>534.57</u>
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	48.25	Clerical for registry	899.00
Late Stallion Report fees	490.70	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	<u>244.05</u>
Registration fees	1,098.10	Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>1,143.05</u>
Transfer fees	<u>459.08</u>		
Total Registry Income	<u>2,096.13</u>		
USIHC Non-Member fees	173.97	Youth Exp.	
		2012 Youth Cup Exp.	100.00
		Total Youth Exp.	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	<u>14,388.70</u>	Total Expense	<u>3,505.60</u>

Net Income: 10,883.10

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2012 Projected Income

Competition Income		
National Ranking Award Income	167.00	1 New NR award sponsorship
FEIF World Ranking Late Fee Inc.	0.00	Hopefully none this year
Total Competition Income	167.00	
Education Seminar Inc.		
Total Education Seminar Inc.	0.00	
Evaluation-FEIF fees	750.00	Assume 50 horses evaluated in 2012 @\$15
FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	1,800.00	Assumes full reimbursement from attendees
Interest Income	500.00	Similar to 2011
Membership Related Income		
Farm Listing		
2012 Farm list	3,300.00	Similar to 2011
Membership Dues		
2012 Membership dues		
2012 Family memberships	6,204.87	similar to 2011
2012 Individual Memberships	11,768.90	similar to 2011
2012 Youth Membership Dues	206.04	similar to 2011
2012 Foreign Friend	70.00	assumes one membership (none in 2011)
Total 2012 Membership dues	18,249.81	
Quarterly Inc.		
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	3,780.00	Based upon 2011 Quarterly ads
Quarterly back issue sales	80.00	similar to 2011
Total Quarterly Inc.	3,860.00	
Website Inc.		
Website Ad Inc.	1,152.00	6 annual ads
Total Website Inc.	1,152.00	
Registry Income		
Duplicate Registration fees	700.00	similar to 2011
Late Stallion Report fees	2,700.00	similar to 2011
Registration fees	7,550.00	similar to 2011
Transfer fees	3,000.00	similar to 2011
Total Registry Income	13,950.00	
USIHC Non-Member fees	825.00	similar to 2011
USIHC Non-reg. horse fees	750.00	similar to 2011
Youth Inc.		
Spaeri Award Inc	0.00	No sponsor at this time
Total Youth Inc.	0.00	
Total Income	45,303.81	

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2012 Projected Expense

Breeding Committee Expenses		Katrin's proposed budget
Sponsor Young American Riders-FEIF Seminar	500.00	
Foaltour 2012 (loss prevention)	2,000.00	
NEIHC Breeding Evaluation (loss prevention)	2,000.00	
Young Horse Breeders Award	120.00	
Elwell Breeding Award	80.00	Permanent iceberg/shipping/engraving
FEIF Evaluation fees	750.00	Assuming 50 horses evaluated in 2011
Total Breeding Committee expense	5,450.00	
Competition Comm. Expense		
FEIF World Ranking fees exp.	1,000.00	For 9 WR events (3 triple events)
National Ranking awards exp.	883.55	Board approved budget amount +1 new award (actual 2011)
National Ranking awards mailing exp.	55.30	Actual 2012 costs
Total Competition Comm. Expense	1,938.85	
Other Special Awards	70.00	
Education Budget Exp.		Barbara's proposed budget
Translation for Level 1 Trainer manual	1,384.00	Approved in 2010, still in progress
Total Education Budget Exp.	1,384.00	
Education Seminar Budget exp.		
Sport Intern Judges seminar (loss prevention)	1,000.00	
Support material for Trainer Seminar in Nov.	175.00	\$35 x 5 participants (for books, copies, pens, etc)
Total Education Seminar Budget exp.	1,175.00	
Membership Related Expenses		
Administration		
Conference call reimbursement	100.00	For any BOD member w/o access to calling plan
Government fee	25.00	Annual registration in NJ
Mbshp. Postage	300.00	Welcome packets/treasurer postage
Office Exp.	50.00	
Printing for Membership	85.00	
Tax. Prep. Services	250.00	
Toll Free line	155.40	
Total Administration	965.40	
General Meeting Exp.		
2012 General Meeting		
2012 Annual Meeting Printing	600.00	Assuming 2 mailings
Total 2012 Annual Meeting	600.00	
Election exp.	600.00	Assuming 2 mailings if necessary
FEIF related expenses		
FEIF Mbshp fees	1,600.00	assumes a 10 % increase from year's cost
FEIF Conference Exp.	1,800.00	Assumes reimbursement from all attendees
Total FEIF related expenses	3,400.00	
Insurance	715.00	based upon 2011 cost for D/O insurance
Quarterly Expenses		
Graphics	4,000.00	\$1000 per issue
postage for Quarterly	2,000.00	Mail prep/Mbshp. postage/Xtras to Gayle
Quarterly Printing	5,535.00	\$3 to \$3.37/issue based upon 2011 actual
Total Quarterly Expenses	11,535.00	
Service fees		
Bank Fees		
Returned check fees	18.00	
Bank Fees - Other	25.00	check printing if needed
Total Bank Fees	43.00	
Website	526.40	hosting for 1 year plus SSL certificate (good for 3 yrs.)
WorldFengur Exp.	650.00	Based on 2011 expense

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2012 Projected Expense

Pleasure Rider Program Exp.		
2012 PRP Refunds	220.00	Actual paid to date refunds in excess of fees
2011 Pleasure Rider Pgm. Exp.	550.00	Awards for the 2011 award year
Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	770.00	
Promotional Exp.		
Booth Display, 1 used	1,115.00	Anne's proposed budget
Display booth shipping & postage	340.00	Approved at January 2010 meeting
Equine Affair Ohio	450.00	Based on 4 shipments
Equine Affaire, MA	450.00	Booth
Other Trade show Booth Exp.	500.00	2011 Booth only, split with Iceland (Pending)
Promotional Postage Expenses	173.00	for 2 events (To be approved)
Promotion Material Quarterly handouts exp	950.00	Postage for brochures & Promo. Quarterly copies
Promotional Advertising	1,000.00	400 copies/year plus shipping
RC Co-op program	800.00	StudBook ad & others
Other Promotional items	1,000.00	assumes \$200 x 4 RC's
Total Promotional Exp.	6,778.00	Misc. expenses not yet known: For future BOD approval
Registry Acct. Expense		
Clerical for registry	4,350.00	based on 2011
Printing & reproduction-Regist.	370.00	based on 2011
Reg. Office supplies	50.00	based on 2011
Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	130.00	based on 2011
Registry Postage	420.00	based on 2011
Total Registry Acct. Expense	5,320.00	
Youth Exp. (regular)		
Spaeri Award	250.00	Laurie Prestine's proposed budget
Youth Cup: Judge for tryouts	100.00	based on 2 awards
Youth Cup: 3 stalls & 1 tack stall	505.40	actual cost
Youth Cup: Team Leader Stipend	1,000.00	
Youth Cup: Country Leader Stipend	1,000.00	
Youth Cup: Country Leader participation exp.	345.00	
Youth Cup: Award	55.00	US sponsored award at YC (Iceberg cost + shipping)
Other Youth expenses	500.00	annual budgeted amount per policy
Total Youth Exp.	3,755.40	
 Total Expense	 45,676.05	
 PROJECTED PROFIT (LOSS)	 -372.24	

USIHC – Board Of Directors 03/31/12 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Doug Smith, Anne Elwell, Ásta Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Sara Lyter, Katrin Sheehan [12:13]

Excused: Cindy Wescott, Barbara Frische, Kathy Lockerbie

Call to Order 12:05PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

MOTION [Sara]: The Board accepts the Youth Committee's compromise recommendation that Perry be allowed to participate in the FEIF Youth Committee as Team Leader with the condition that she fully pay her own way. The Youth Committee shall write a letter to Perry explaining the compromise. Perry is required to respond in writing to the Youth Committee Chair in a timely manner to be determined by the Youth Committee Chair.

VOTE:

For: Anne Elwell, Ásta Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Sara Lyter, Katrin Sheehan

Against: Doug Smith

Adjourned 12:45PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

USIHC – Board Of Directors 04/19/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Anne Elwell, Katrin Sheehan, Kathy Lockerbie, Doug Smith, Ásta Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Cindy Wescott

Excused: Barbara Frische, Sara Lyter

Observer: Juli Cole

Meeting Called to Order 9:15PM Eastern [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

Membership status:

January 2011	282	March 2012	<i>No call</i>
December 2011	430	April 14, 2012	385
January 12, 2012	354		
February 3, 2012	363		

FEIF Conference: Three Congress members (Barbara Frische, Will Covert, and Doug Smith) attended the FEIF Conference & Delegates Assembly in Malmö, Sweden the first weekend of March. The official reports from the conference are available on the FEIF website. I prepared a summary of the various reports and submitted it to the *Quarterly* for publication in the June issue.

Meeting Notice: The official notice of the General Meeting to be held at Flying C in conjunction with the Triple World Ranking show in May was posted to 180 households via US Mail and an additional 201 households by eMail on April 6th. A copy of the notice was also posted on the website attached to the calendar entry for the meeting.

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:

Combined bank account balances as of 03/31/12: \$156,666.38
Unrestricted funds as of 02/31/12: \$138,056.23
Net increase (decrease) since 02/29/12: (\$728.32)

See attached financial statements.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Katrin Sheehan)

No report received.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

The committee has reviewed the changes made to FIPO by the FEIF Delegates Assembly as well as suggestions made during the past competition season. Revised rules for US competitions have been submitted for Board approval.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

The Board sponsored proposed amendments plus one member sponsored proposal were communicated to the Secretary for inclusion in the Notice of General Meeting as required by the Constitution. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the World Ranking Competition at Flying C Ranch, Santa Ynez, CA on May 12th.

Education (Barbara Frische)

No report received.

Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

The PRP log forms have been slightly revised to highlight the fact that a separate form must be used for each participant. The submissions deadlines are also changed to quarterly to reduce the burden on the volunteers managing the program – late logs will not be accepted.

Promotion (Anne Elwell)

We are working on a new contract for use of the two booths and should be submitting it for approval at the next meeting. The graphics are done for the new booth and we have a delivery date in early May.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

The Promotion and Regional Club pages now include links to the Board policy (#21) regarding funds available to clubs for breed / Congress / club promotion. The membership list has been updated to include the month and day on which each membership expires. The Registry Rules, overlooked in the last significant update to the website, has been updated.

Youth (Laurie Prestine, Ásta Covert liaison)

Nothing to report.

Old Business

- Email Voting [*Used for urgent matters between meetings. Matters must be approved without objection.*]
 - Approval of Notice of Members Meeting May 2012.

New Business

- Competition / Sanctioned Show Rule Updates [Will Covert & Doug Smith]
The Sport Committee recommends the attached changes to the Competition and Sanctioned Show rules. (The only substantial change allows horse/rider combinations to enter more tests in each show with two limitations: the horse may not start more than the number of times per day prescribed by FIPO; only the most difficult test will be considered for National Ranking.)

MOTION [Ásta Covert] Adopt all changes made by the FEIF Delegates Assembly to FIPO and Sport Committee's recommendation to the US rules. No objections.

- Youth Funds for Youth Cup Support [Laurie Prestine]
The Youth Committee requests a portion of the Youth Fund be released to support our Youth Cup team. The participation cost to each rider is €710. The committee recommends \$500 be paid directly to FEIF on behalf of each rider. This is the same level of support per rider as

provided for the 2010 team. The net cost to the fund will be \$500 less than 2010 since we only have three riders instead of four.

MOTION [Kari Pietsch-Wangard] Board approve Youth Committee recommendation with the stipulation that each child's parent acknowledge financial responsibility for the balance of all Youth Cup expenses.

Meeting Adjourned 10:00 PM Eastern [Anne Elwell]

Next meeting June 12, 2012 [9PM Eastern].

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>2/29/12</u>		<u>3/31/12</u>
\$ 40,394.51	Checking	\$ 39,692.53
\$ 106,250.04	Money Market	\$ 106,268.04
\$ 10,651.88	CDs	\$ 10,705.81
\$ 157,296.43	subtotal	\$ 156,666.38
\$ (5,304.44)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,382.71)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (3,207.44)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,227.44)
\$ 138,784.55	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 138,056.23

Net Increase/(Decrease) from previous month
(\$728.32)

United States Icelandic Horse Congress I...
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of March 31, 2012

	Mar 31, '12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	39,692.53
Associated Money Market Acct.	106,268.04
Total Checking/Savings	145,960.57
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,019.55
CD-#2201263072	7,682.75
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	10,705.81
Total Other Current Assets	10,705.81
Total Current Assets	156,666.38
TOTAL ASSETS	156,666.38
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,227.44
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,382.71
Total Other Current Liabilities	18,610.15
Total Current Liabilities	18,610.15
Total Liabilities	18,610.15
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	10,080.67
Total Equity	138,056.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	156,666.38

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
January through March 2012

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	<u>167.00</u>	Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>938.85</u>
Interest Income	110.46	Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Membership Related Income			
Farm Listing			
2012 Farm Listing	1,614.91		
Total Farm Listing	<u>1,614.91</u>		
Membership Dues		Membership Related Expenses	
2008 Membership dues		Administration	
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	Mbshp. Postage	244.60
Total 2008 Membership dues	<u>43.54</u>	Office Exp.	<u>18.39</u>
2012 membership dues		Total Administration	<u>262.99</u>
2012 Family Membership	2,904.59		
2012 Individual Mbshp	7,649.38		
2012 Youth Membership	<u>103.68</u>		
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>10,657.65</u>		
Total Membership Dues	<u>10,701.19</u>		
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,612.23	Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly back issue sales	<u>33.56</u>	postage for Quarterly	489.76
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>1,645.79</u>	Quarterly Printing	<u>1,129.92</u>
		Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>2,619.68</u>
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	<u>38.85</u>
Website Ad Inc.	<u>186.28</u>	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>2,921.52</u>
Total Website Inc.	<u>186.28</u>		
Total Membership Related Income	<u>14,148.17</u>		
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	<u>526.14</u>
2012 PRP Youth fee	<u>-12.00</u>		
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>		
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>		
Registry Income		Promotional Exp.	
Duplicate Registration fees	48.25	Display booth shipping	463.15
Late Stallion Report fees	590.70	Promotional postage expenses	140.40
Registration fees	1,643.87	Promotion Material Printing exp	409.48
Transfer fees	<u>695.38</u>	Promotional Advertising	325.00
Total Registry Income	<u>2,978.20</u>	RC Co-op promo exp.	<u>172.50</u>
		Total Promotional Exp.	<u>1,510.53</u>
		Registry Acct. Expense	
		Clerical for registry	1,060.00
		Printing & reproduction-Regist.	<u>244.05</u>
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>1,304.05</u>
		Youth Exp.	
		2012 Youth Cup Exp.	<u>100.00</u>
		Total Youth Exp.	<u>100.00</u>
USIHC Non-Member fees	<u>248.97</u>		
Total Income	<u>17,432.65</u>	Total Expense	<u>7,351.98</u>

Net Income (Loss): 10,080.67

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
March 2012**

Income		Expense	
Interest Income	75.64	Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Membership Related Income			
Farm Listing			
2012 Farm Listing	110.00		
Total Farm Listing	110.00		
Membership Dues			
2008 Membership dues			
08 Individual Memberships	43.54		
Total 2008 Membership dues	43.54		
2012 membership dues			
2012 Family Membership	444.05		
2012 Individual Mbshp	1,282.16		
2012 Youth Membership	35.00		
Total 2012 membership dues	1,761.21		
Total Membership Dues	1,804.75		
Quarterly Inc.			
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	96.49		
Total Quarterly Inc.	96.49		
 Total Membership Related Income	 2,011.24		
Registry Income			
Late Stallion Report fees	100.00		
Registration fees	545.77		
Transfer fees	236.30		
Total Registry Income	882.07		
USIHC Non-Member fees	75.00		
Total Income	3,043.95		
		Membership Related Expenses	
		Quarterly Expenses	
		Graphics	1,000.00
		postage for Quarterly	441.55
		Quarterly Printing	1,129.92
		Total Quarterly Expenses	2,571.47
		Toll Free line	12.95
		Total Membership Related Expenses	2,584.42
		Promotional Exp.	
		Display booth shipping	463.15
		Promotional postage expenses	103.33
		Promotion Material Printing exp	409.48
		Total Promotional Exp.	975.96
		Registry Acct. Expense	
		Clerical for registry	161.00
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	161.00
		Total Expense	3,772.27

NET INCOME (LOSS): -728.32

The USIHC adopts all provisions contained in FIPO (Rules for Icelandic Horse Events) ~~2011~~2012 (Valid as of April 1, ~~2011~~2012) as well as FIRO (General Rules) established by FEIF (International Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations). The following sections of FIPO are modified as set forth below to achieve the maximum measure of USIHC compliance as is presently possible in the United States.

Section 2.2.2.1 – Permitted bits and bridles:

Any bit may be used as part of a bridle provided it:

- is suitable for riding horses (not for driving horses or any other use of horses);
- is suitable for riding Icelandic horses;
- fits the horse it is used on correctly;
- is not included in the list of prohibited bits.

Only snaffle bits are permitted in the Beginning Rider and Novice Division classes.

Nothing may be added on to bits other than smooth bit guards and chain guards, and nothing else is allowed in the horse's mouth.

Horses may be ridden in bit-less bridles provided they fit the general requirements described above.

The judges' decision about the acceptance of any bit or bridle at a specific event is final for that specific event.

Section 4.2 – Tracks:

The definition of regulation tracks is as defined in FIPO Section 5.1. In the event a regulation track is not available tests may be conducted on a track or in an arena with a minimum circumference of 200 meters [650 feet] with long sides a minimum of 60 meters [200 feet].

The beginning and end of the long side of the track shall be marked in such a way as to be clearly visible to the riders, judges, and spectators without interfering with the horses on the track. The transition point at the middle of the short side may also be marked. Options include but are not limited to flat tape on the railing or a different colored post.

Effective April 2014, racing pace events may only be included if there is a straight pace track or the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters. A show may be sanctioned without including F1 or F2 in the list of offered classes if the track does not meet the FIPO standards for racing pace.

Sections 4.3 and 5.2 – Judges:

All FIPO classes must be judged by at least one International FEIF Sports Judge. In the event classes are scored by more than one International FEIF Sports Judge, they will judge individually, separately and openly.

Section 4.8 – Demonstration Rider:

The show organizer has the sole discretion to utilize demonstration riders. If demonstration riders are used they shall follow FIPO Section 4.8.

Section 5.5 – Left rein and right rein groups:

In classes, which are conducted in groups, starting groups of no more than six riders are formed by the show organizer, judge or gatekeeper. Choice of rein shall be by majority vote of the riders in the group. In the event of a tie, left rein is to be assumed to be the preference.

The first group shall enter the arena and perform the class, after which they shall exit the arena. Succeeding groups shall do the same. When all groups have ridden the entire class shall return to the arena for the announcement of the results.

In finals, the majority of the riders determine the rein on which the first section is begun. In the event of a tie vote, the vote of the preliminary round's winner is doubled.

RULES OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Eligibility.

Open: Any rider 14 years and over.

Pace Disciplines: Any rider 14 years and over.

Professional: A professional rider is one who has accepted remuneration of any kind within a two-year period prior to the show in question for training or riding Icelandic Horses.

Intermediate: Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a final score of 6.0 or higher three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC sanctioned competitions.

Novice: Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC sanctioned competition. In other words, a rider who has achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times in Novice Tölt is ineligible to enter that class again and must advance to the Intermediate level in Tölt. This rider may continue to compete as a Novice in the other discipline until he/she achieves a score of 5.0 three times in those remaining Novice classes. Thereafter he/she must advance to Intermediate Division.

[Experimental] Beginning Rider: Any non-professional rider who has not achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times on any horse **in any discipline** in USIHC sanctioned competition.

[Experimental] Green Horse: Any horse which has not achieved a score of 5.0 or higher three times under any rider **in any discipline** in USIHC sanctioned competition.

Youth: Youth classes may be split into classes with the following age groups:

1. Eleven years and under.
2. Twelve through sixteen years.

A rider may enter any class or level unless specifically prohibited by the definition of that class or level. In other words, a rider may enter at the same show, Intermediate and Novice classes if he/she is a **non-professional** rider and has not achieved a score of 5.0 or above three times at USIHC sanctioned competitions in that discipline.

The cut-off score in those classes will follow the rider only. It will not follow the horse or the horse and rider combination with the exception of the determination of a "green horse".

A rider may enter the same class with more than one horse. Where the Open Class is conducted as individual programs, no limit shall apply. In classes conducted in groups, the rider shall be allowed, as many entries as there are groups for the class.

The number of tests a horse may be ridden per day is specified in FIPO Section 2.1. Horses, riders, or combinations thereof may start in more than one tölt or gaited test at the same competition as long as the rider satisfies the divisional eligibility requirements. Horses may not start more than the number of times specified in FIPO 2.1. In the event a rider participates in more than one gaited or tölt test at the same event, only the most advanced test (lowest test number) in each category will be considered for the National Ranking.

Compliance. The individual responsible for enforcing compliance with all the USIHC Sport Rules at sanctioned shows shall be an Intern Judge. If an Intern Judge is not available then the official Scribe shall enforce the rules. In the absence of either an Intern Judge or Scribe then a designated member of the Sport Committee will enforce compliance by all show participants with the rules. In all cases the individual must have a solid working knowledge of the USIHC Sport Rules. All the materials and information needed to ensure proper compliance shall be provided by the show organizer. If a dispute arises as a result of a decision made by this individual an appeal may be made in a timely fashion to the Judge who shall have the final decision.

Jurisdiction. The USIHC Competition Rules are National Rules, to be utilized in any USIHC Sanctioned Show. In the event an International FEIF Show shall be conducted in the United States it must be conducted pursuant to the entire FIPO then in effect, including the provisions excluded or amended in these National Rules.

Revisions to FIPO and the USIHC Competition Rules. As revisions to FIPO are approved by FEIF, the USIHC will determine if the USIHC Competition Rules should be revised in accordance with the FIPO revisions. Other revisions to the USIHC Competition Rules may occur as circumstances demand.

Arbitration. For the duration of a competition an Arbitration Committee must be formed consisting of the following:

1. The competition manager or a representative previously appointed by him/her.
2. The head judge
3. A rider's spokesman, elected before the start of the competition by those actively competing. If the riders' spokesman has to be substituted, then the rider with the second highest votes will become the spokesman's representative.
4. The sport chairperson or delegate previously appointed by him/her

All decisions made by the Arbitration Committee are final. No one may be involved in any arbitral decisions, who is either directly concerned or has interests therein or is any other way prejudiced. Arbitration proceedings are conducted verbally. Minutes are to be taken, which should at least include the following information:

1. Members of the arbitration committee
2. Place and time of the proceedings
3. Parties present
4. Issues and decisions of the committee.

Arbitration proceedings are public. Conferring is done in private. Decisions by the arbitration committee are

taken on a simple majority. In the event of votes being equal, the chief judge will have the casting vote. The decision then must be immediately given in writing to the party concerned.

Dress Code. All provisions in FIPO Section 3.3 shall apply. The dress requirements in all FIPO classes at USIHC sanctioned shows shall be those required at international sport competitions. In the event of high heat or humidity, riders may opt to not wear a coat and tie. Regardless of the conditions, riders are encouraged to dress professionally. The dress requirements in all non-FIPO classes shall be those allowed in Pace Race and Pace Tests.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

The class descriptions listed below are taken directly from FIPO and will be the USIHC required classes. The scores from these classes will be recorded in the USIHC National Ranking database. [In the event of a discrepancy between these descriptions and those in the current version of FIPO, FIPO shall prevail unless the difference is expressly noted.](#)

OPEN DIVISION

These classes may be entered by any rider 14 years and older. Organizers shall offer both preliminary and finals for all Open Division classes.

Tölt 1 Open Individual (FIPO T1)

Preliminary Round:

Riders compete individually.

Sections:

1. Begin at the middle of the short side and ride one round in slow tölt on either rein. Return to walk at the middle of the short side and change rein.
2. From the middle of the short side ride one round in slow tölt, lengthen stride distinctly on the long sides.
3. From the middle of the short side ride one round in fast tölt.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round on both reins as described in 5.4.2.

Tölt 2 Open Loose Rein (FIPO T2)

Preliminary Round:

Riders compete individually.

Sections:

1. Begin at the middle of the short side and ride one round in aAny speed tölt
2. From the middle of the short side ride one round in sSlow, steady and calm speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein
3. Ride one round in a sSlow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth The marks for section 3 are doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round as described in 5.4.2.

Tölt 3 Open Group (FIPO T3)Preliminary Round:

The test is ridden with two or more riders on the oval track. The horses show the three sections as instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. They start on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow tölt. Return to walk change rein.
2. Slow tölt on the short sides, fast tölt on the long sides.
3. Fast tölt.

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5.

Tölt 4 Open Group Loose Rein (FIPO T4)Preliminary Round:

This class is ridden with three riders on the track at once. The horses show the three sections as instructed by the speaker as described in FIPO Section 5.4.2. They start on the rein chosen by the riders in each group pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 .

Sections (called by the speaker):

4. Any speed tölt
5. Slow, steady and calm speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein
6. Slow to medium speed tölt, holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth The marks for section 3 are doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and are instructed by the speaker. They ride the same sections as in the preliminary round as described in 5.4.2.

Four-gait Open Individual (FIPO V1)Preliminary round:

Riders compete individually. The test may be ridden on either rein. [The rider begins each segment of the test in the middle of the short side of the track.](#) The rider has four and a half rounds to show the following gaits in any order:

1. Slow tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk ([shown for a half round only](#))
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Fast tölt

Each gait may be shown only once, walk for a half round and the other gaits for one full round.

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5.

Four-gait Open Group (FIPO V2)Preliminary round:

The test is ridden with two or more riders on the oval track. The horses show the four gaits as instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. They ride on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Fast tölt

Final round:

The finalists ride together. The horses show the gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5.

Five-gait Open (FIPO F1)Preliminary round:

Riders compete individually. The test may be ridden on either rein. [The rider begins each segment of the test in the middle of the short side of the track.](#) The rider has four and a half rounds to show the following gaits in any order:

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk ([shown for a half round only](#))
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Racing pace

Each gait may be shown only once, walk for a half round and the other gaits for a full round. The racing pace is shown on the long sides only. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and show the five gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in FIPO Section 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5. The horses may show racing pace 3 times on one long side. The riders choose the long side by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the vote of the preliminary round winner is doubled. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Intermediate classes are open to all non-professional riders who have not achieved a score of 6.0 three times, riding the same or different horses, in a specific discipline at USIHC sanctioned competitions. Once a rider has achieved a score of 6.0 or higher three times in a specific discipline, he/she must compete in Open Level classes thereafter in that discipline.

The conducting of a final round in Intermediate Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Intermediate Tölt (FIPO T5):

The class is ridden with no more than six horses on the track at once. The rein is selected pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The horses show the sections as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow tölt. Return to walk and change rein
2. Slow tölt on the short sides, fast tölt on the long sides

Intermediate Loose-Rein Tölt (FIPO T6):

This class is ridden by no more than six riders on the track at the same time. The rein is selected pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The horses show the sections as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed tölt, on the long sides holding both reins in one hand clearly showing no rein contact with the horse's mouth.

Intermediate Four-gait (FIPO V3):

This class is ridden with no more than six riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections are ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Medium to fast tölt

Five-gait Intermediate (FIPO F2):

The test is ridden with two or more riders on the oval track. The horses show the five gaits as instructed by the speaker as described in 5.4.2. They ride on the rein as set in the starting list.

Sections (called by the speaker):

1. Slow to medium speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter
5. Racing pace.

The horses may show racing pace 3 times on one long side. The riders choose the long side by majority vote. In the event of a draw a draw the judge will decide. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

Final round:

The finalists ride together and show the five gaits in the order instructed by the speaker as described in FIPO Section 5.4.2. The rein is determined pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5. The horses may show racing pace 3 times on one long side. The riders choose the long side by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the vote of the preliminary round winner is doubled. The marks for tölt and pace will be doubled.

NOVICE DIVISION

Novice classes are open to all non-professional riders who have not scored 5.0 three times, riding the same or different horses, in the Novice classes in USIHC sanctioned competitions. In other words, once a rider has scored 5.0 or above three times in a Novice Tölt class, he/she may not compete further in that class and must compete thereafter in the Intermediate Tölt class. He/she may continue to compete in the other Novice classes until he/she has achieved a score of 5.0 three times in the other Novice classes. Thereafter he/she must compete in the Intermediate Division.

The conducting of a final round in the Novice Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Novice Tölt (FIPO T7):

This class is ridden with no more than six riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections are ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Slow tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Novice Four-Gait (FIPO V5):

This class is ridden with no more than six riders on the track at once. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections will be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter

YOUTH DIVISION

These classes are open to riders 16 years and younger as described below. The conducting of a final round in Youth Classes is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2. The results of the preliminaries shall be used to compute the National Ranking.

Youth Tölt (FIPO T8):

This class is ridden with no more than six horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Youth Four Gait (FIPO V6):

This class is ridden with no more than six horses on the track. The rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections will be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Sections:

1. Any Speed Tölt
2. Slow to medium speed trot
3. Medium walk
4. Slow to medium speed canter. The start into canter and the stop after canter into walk is shown separately by each rider as instructed by the speaker

BEGINNING RIDER DIVISION

This division and the associated classes are EXPERIMENTAL. Organizers are encouraged but not required to offer these classes. This division intended to provides riders new to competition on the Icelandic Horse a place to receive feedback on their riding with the most opportunity to succeed without compromising the judging guidelines.

Beginning Rider classes are open to all non-professional riders who have not scored 5.0 three times, riding the same or different horses, in **any disciplines** in USIHC sanctioned competitions.

The conducting of a final round in Beginning Rider Class is highly encouraged as it provides riders with a second opportunity to receive feedback from the judge(s). However, offering Beginning Rider Class finals is in the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Beginning Rider Tölt (TBR)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2. **Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged.** Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Beginning Rider Four-Gait (VBR)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged. Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt.
2. Any speed trot.
3. Medium walk.
4. Medium canter (shown one rider at a time).
5. Any speed trot or tölt. (The mark in this section shall replace the mark for the earlier section allowing the rider a chance to improve the tölt or trot score.)

GREEN HORSE DIVISION

This division and the associated classes are EXPERIMENTAL. Organizers are encouraged but not required to offer these classes. This division provides trainers a place to introduce young horses to competition with the most opportunity to succeed without compromising the judging guidelines.

Green Horse classes are open to all levels of riders on **horses** that have not scored 5.0 three times, in **any disciplines** in USIHC sanctioned competitions.

The conducting of a final round in a Green Horse Class is highly encouraged as it provides riders with a second opportunity to receive feedback from the judge(s). However, offering Green Horse Class finals is in

the discretion of the show organizer. In the event a final round is conducted, it shall be pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Green Horse Tölt (TGH)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2. **Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged.** Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt. Return to walk and change rein.
2. Any speed tölt

Green Horse Four-Gait (VGH)

This class is ridden with no more than three horses on the track. Rein is chosen pursuant to FIPO Section 5.5 . The sections shall be ridden as instructed by the speaker pursuant to FIPO Section 5.4.2.

Only the performance on the long sides of the track is judged. Riders may use the corners and short side to prepare their horses without being judged. If a final is offered, the sections are the same as the preliminary round.

Sections:

1. Any speed tölt.
2. Any speed trot.
3. Medium walk.
4. Medium canter (shown one rider at a time).
5. Any speed trot or tölt. (The mark in this section shall replace the mark for the earlier section allowing the rider a chance to improve the tölt or trot score.)

RANKED CLASS CHART

	Tölt	Loose Rein Tölt	Four-Gait	Five-Gait
Open	T1 or T3	T2 or T4	V1 or V2	F1
Intermediate	T5	T6	V3	F2
Novice	T7		V5	
Youth	T8		V6	

INTRODUCTION

A sanctioned show is one in which the rider's scores are recorded in a national database which enables riders to compare their performances with other riders around the country and, more importantly perhaps, to compare their own performances over time. For such comparisons to have validity, certain aspects of the show must be consistent. These aspects are contained in the Rules & Procedures for Sanctioned Shows. The reasons for some of the requirements, which may not be obvious to those unfamiliar with Icelandic Competition, are as follows:

1. The classes must be judged by at least one (1) FEIF International Sports Judge. In Icelandic competition, the horse and rider combination receives a numerical score for various aspects of the competition. For example, in a four-gait class the horse/rider combination will receive a score for walk, trot, canter, slow tölt, and fast tölt. The average of these five scores averaged together is the score for the class. The scoring system, from zero to ten, has been agreed upon by all the member countries of FEIF and is available for review on the FEIF website under "Judges' Guidelines". Each point on the scale takes into consideration a number of factors, such as beat, tempo, movement, etc. These factors and their importance to each point on the scale are also available at the FEIF website.

Sports judges receive lengthy training in the scoring system. They attend seminars; pass rigorous examinations and apprentice under experienced Judges for many years at shows of increasing size. FEIF International Sports Judges are persons of substantial experience who have come up through the ranks of their country's sports judge training programs and have then passed the rigorous examination which certifies them for this title. The purpose of this extraordinarily demanding program is to achieve consistency in judging so that a horse/rider combination with a score of 6.5 in slow tölt would earn that same score for the same performance in whatever country it is judged.

In most FEIF countries, a minimum of three judges judge together in order to obtain the most appropriate score (which is an average of what the individual judges give). We are not yet at a point where this is affordable. Therefore, to achieve the maximum in accurate scoring with at least one judge, we require at least one FEIF International Sports Judge. USIHC Sanctioned shows with multiple judges must have at least two (2) FEIF International Judges; the other judges may be National Judges.

2. The show must be conducted pursuant to USIHC Competition Rules. All FEIF countries are bound to follow FIPO, the competition rules as well as FIRO, the general rules, which have been accepted by all of the member countries. FIPO & FIRO cover many areas of competition, from fair treatment of the horse, allowed tack, allowed shoeing, sportsmanlike behavior (towards the horse as well as towards other riders), prohibited substances, to the physical requirements of official competition tracks, and a description of the requirements of each FIPO class, to name a few of the areas. FIPO & FIRO may be reviewed in their entirety at the FEIF website.

Because each country needs to have competitions for various levels of riding skills below World Championship competition, each country develops its own set of classes for beginning riders through advanced riders. In addition, each country usually adopts all or most other sections of FIPO related to the protection and welfare of the horse. Our competition rules do this for the U.S. In order to have comparisons of riders competing in specific classes at different shows, the classes must all have the same requirements. Other

aspects, such as ring size, must also be comparable. In addition, of course, the protection of the horse must always be paramount and guaranteed. For all of these reasons, our show rules must be used.

There are 12 required classes and 4 strongly recommended experimental classes:

- Open Level: T1 (Individual) or T3 (Group),
T2 (Individual) or T4 (Group),
V1 (Individual) or V2 (Group)
F1 (Individual)**
- Intermediate Level: T5, V3, T6 and F2 (Group)**
- Novice Level: T7 and V5**
- Youth Level: T8 and V6**
- Beginning Rider Level: TBR and VBR [Experimental]**
- Green Horse Level: TGH and VGH [Experimental]**

This requirement assures that a range of classes will be offered. Note that it is not necessary for all classes to have entries. The only requirement is that they be offered. Other classes even those purely for fun, may be added with the exception of halter classes, which are specifically prohibited. This prohibition is to prevent any in-roads of the philosophy that the physical appearance of the horse, divorced from its functionality, is worthy of note.

All required classes are recommended to have preliminaries and finals to be scheduled on different days of the competition. If a class is large enough to require both “A” and “B” finals, both finals may be held on the same day. The results of the preliminaries for the required classes are used to compute the National Ranking.

The area in which the horse must perform must be an oval with an approximate circumference of 200-250 meters. An area of somewhat less size may be satisfactory but there must be long sides of sufficient length for pace and for tempo differences (slowing down and speeding up) in tölt.

Effective April 2010, the beginning and end of the long side of the oval shall be marked in such a way as to be clearly visible to the riders, judges, and spectators without interfering with the horses on the oval track. The transition point at the middle of the short side may also be marked. Options include but are not limited to flat tape on the railing or a different colored post.

Effective April 2014, racing pace events may only be included if there is a straight pace track or the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters. A show may be sanctioned without including F1 or F2 in the list of offered classes if the track does not meet the FIPO standards for racing pace.

The most recently released version of the IceTest Software (~~Version 1.1.704 as of May 30, 2011~~) must be used and is available on the FEIF website (www.feif.org/software) for free download. This software provides forms for the recording of the scores in a manner that the Judge(s) is used to using and which are necessary for the database. **The results of sanctioned shows (including a copy of the IceTest “MDB” file) must be returned to the Chairperson of the Competition Committee within 15 days of the show. If they are not sent in on time the scores may not be posted to the website or added to the National Ranking Database.**

Moreover, we want to emphasize that a sanctioned show is at the top of the pinnacle of possible

competitions here in the US. There are schooling shows, fun shows, farm shows, shows limited to a certain geographical area, etc. that can be starting points growing towards a sanctioned show. We encourage all of these kinds of competitions and suggest the use of our Intern Judges for these events. See the *USIHC Schooling Show Handbook* (<http://www.icelandics.org/download/schoolingshowhandbook.pdf>) for more details on organizing a schooling show.

RULES and PROCEDURES for USIHC SANCTIONED SHOWS

1. USIHC Sanctioned Sport Shows are those that are entitled to have all scores for USIHC sanctioned classes entered into the USIHC National Ranking database. The USIHC Competition Committee Chairperson must approve all sanctioned USIHC shows. Approved sanctioned shows may be either an Icelandic Breed Show, or an Icelandic Show within a larger show, which may include other breeds or disciplines.
2. Requirements for a sanctioned show are:
 - (a) The classes must be judged by at least one (1) International FEIF Sports Judge.
 - (b) The show must be open to any horse registered with a FEIF recognized registry.
 - (c) The organizer must be a current USIHC member.
 - (d) The show must be of two (2) days duration. Finals must not be held on the same day as their qualifying preliminary. A single-day show is permissible if it is part of a multi-day World Ranking series.
 - (e) A scribe must be provided for the Judge(s). First choice for a scribe would be an Intern Judge(s) or if one is not available someone who has attended the USIHC Sport Judge's Seminar and then the third choice is a member of the Competition Committee. A suitable replacement for any of these options may be approved by the competition committee chairperson.
 - (f) The most recent version of the IceTest Software (~~Version 1.1.704 as of May 30, 2011~~) must be used. It is available for free download at www.feif.org/software
 - (g) The show must be held on an oval track or in an arena with an approximate circumference of 200-250 meters. Effective April 2014, racing pace events may only be included if there is a straight pace track or the circumference of the oval track is 250 meters. A show may be sanctioned without including F1 or F2 in the list of offered classes if the track does not meet the FIPO standards for racing pace.
 - (h) The entry form must state the following:
 1. That the USIHC Competition Rules will apply at the show.
 2. That all Icelandic horse entries must be accompanied by a copy of a registration certificate issued by a FEIF recognized registry.
 3. That an additional fee of \$25.00 must be paid for any horse not registered with the USIHC.
 4. That an additional fee of \$25.00 must be paid for any rider not a member of the USIHC.
 5. That all riders will automatically be entered into the USIHC National Ranking Program.
 - (i) Petition for Sanction must be filed by certified mail to the Competition Committee Chairperson a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed show date. Late applications will be subject to a \$5.00 per day fine and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any changes to the previously approved application must be approved by the chairperson of the competition committee prior to the start of the show. It shall include:
 1. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the show organizer;

2. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the proposed judge(s);
 3. A list of proposed classes with the mandatory classes included;
 4. A copy of the entry form;
 5. The dates of the show;
 6. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the scribe(s);
 7. The name, address, telephone number of the facility and the dimensions of the arena;
 8. List of fees for classes and stalls
- (j) If the show is to be a World Ranking event, the USIHC will pay the FEIF World Ranking fee. If the Sanctioned Show application is approved after the FEIF World Ranking application deadline, the organizer must pay the FEIF late fee to the USIHC **before** the World Ranking application will be filed with FEIF. If a World Ranking show is canceled without prior approval of the Competition Committee Chairperson, the organizer shall reimburse the USIHC the full amount of the FEIF World Ranking fee.
- (k) **Within 15 days of the conclusion of the show**, the organizer must file a Show Report with the Competitions Committee Chairperson including
1. Number of total entries at the show
 2. Total Number of Starting Combinations
 3. Score sheets for all classes – signed by both judge and scribe.
 4. Copies of all entry forms
 5. Copies of all registration papers for entries
 6. Check for all fees due pursuant to Section 2(d) (3-4) above and a copy of ICETEST “MDB” database file must also be included.

Late reports will be subject to a \$5.00 per day fine and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For World Ranking shows, this deadline is reduced to 48 hours.

- (l) **Within 15 days of receipt of the Show Report**, the Competition Committee Chairperson shall review the required elements of the report and notify the organizer in writing of any errors or omissions.

For World Ranking shows this deadline is reduced to 24 hours.

- (m) **Within 15 days of receiving written notification of Show Report errors**, the organizer shall submit a revised Show Report correcting said errors.

Late corrections will be subject to a \$5.00 per day fine and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For World Ranking shows this deadline is reduced to 24 hours.

3. Responsibilities of the organizer include:

- (a) Making all transportation arrangements (including payment) for the Judge(s) from his/her point of departure and back, including to and from the show grounds on each judging day.
- (b) Making all arrangements (including payment) for the Judge(s)'s hotel (if applicable) from the night of arrival through the night of the last Icelandic class.
- (c) Selection of a scribe(s) to assist the Judge(s). The scribe(s) must be familiar with the different classes and how to score correctly using the scoring sheets from the Ice Test Software. A scribe(s) must be an Intern Judge(s), a person who has attended the USIHC Judges Seminar or a member of the Competition Committee and if one is not available then approval from the Competition Committee Chairperson is needed for a suitable replacement.
- (d) A rider's delegate must be elected prior to the show beginning. This is in case arbitration becomes necessary.
- (e) Forwarding to the Competition Chairperson a Show Report. For World Ranking shows, the IceTest file supplied with the show report must include FEIF ID numbers for all horses and extra care must be taken with the spelling of horse and rider names. (Note: Horses imported to the United States will have a FEIF ID and a US Registration ID. The FEIF ID from the horse's country of birth is the number which must be used in IceTest.)

4. The Competition Committee Chairperson will be responsible for the following:

Approval of the proposed Judge(s) and Scribe(s). In the event that either this Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) are not approved for any reason, the Competition Committee Chairperson will be responsible for the selection of a Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) and will provide the organizer with the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the selected Judge(s) and/or Scribe(s) within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the petition.

Review of the completed Show Report withing 15 days of receipt (24 hours in the case of World Ranking shows).

PETITION FOR SANCTION

This will will not be a World Ranking Show.

1. Show Organizer

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Tel. No.
E-Mail Address

2. Number of Judges to be used

3. Proposed Judge: (Please attach separate sheet for multiple judge shows.)

Judge's Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Tel. No.
E-Mail Address

4. List of Proposed Classes (attach list)

5. Entry Form (attach copy)

6. Dates of Show:

7. Scribe: (Please attach separate sheet for multiple judge shows.)

Scribe's Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Tel. No.
E-Mail Address

8. Facility for Show

Name
Address
City State Zip
Tel. No.

9. Cost per class

10. Cost per stall

11. Dimensions of Arena or Track (long sides x short sides).....

12. The Arena or Track is at least 250 meters or has an attached straight pace track. YES / NO

Organizer's Signature

Date

By signing here the applicant states they have read and accept the USIHC Sanctioned Show Rules (Revised July 2011/March 2012), the USIHC Competition Rules (Revised March 2011/2012), and FIPO 2011/2012.

SHOW REPORT

- 1. Number of Total Entries
- 2. Total Number of Starting Combinations
- 3. Score Sheets for all USIHC Classes from IceTest Software (attach)
- 4. Copies of All Entry Forms (attach)
- 5. Copies of Registration Certificates for all Entries. (attach)
- 6. Check for all fees owed to USIHC. (attach)

Organizer's Signature

Date

By signing here the applicant states they have read and accept the USIHC Sanctioned Show Rules (Revised ~~July 2011~~ March 2012), the USIHC Competition Rules (Revised March ~~2011~~ 2012), and FIPO ~~2011~~ 2012.

USIHC – GENERAL MEETING 05/12/12 MINUTES

Members In Attendance:

Doug Smith (Board member, Secretary)	Kelly Blough
Michele Sheehan	Laura Benson
Michael Sheehan	Laurie Prestine (Youth Leader)
Jasmine Ho	Colleen Monsef
Lucy Nold	Ásta Covert (Board member, Registrar)
Annette Coulon	Will Covert (Sport Leader)
Jeannene Heinrich	Heidi Benson
Kathy Sierra	Barbara Chilton
Bert Bates	

Meeting Called to Order 5:25PM (Pacific) [Doug Smith]

The hosting event, the CIA World Ranking II competition, ran longer than expected with the final test of the day ending at 4:30PM. Doug Smith was at the meeting location by 5:00PM as announced in the Notice to the membership. It took some time for the members to tend to their horses and arrive at the meeting. Future Notices should include indicating the possibility of a postponement by some fraction of an hour on the day of the meeting when it becomes clear the hosting event will run long.

Welcoming Comments and Introductions

The members were welcomed and introduced to the Congress officials present. Doug Smith (Secretary), Ásta Covert (Registrar), Will Covert (Sport Leader) and Laurie Prestine (Youth Leader). Doug explained the change in the format of the meeting from the old-style “annual” event to a gathering in conjunction with a host event. Doug also explained the constitutional limitations on voting on the 15 proposed amendments. Chiefly, that the assembly was only empowered to approve or reject each item. There is no opportunity to revise any of the amendments or introduce new amendments at this event.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Doug presented each amendment with a bit of language context where necessary, allowed for as much discussion of each item as the assembly wanted, then called for a vote on each item. The complete voting results including the full text of each proposed amendment is attached.

In summary, all of the proposed amendments were accepted with the exception of #1 and #15.

In the case of #1 (change to election deadline language), the assembly agreed the current language is vague but believed the amended language would be overly restrictive. In particular, the exclusion of electronic mail as an option for ballot submission was a widely held concern.

In the case of #15 (dissolution clause), the assembly felt there should be some language to guide or limit the Board's choice of a 501(c)3 organization to benefit from the remainder funds.

Other Discussion

The floor was opened to general discussion following the handling of the amendment business. From that discussion came three items for the Board and its committees to consider:

1. What is the general process for making a suggestion to the Congress?

In the ensuing discussion it was clear “suggestion” was quite broadly defined to include everything from a partially formed idea to a proposal to amend the constitution. The advice given in the room was to contact anyone on the Board or any committee chair to get the topic into circulation in the right group.

2. What about proxy voting?

During the discussion of the constitutional amendments, some members expressed a concern that the in-person voting requirement to amend the constitution disenfranchises members who are distant from a General Meeting.

3. Can the Rider Badge Program be adjusted to accommodate disabled riders?

The current structure for the badge exams excludes riders with physical limitations. The individual who raised the point mentioned her daughter is unable to tighten a girth completely or mount from the ground without assistance. Aside from these requirements, she is capable of demonstrating all the other required skills and knowledge necessary for her badge level. There is nothing in the examination guidelines that makes it possible for a documented limitation to be excused from a portion of the test. [Doug agreed to forward this request to the Education Committee.]

Meeting Adjourned 6:10PM (Pacific) [Doug Smith]

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES for 2012 VOTING RESULTS

Deletions are struck through.
Additions and comments are **Bold Highlight**.

Proposed Amendment #1 (For 0, Against 17)

[Proposed by Pamela Nolf, 2011 Election Committee Chair]

Article IV - Voting and Elections

Section (e): Accept voted ballots ~~until~~ **postmarked on or before** December 1st.

REASON: The wording is clearer. The old wording could include ballots sent by fax, email, etc. When the Election Committee is located at a geographic extreme of the country, some members are at a disadvantage when they mail their ballots close to the cutoff date. It is very likely that one of these days--considering the relatively small number of members, the election results may hinge around 1 vote cast in that vaguely defined but critical time period around November 30th.

Proposed Amendment #2 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article III – Membership

Section 8: The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel any member who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in this Constitution or whose conduct is, in the opinion of the Board, prejudicial to the interests of the Organization. Any member against whom such disciplinary measures are sought shall have at least 30 days written notice of the charges being made and shall be given the opportunity for a hearing and reasonable discovery with regard to the charges and evidence to be presented. Such a member shall have the right to present evidence at the hearing and to confront and cross-examine. A two-thirds vote of the Board present at the hearing shall be required for suspension or expulsion. A person so suspended or expelled may apply to the Board for reinstatement after 60 days. If the Board refuses to reinstate that person, the person shall have the right to appeal the Board's action to the general membership at the next ~~Annual~~ **General** Meeting. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members voting is required for reinstatement. A member of the Board of Directors may be recalled (removed from the Board) upon an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the membership.

REASON: To eliminate the word "Annual" and replace with the proper word "General".

Proposed Amendment #3 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

~~Section 9: The membership year of the organization shall correspond with the calendar year.~~

Delete Section 9 entirely.

REASON: To correspond with the current method of applying memberships on an anniversary basis.

Proposed Amendment #4 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article IV - Voting and Elections

Section 1: Only adult members of record as of two weeks before the notice of election are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. Voting for elections will be accomplished by secret ballot. Mail-in ballots will be provided with instructions subsequent to the Notice of Elections. All other issues at the ~~Annual Meeting~~ or a General Meeting will be voted upon by the members in attendance at the Meeting.

REASON: To eliminate the use of the term "Annual Meeting".

Proposed Amendment #5 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Section 2: The President of the USIHC shall appoint the members of an election committee ~~at least six months prior to an election~~ **no later than June 15th**. The committee shall have no less than three members and no more than seven, all of whom shall be members in good standing with the USIHC. Members of the Board of Directors and candidates for election, as well as members of their immediate family, may not serve on the election committee. The election committee shall...

REASON: To provide a specific date rather than a time period for appointing the Election Committee.

Proposed Amendment #6 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article VII - Board of Directors

Section 6. At their first meeting following the ~~Annual~~ Election, the Board of Directors shall elect these Directors who will serve as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The duties of said officers shall be as follows:

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REASON: To eliminate use of the word "Annual".

Proposed Amendment #7 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article VII - Board of Directors.

Section 6.

(d) Treasurer - to deposit into a bank account in the name of the Congress all monies received for the benefit of the Congress, ~~other than those received by the Registrar related to the registration of horses;~~ and to pay all expenses of the Congress at the direction of the President or the Board of Directors and to maintain proper financial records of the Congress.

REASON: To correspond with the current practice of having the Treasurer be responsible for all of the monetary assets of the Congress.

Proposed Amendment #8 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Section 7. **Standing Committees. The Board of Directors shall create Standing Committees on various areas of interest to the organization.**

Section 8. Special Committees. The Board of Directors may appoint special committees from their number, or from the other members of the Congress. The action of any Special Committee is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Representatives. The Board of Directors shall appoint representatives to other organizations.

REASON: To identify and define Standing Committees as part of the basic structure of USIHC. The addition of Section 7 requires renumbering of the following two sections.

Proposed Amendment #9 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article VIII – Meetings

Section 1: ~~The Annual~~ General Meetings of the Organization, **of which there shall be at least one per year,** shall be held at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors. ~~Other General Meetings may be held at a time and place also fixed by the Board of Directors. A notice of meeting~~ **The General Meeting agenda shall be provided** at least thirty (30) days in advance ~~shall be mailed to each member's last known address~~ **member via electronic or regular mail.**

REASON: To further define the timeline and structure of holding General Meetings.

Proposed Amendment #10 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Section 5: For the transaction of the Business of the Organization at ~~an Annual or other~~ **a** General Meetings of the Organization, a quorum shall be fifteen (15) members. At a meeting of the Board of Directors a quorum shall be five (5) members. If a quorum is initially present at a meeting, the meeting may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors or members, as the case may be, if any action is approved by at least a majority of the required number for a quorum for that meeting.

REASON: To eliminate the word "Annual".

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Proposed Amendment #11 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article IX - Annual Reports

~~The Officers at each Annual General Meeting shall submit a complete report of their acts and of the affairs of the Congress. The Treasurer shall present a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Congress. A copy of the Annual Report, a list of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Congress and a membership list of the Congress shall be mailed to each member in good standing once a year.~~

The Officers and Chairs of the Standing Committees shall submit by February 1st, a complete report of their acts and the various affairs of the organization during the preceding year. The Treasurer's report shall present a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and the assets and liabilities of the organization. A copy of these reports and a list of the Officers and other members of the Board of the organization shall be available at www.icelandics.org.

REASON: With the elimination of the Annual Meeting structure, we need to provide a timeline and method for making the Annual Reports available to the Membership.

Proposed Amendment #12 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article XI - Amendments The Constitution may be amended at any General Meeting of the Congress, with the exception of a Special Meeting called under Article VIII, Section 6, of this Constitution, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting on the amendment. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be in the possession of the Secretary at least sixty (60) days in advance of a General Meeting. The proposed amendments shall be included **in with** the Notice of **General Meeting Agenda**, otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with them.

REASON: To be consistent with the change in article VII, Section 1

Proposed Amendment #13 (For 17, Against 0)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article XII – Fees

Fees shall be established by the Board of Directors and ratified at the next Annual General Meeting. Membership fees shall be due January 1st of each year.

REASON: To be consistent with the current anniversary membership year and to remove the use of the word "Annual".

Proposed Amendment #14 (For 14, Against 3)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article XIII – Registry

Section 1: A registry shall be kept at the registry office of the Congress. The registry shall be known as the United States Icelandic Horse Congress Registry hereinafter referred to as the "Registry".

REASON: Makes no sense as the word "Registry" does not appear in the Constitution document after this point.

Proposed Amendment #15 (For 2, Against 15)

[Proposed by USIHC Board of Directors]

Article XIV - Procedure Upon Dissolution

In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or winding up of the corporation, the Board shall, after provision of a liabilities, distribute any remaining assets or property of the corporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Code Section of 501(c)(3) to such organization or organizations then located in the United States and qualified under Code section 501(c)(3), or to a state or local government for a public purpose, as the Board shall deem appropriate. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of New Jersey, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Reason: To provide for the distribution of assets should the USIHC cease to exist.

USIHC – Board Of Directors 06/12/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Doug Smith, Ásta Covert, Sara Lyter, Kathy Lockerbie, Katrin Sheehan, Anne Elwell [9:12]

Excused: Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Cindy Wescott, Barbara Frische

Observers:

Juli Cole, Sverrir Bjartmarz

Meeting Called to Order [Sara Lyter] 9:06PM (Eastern)

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

The first of the newly styled General Meetings was held at Flying C Ranch in Santa Ynez, CA in conjunction with the CIA Open Triple WorldRanking event in May. The meeting was attended by 2 board members, 2 committee chairs, and 13 members. The meeting was chaired by Doug Smith and the minutes have been published under separate cover.

The June issue of *The Quarterly* was delivered to 362 households (via US Mail), 184 members (via electronic notice), and 42 members of the FEIF community (via YouSendIt link) including the Board of FEIF, the FEIF office, and all the association magazine editors and chairpersons.

Membership status:

January 2011	282	March 2012	<i>No call</i>
December 2011	430	April 14, 2012	385
January 12, 2012	354	May 2012	<i>No call</i>
February 3, 2012	363	June 2012	395

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:

Combined bank account balances as of 05/31/12: \$157,241.42

Unrestricted funds as of 05/31/12: \$138,504.46

Net increase (decrease) since 03/31/12: \$448.23

See attached financial statements.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Barbara Frische)

No report received.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

No report received.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

Nothing to report.

Education (Katrin Sheehan)

No report received.

Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

The revised PRP forms were posted on the website immediately following the April Board conference call. In addition a news item was posted on the website. The same information was published in the *Quarterly* and emailed to previous PRP participants.

Promotion (Anne Elwell)

No report received.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

The June issue of *The Quarterly* was posted. A new, behind-the-scenes page has been created for the Pleasure Rider Program that ties hour tracking to the membership database. This should eliminate much of the overhead hassle from the PRP Chair's responsibilities in recording the hours ridden and computing the the annual division winners and new badge recipients.

The integration between our news and calendar pages and FaceBook has been restored. FaceBook make a change at some point in the past the broke the passive connection between our site and theirs. We now have an active connection that immediately posts items to FaceBook as they are added to our news or calendar pages. In English... anything we post on our site is communicated to the membership in three ways: (1) on our site (home page and either the news or calendar page); (2) via the RSS feed to which members may subscribe; (3) via FaceBook.

Youth (Laurie Prestine, Ásta Covert liaison)

No report received.

Old Business

- Email Voting [*Used for urgent matters between meetings. Matters must be approved without objection.*]
 - o Barbara Frische and Katrin Sheehan will change committee chairs effective immediately. Barbara and Katrin have been discussing the switch for a while but wanted to wait for Barbara's visa status to be clear. As it appears, this process can take another 12 months, so we would like to go ahead and switch committees now. Both will remain as members on both committees.

Barbara certainly is the most educated breeding person, when it comes to Icelandic horses and FEIF, here in the US. She has served on the german BOD in the same position. She is in the judges panel of FEIF, where all decisions are formulated and after the formal way of discussion and voting, implemented. It will be easy for her to apply her knowledge as the chair of the breeding committee.

Katrin and Alex Pregitzer (former Education Committee Chair) have been working together for a while and Alex will be Katrin's back up person, four eyes catch more than two. There are a lot of loose ends and new ideas, that need to be addressed in the education committee with a good communication flow to breeding, youth and sport committees and their chairs, when topics cross over.

New Business

- General Meetings [Doug Smith]
Anne will spearhead the second meeting. The venue is still to be finalized with the first choice being the October competition in Kentucky.
- Complimentary *Quarterly* Magazines [Doug Smith]
Anne, as committee liaison, will follow up with the editors / committee chair to find a way to minimize expense and streamline this process before the July meeting.

Next Meeting: July 17 9:00PM (Eastern)

Meeting Adjourned 10:10PM (Eastern)

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>3/31/12</u>		<u>5/31/12</u>
\$ 39,692.53	Checking	\$ 40,232.15
\$ 106,268.04	Money Market	\$ 106,303.46
\$ 10,705.81	CDs	\$ 10,705.81
\$ 156,666.38	subtotal	\$ 157,241.42
\$ (5,382.71)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,499.66)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (3,227.44)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,237.30)
\$ 138,056.23	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 138,504.46

Net Increase/(Decrease) from previous month
\$448.23

United States Icelandic Horse Congress I...
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of May 31, 2012

	May 31, '12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	40,232.15
Associated Money Market Acct.	106,303.46
Total Checking/Savings	146,535.61
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,019.55
CD-#2201263072	7,682.75
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	10,705.81
Total Other Current Assets	10,705.81
Total Current Assets	157,241.42
TOTAL ASSETS	157,241.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,237.30
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,499.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	18,736.96
Total Current Liabilities	18,736.96
Total Liabilities	18,736.96
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	10,528.90
Total Equity	138,504.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	157,241.42

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
April through May 2012

Income		Expense	
Interest Income	35.42		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	754.05	Mbshp. Postage	10.05
Total Farm Listing	754.05	Total Administration	10.05
FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	817.76	FEIF related expenses	
Membership Dues		FEIF Conf. exp.	2,213.73
2012 membership dues		FEIF Mbshp fees	150.89
2012 Family Membership	1,010.88	Total FEIF related expenses	2,364.62
2012 Individual Mbshp	1,447.97	General Meeting Expense	
2012 Youth Membership	35.00	2012 Meeting Expenses	227.86
Total 2012 membership dues	2,493.85	Total General Meeting Expense	227.86
Total Membership Dues	2,493.85	Toll Free line	25.90
Quarterly Inc.		WorldFengur Exp.	581.79
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	406.26	Total Membership Related Expenses	3,210.22
Total Quarterly Inc.	406.26		
Website Inc.		Promotional Exp.	
Website Ad Inc.	372.26	Display booth shipping	297.68
Total Website Inc.	372.26	Equine Affair Exp.	450.00
Total Membership Related Income	4,844.18	RC Co-op promo exp.	300.00
		Promotional Exp. - Other	1,303.12
		Total Promotional Exp.	2,350.80
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Late Stallion Report fees	291.00	Clerical for registry	653.00
Registration fees	910.68	Reg. Office supplies	61.40
Transfer fees	635.38	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	114.29
Total Registry Income	1,837.06	Registry Postage	78.00
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	906.69
USIHC Non-Member fees	49.28		
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00		
Total Income	6,915.94	Total Expense	6,467.71

Net Income: \$448.23

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	<u>167.00</u>	Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>938.85</u>
Interest Income	145.88	Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	2,368.96	Mbshp. Postage	254.65
Total Farm Listing	<u>2,368.96</u>	Office Exp.	<u>18.39</u>
FEIF Conf. Reimbsmt.	817.76	Total Administration	<u>273.04</u>
Membership Dues		FEIF related expenses	
2008 Membership dues		FEIF Conf. exp.	2,213.73
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	FEIF Mbshp fees	<u>150.89</u>
Total 2008 Membership dues	<u>43.54</u>	Total FEIF related expenses	<u>2,364.62</u>
2012 membership dues			
2012 Family Membership	3,915.47	General Meeting Expense	
2012 Individual Mbshp	9,097.35	2012 Meeting Expenses	<u>227.86</u>
2012 Youth Membership	<u>138.68</u>	Total General Meeting Expense	<u>227.86</u>
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>13,151.50</u>		
Total Membership Dues	<u>13,195.04</u>	Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,018.49	postage for Quarterly	489.76
Quarterly back issue sales	<u>33.56</u>	Quarterly Printing	<u>1,129.92</u>
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>2,052.05</u>	Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>2,619.68</u>
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	64.75
Website Ad Inc.	558.54	WorldFengur Exp.	<u>581.79</u>
Total Website Inc.	<u>558.54</u>	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>6,131.74</u>
Total Membership Related Income	18,992.35		
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		2011 PRP Award exp.	<u>526.14</u>
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	<u>526.14</u>
2012 PRP Youth fee	<u>-12.00</u>		
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>	Promotional Exp.	
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>	Display booth shipping	760.83
		Equine Affair Exp.	450.00
		Promotional postage expenses	140.40
		Promotion Material Printing exp	409.48
		Promotional Advertising	325.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	472.50
		Promotional Exp. - Other	<u>1,303.12</u>
		Total Promotional Exp.	<u>3,861.33</u>

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Income		Expense	
Registry Income		Registry Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	48.25	Clerical for registry	1,713.00
Late Stallion Report fees	881.70	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	244.05
Registration fees	2,554.55	Reg. Office supplies	61.40
Transfer fees	1,330.76	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	114.29
Total Registry Income	4,815.26	Registry Postage	78.00
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	2,210.74
		Youth Exp.	
USIHC Non-Member fees	298.25	2012 Youth Cup Exp.	100.00
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00	Total Youth Exp.	100.00
Total Income	24,348.59	Total Expense	13,819.69

Net Income: \$10,528.90

USIHC – Board Of Directors 07/17/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Anne Elwell, Katrin Sheehan, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Doug Smith, Kathy Lockerbie, Barbara Frische, Sara Lyter, Ásta Covert, Cindy Wescott

Excused: None

Observers: Juli Cole

Meeting Called To Order 9:05PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

Membership status:

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Treasurer's Report (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

The key figures from the financial statements are as follows:

Combined bank account balances as of 06/30/12: \$154,417.97

Unrestricted funds as of 06/30/12: \$135,681.01

Net increase (decrease) since 05/31/12: (\$2,823.45)

See attached financial statements.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Barbara Frische)

No report received.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

No report received.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

Nothing to report.

Education (Katrin Sheehan)

No report received.

Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

No report received.

Promotion (Anne Elwell)

The committee finished a draft of the Booth Rental Agreement which Anne will forward to the Board via email for discussion / approval.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

Nothing to report.

Youth (Laurie Prestine, Ásta Covert liaison)

USA team went to Basselhof with the Faroe Island team (3) and one girl from Iceland - 7 riders total. They had a wonderful experience and got good horses. Jasmine is doing an excellent job as Country Leader. We had 10 spectators from the USA and were interviewed by the paper. Thank you to everyone for helping with this event!.

Old Business

General Meetings [Anne Elwell]

Anne confirmed with Kathy Love that we can hold a meeting at the KYIHS event in October. Anne will organize the event and will prepare a calendar item as soon as practical to maximize the notice to the membership.

New Business

Breeding Evaluation Reimbursement [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]

MOTION [Doug Smith]: The Board instructs the Treasurer to reimburse the NEIHC the \$765.97 per their request and the approved budget item. [Approved with no objection. Katrin abstains.]

Breeding Evaluation Handbook [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]

Withdrawn. The information is on the website. The Breeding Committee has been asked to make recommendations to make the information easier to find.

Election Procedure [Doug Smith]

Kari and Anne will work on the necessary constitutional changes to permit electronic voting. Once the Constitution allows such a procedure the Board will revisit the logistics.

Online fill-in Pleasure Rider forms [Kathy Lockerbie]

Tabled until the end of the 2012 PRP season pending the possible creation of an Excel based solution by Andrea Barber.

Promotion Brochures [Kathy Lockerbie]

Kathy Lockerbie will chair a subcommittee of the Promotion Committee with the charge of designing a replacement for the current brochure. The Congress will be the copyright holder of the new product, as opposed to the Breeder's Association of Iceland which hold the copyright of the current product. Kathy agrees to seek permission from the Breeders Association to redesign the current product to fit US standard paper if her committee does not have a product ready by the end of 2012.

FIRC Regional Club Reimbursement Request [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]

FIRC submitted a request for reimbursement under Board Policy 21 to Martina Gates, Regional Club Committee Chair, to offset some of the printing costs for flyers for a recent event. Martina referred the request to Kari as she had not received the materials before the event. The Board instructs Kari to not reimburse FIRC because the club did not follow the requirements of Board Policy 21(2) which reads, in part: *All ads must be submitted to the Regional Club Chairperson (regional_clubs@icelandics.org) for approval **before** running the ad.*

Next meeting Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 9PM (Eastern)

Meeting Adjourned 10:17PM (Eastern)

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>5/31/12</u>		<u>6/30/12</u>
\$ 40,232.15	Checking	\$ 37,336.41
\$ 106,303.46	Money Market	\$ 106,320.89
\$ 10,705.81	CDs	\$ 10,760.67
\$ 157,241.42	subtotal	\$ 154,417.97
\$ (5,499.66)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,499.66)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (3,237.30)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,237.30)
\$ 138,504.46	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 135,681.01

Net Increase/(Decrease) from previous month
(2,823.45)

United States Icelandic Horse Congress I...
Balance Sheet Standard
 As of June 30, 2012

	Jun 30, '12
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Associated Checking acct.	37,336.41
Associated Money Market Acct.	106,320.89
Total Checking/Savings	143,657.30
Other Current Assets	
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,022.85
CD-#2201263072	7,734.31
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	10,760.67
Total Other Current Assets	10,760.67
Total Current Assets	154,417.97
TOTAL ASSETS	154,417.97
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,237.30
Unexpended Youth Funds	5,499.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	18,736.96
Total Current Liabilities	18,736.96
Total Liabilities	18,736.96
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	7,705.45
Total Equity	135,681.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	154,417.97

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
 January through June 2012
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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	<u>167.00</u>	Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>938.85</u>
FEIF Conference Reimbsmt.	2,213.73	FEIF Conference exp.	2,213.73
Interest Income	221.93	Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	2,582.58	Mbshp. Postage	254.65
Total Farm Listing	<u>2,582.58</u>	Office Exp.	<u>18.39</u>
Membership Dues		Total Administration	273.04
2008 Membership dues		FEIF related expenses	
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	FEIF Mbshp fees	<u>150.89</u>
Total 2008 Membership dues	<u>43.54</u>	Total FEIF related expenses	150.89
2012 membership dues		General Meeting Expense	
2012 Family Membership	3,915.47	2012 Meeting Expenses	<u>227.86</u>
2012 Individual Mbshp	9,444.47	Total General Meeting Expense	<u>227.86</u>
2012 Youth Membership	<u>138.68</u>		
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>13,498.62</u>	Quarterly Expenses	
Total Membership Dues	13,542.16	Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly Inc.		postage for Quarterly	953.89
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,018.49	Quarterly Printing	<u>2,330.65</u>
Quarterly back issue sales	<u>104.91</u>	Total Quarterly Expenses	4,284.54
Total Quarterly Inc.	2,123.40		
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	77.70
Website Ad Inc.	558.54	Website	469.00
Total Website Inc.	<u>558.54</u>	WorldFengur Exp.	<u>581.79</u>
Total Membership Related Income	<u>18,806.68</u>	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>6,064.82</u>

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Income and Expense Report
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Income		Expense	
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Youth fee	-12.00		
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	-220.15		
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	-220.15	Promotional Exp.	
		Display booth shipping	760.83
		Equine Affair Exp.	450.00
		Promotional postage expenses	186.97
		Promotion Material Printing exp	748.15
		Promotional Advertising	325.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	472.50
		Promotional Exp. - Other	1,303.12
		Total Promotional Exp.	4,246.57
		Registry Acct. Expense	
Registry Income		Clerical for registry	2,065.00
Duplicate Registration fees	144.15	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	244.05
Late Stallion Report fees	1,381.70	Reg. Office supplies	61.40
Registration fees	3,025.43	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	114.29
Transfer fees	1,493.54	Registry Postage	220.95
Total Registry Income	6,044.82	Total Registry Acct. Expense	2,705.69
		Youth Exp.	
USIHC Non-Member fees	421.81	2012 Youth Cup Exp.	3,353.68
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00	Total Youth Exp.	3,353.68
Total Income	27,805.82	Total Expense	20,100.37

Net Income: 7,705.45

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income and Expense Report
June 2012

Income		Expense	
FEIF Conference Reimbsmt.	1,395.97		
Interest Income	76.05		
Membership Related Income			
Farm Listing			
2012 Farm Listing	213.62		
Total Farm Listing	213.62		
Membership Dues			
2012 membership dues			
2012 Individual Mbshp	347.12		
Total 2012 membership dues	347.12		
Total Membership Dues	347.12		
Quarterly Inc.			
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	0.00		
Quarterly back issue sales	71.35		
Total Quarterly Inc.	71.35		
Total Membership Related Income	632.09		
		Membership Related Expenses	
		Quarterly Expenses	
		postage for Quarterly	464.13
		Quarterly Printing	1,200.73
		Total Quarterly Expenses	1,664.86
		Toll Free line	12.95
		Website	469.00
		Total Membership Related Expenses	2,146.81
		Promotional Exp.	
		Promotional postage expenses	46.57
		Promotion Material Printing exp	338.67
		Total Promotional Exp.	385.24
Registry Income			
Duplicate Registration fees	95.90		
Late Stallion Report fees	500.00		
Registration fees	470.88		
Transfer fees	162.78		
Total Registry Income	1,229.56		
		Registry Acct. Expense	
		Clerical for registry	352.00
		Registry Postage	142.95
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	494.95
		Youth Exp.	
USIHC Non-Member fees	123.56	2012 Youth Cup Exp.	3,253.68
		Total Youth Exp.	3,253.68
Total Income	3,457.23	Total Expense	6,280.68

Net Income (Loss): (2,823.45)

USIHC – Board Of Directors 08/14/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Doug Smith, Anne Elwell, Sara Lyter, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Ásta Covert, Kathy Lockerbie

Excused: Katrin Sheehan, Barbara Frische
[The Board has received Cindy Wescott's resignation, effective immediately.]

Observers: Juli Cole

Meeting Called to Order 9:03 PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

Membership status:

January 2011	282	March 2012	<i>No call</i>	July 2012	399
December 2011	430	April 2012	385	August 2012	411
January 2012	354	May 2012	<i>No call</i>		
February 2012	363	June 2012	395		

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:

Combined bank account balances as of 07/31/12: \$155,653.16

Unrestricted funds as of 07/31/12: \$136,916.20

Net increase (decrease) since 06/30/12: \$1,235.19

See attached financial statements.

Standing Committee Reports

Breeding (Barbara Frische)

Nothing to report.

Competition (Will Covert, Ásta Covert liaison)

No report received.

Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)

Nothing to report.

Education (Katrin Sheehan)

No report received.

Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)

The new online [admin] entry form is a 100% improvement over having to manage a stack of paper files. Not everyone sent their hours in at the end of the quarter though. The majority sent in their 'summer' logs, and some did not realize that the process had changed..

Promotion (Anne Elwell) / Brochure Sub-Committee (Kathy Lockerbie)

No report received.

Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)

No report received.

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

No report received.

Web (Doug Smith)

Nothing to report.

Youth (Laurie Prestine, Ásta Covert liaison)

See attached report on the Youth Cup.

Old Business

Board Election [Anne Elwell]

Lynn Wiese has agreed to chair the 2012 Board Election. A subcommittee of the Board continues to investigate the constitutional changes necessary to permit electronic elections.

Funding Proposal [Sara Lyter]

Sara presented an outline for funding events which further the mission of the Congress. A subcommittee of the Board will investigate refinements to her proposal for presentation at the next meeting.

Promotion Booth Agreement [Anne Elwell]

See attached. Juli Cole will update the draft agreement based on the comments and discussion from the Board. Juli's revisions will be reviewed via email before the next meeting.

New Business

None.

Meeting Adjourned 10:13PM (Eastern)

Next Meeting September 18, 2012 at 9PM (Eastern)

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>6/30/12</u>		<u>7/31/12</u>
\$ 37,336.41	Checking	\$ 38,553.59
\$ 106,320.89	Money Market	\$ 106,338.90
\$ 10,760.67	CDs	\$ 10,760.67
\$ 154,417.97	subtotal	\$ 155,653.16
\$ (5,499.66)	Youth Fund	\$ (5,499.66)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (3,237.30)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,237.30)
\$ 135,681.01	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 136,916.20

Net Increase from previous month
1,235.19

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Associated Checking acct. 38,553.59

Associated Money Market Acct. 106,338.90

Total Checking/Savings 144,892.49

Other Current Assets

CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund

CD-#2201262884 1,003.51

CD-#2201262991 2,022.85

CD-#2201263072 7,734.31

Total CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund 10,760.67

Total Other Current Assets 10,760.67

Total Current Assets 155,653.16

TOTAL ASSETS **155,653.16**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Unexpended Judge SchlsHP. Fund 10,000.00

Unexpended World Champshp Fund 3,237.30

Unexpended Youth Funds 5,499.66

Total Other Current Liabilities 18,736.96

Total Current Liabilities 18,736.96

Total Liabilities 18,736.96

Equity

Opening Bal Equity 96,926.56

Retained Earnings 31,049.00

Net Income 8,940.64

Total Equity 136,916.20

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **155,653.16**

United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
July 2012

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Evaluation-FEIF fees	475.00	Breeding Committee Exp.	
Interest Income	18.01	Evaluation Loss Prevention exp.	765.97
		Total Breeding Committee Exp.	<u>765.97</u>
Membership Related Income			
Farm Listing		Membership Related Expenses	
2012 Farm Listing	106.81	Toll Free line	12.95
Total Farm Listing	<u>106.81</u>	Website	292.37
Membership Dues		Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>305.32</u>
2012 membership dues			
2012 Family Membership	316.24		
2012 Individual Mbshp	703.90		
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>1,020.14</u>		
Total Membership Dues	1,020.14		
Quarterly Inc.			
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	417.87		
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>417.87</u>		
Total Membership Related Income	1,544.82		
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Late Stallion Report fees	400.00	Clerical for registry	188.00
Registration fees	320.46	Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>188.00</u>
Transfer fees	297.48		
Total Registry Income	<u>1,017.94</u>	Youth Exp.	
		Youth Cup Exp.	
		2012 Youth Cup Exp.	660.26
		Total Youth Cup Exp.	<u>660.26</u>
		Total Youth Exp.	<u>660.26</u>
USIHC Non-Member fees	98.97	Total Expense	<u>1,919.55</u>
Total Income	<u>3,154.74</u>		

Net Income: 1,235.19

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Income & Expense Report
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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	<u>167.00</u>	Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>938.85</u>
Evaluation-FEIF fees	475.00	Breeding Committee Exp.	
		Evaluation Loss Prevention exp.	765.97
		Elwell Breeding Award	<u>50.89</u>
		Total Breeding Committee Exp.	<u>816.86</u>
FEIF Conference Reimbsmt.	2,213.73	FEIF Conference exp.	2,213.73
Interest Income	239.94		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	2,689.39	Mbshp. Postage	254.65
Total Farm Listing	<u>2,689.39</u>	Office Exp.	<u>18.39</u>
Membership Dues		Total Administration	<u>273.04</u>
2008 Membership dues			
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	FEIF related expenses	
Total 2008 Membership dues	<u>43.54</u>	FEIF Mbshp fees	<u>150.89</u>
2012 membership dues		Total FEIF related expenses	<u>150.89</u>
2012 Family Membership	4,231.71	General Meeting Expense	
2012 Individual Mbshp	10,148.37	2012 Meeting Expenses	<u>227.86</u>
2012 Youth Membership	<u>138.68</u>	Total General Meeting Expense	<u>227.86</u>
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>14,518.76</u>		
Total Membership Dues	<u>14,562.30</u>	Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,436.36	postage for Quarterly	953.89
Quarterly back issue sales	<u>104.91</u>	Quarterly Printing	<u>2,330.65</u>
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>2,541.27</u>	Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>4,284.54</u>
Website Inc.		Toll Free line	90.65
Website Ad Inc.	558.54	Website	761.37
Total Website Inc.	<u>558.54</u>	WorldFengur Exp.	<u>581.79</u>
Total Membership Related Income	<u>20,351.50</u>	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>6,370.14</u>
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	<u>526.14</u>
2012 PRP Youth fee	<u>-12.00</u>		
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>		
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>		

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.
Income & Expense Report
January through July 2012
Page 2**

Income		Expense	
		Promotional Exp.	
		Display booth shipping	760.83
		Equine Affair Exp.	450.00
		Promotional postage expenses	186.97
		Promotion Material Printing exp	748.15
		Promotional Advertising	325.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	472.50
		Promotional Exp. - Other	1,303.12
		Total Promotional Exp.	4,246.57
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	144.15	Clerical for registry	2,253.00
Late Stallion Report fees	1,781.70	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	244.05
Registration fees	3,345.89	Reg. Office supplies	61.40
Transfer fees	1,791.02	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	114.29
Total Registry Income	7,062.76	Registry Postage	220.95
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	2,893.69
		Youth Exp.	
		Youth Cup Exp.	
		2012 Youth Cup Exp.	4,013.94
USIHC Non-Member fees	520.78	Total Youth Cup Exp.	4,013.94
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00	Total Youth Exp.	4,013.94
Total Income:	30,960.56	Total Expense:	22,019.92

Net Income: 8,940.64

2012 FEIF Youth Cup Summary

After the 2010 FYC, the USIHC Youth Committee decided to try and update the procedures for the FYC. We wanted to:

- update the try-out forms, rules and procedures
- select the team earlier
- focus on securing competition horses
- communicate more effectively

We received help from many sources while working on this project and would like to extend a huge thank you to all. The work done in previous years was appreciated and used. We would like to recognize committee member Amelie Brewster for her ideas and hard work. We feel we accomplished most of our goals for the 2012 FYC and look forward to an even better FYC in 2014.

Youth Cup Team Riders: Ayla Green, Madison Prestine, Quinn Thomashow

Country Leader: Jasmine Ho

Team Leader: None

Competitors: 78 riders from 14 countries

Horses:

The US team elected to go to training at Basselthof 2 in Germany to train and select horses the week before the FYC. Marlise Grimm and Laura Grimm were the primary trainers. There were three other helpers present. Laura was also selected as a trainer at the FYC so she was there helping during the FYC training as well. This worked out great for all.

The cost for this training was paid for by the riders and was as follows:

Training on Basselthof horse from July 2 - 5, 2012	400 €
Lodging in shared room for five nights (incl. breakfast)	100 €
Transport of horse and rider to FEIF Youth Cup	150 €
Basselthof horse for FEIF Youth Cup	400 €
Total:	1050 €

For a comparison, in 2010, it was 670 € for a rented horse supplied by FEIF.

The team from the Faroe Islands (3 riders) and one member of the Icelandic team were also invited to train at Basselthof. Marlise & Laura have experience with the FYC and organized the 7 riders in a similar fashion. Teams were formed that helped with breakfast, feeding, tack cleaning etc. She gave them one day off and took them site seeing and out to dinner. They also had a well-deserved trail ride.

Marlise and Laura had preselected horses and registered them with the FYC. They had around 10 horses they felt would be good matches. The first morning the participants rode the schooling horses so that the trainers could evaluate them. In the afternoon, the trainers rode the horses for the girls while talking about them. The girls then wrote their first and second choices on a piece of paper and horses were selected. They made one or two

changes after the girls rode their horses. Marlise and Laura provided a flexible and fair way to find competition horses that everyone seemed happy with. Having more riders at the training than just the US worked out great.

Results:

We are proud to have many top 10 finishes at the 2012 FYC!

Ayla Green rode a five-gaited gelding. She wanted to learn pace and she did. She tied for 6th place in Country-Side Riding.

Madison Prestine won a Bronze Medal in Trail. She tied for 8th place in Country-Side Riding.

Quinn Thomashow felt a connection with a young competition horse and chose her for the FYC. She taught her how to go over fences. She rode beautifully in the first part of Country-Side Riding but then had bad luck when they encountered some construction.

US Medal winners at the FYC:

2006 Hayley Robertson was 3rd in countryside riding

2008 Carrie Lyons Brandt was 3rd in V4

2012 Madison 3rd in trail

Our team also did well in the more traditional tölt, four-gait, five-gait and pace classes narrowly missing the B finals in many cases. The other riders from Basselthof earned two gold medals and many top ten finishes.

Cost of the Youth Cup per rider:

Participation fee for riders	550 €
Country contribution for judges	60 €

Rider Sponsorship:

Each rider received a \$500.00 credit from the USIHC Youth Fund.

Cost of the FYC to the USIHC

Country Leader Participation Fee	260 €
4 horse stalls (one of the stalls is used for team tack.)	400 €

Country Leader sponsorship: Our CL received \$1000.00 from the USIHC to help cover travel expenses.

Press Release: Jasmine wrote a press release

Team Uniforms: Laurie and Scott provided team uniforms. The uniforms included: 66 North waterproof jacket, warm up suit, performance polo, computer bag, hats

Flags for display: Jasmine brought the flags

Country night: Quinn brought her guitar and our team performed a song about the FYC that was enjoyed by all.



USIHC Display Use Agreement

The USIHC displays are available for use by individual members and Regional Clubs of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress ~~for breed demos and equine events~~. The equipment is limited, therefore subject to availability.

Comment [Doug Smit1]: Why limit the purpose of the use?

Equipment:

The following displays are available for use:

- a) 2004 table top display
- b) 2012 10x10 pop-up display
- c) The display sent to the User shall be whatever display is available at the time of the request. If both displays are available, the display that shall incur the least amount of shipping charges shall be sent.

Comment [Doug Smit2]: Does this mean the member/club has no chance to request a booth? Do we know how much we think this potentially save the Congress? If it isn't significant, I think the member/club should be able to request their choice if both are available.
Having this formatted as "c" in a list is strange.

Use Period:

The use period begins on the date (_____) the display is delivered to a carrier for shipment to the User and ends on the date (_____) it is delivered by the User to a carrier for shipment to the next location.

Use Requirements:

The User is fully responsible for the following:

- a) Acceptance of the display from the carrier at his/her address.
- b) Reading the set-up instructions in the shipping case. A practice set-up is strongly encouraged.
- c) Accompanying the display to the event, as well as setting up the display at the beginning of the event and breaking it down at the end of the event.
- d) Arranging the shipping of the display to (_____) by the date required (_____).
- e) The User must be a USIHC member in good standing.

- f) The User shall accept any literature from USIHC members and place said literature in the display for the event.
- g) The User shall provide details pertaining to the event, such as “What, When, Where” etc, at the time the reservation is made/deposit is paid, so that the event can be listed on the USIHC website’s Calendar of Events.
- h) The User and all people “manning” the display at the event shall wear the USIHC name tags provided.

Comment [Doug Smit3]: To whom is this supposed to be sent? Can we be more specific so I don't have to hunt down the details: Start date, end date, location, organizer (name and contact info), description.

Use deposit:

The User shall provide a deposit of \$500 by check* or PayPal to the USIHC Treasurer (treasurer@icelandics.org) prior to the beginning of the Use Period. This amount will be held as a guarantee of performance of the terms of this agreement by the obligated person(s) and may be utilized by the USIHC to cover any damages incurred by the USIHC or the next user resulting from the failure of the User to perform the obligations set forth above. The deposit will be refunded upon the USIHC Treasurer’s receipt of proof of the required shipment ending the Use Period.

Comment [Doug Smit4]: Does such a name tag exist? How will we know this is done? Seems like a “shall” is pretty strong for something we’ll never know about.

Shipping Costs:

- a) The USIHC will pay the required shipping costs of the display to the User and from the User to the next user, including shipping insurance in the amount of \$1200.
- b) Shipping will be by UPS. In the event the User wishes to use a different carrier for shipping, any costs in excess of the UPS rate will be the obligation of the User.
- c) The equipment must be packed and transported/shipped at all times in the shipping case provided.

Comment [Doug Smit5]: If part of the purpose is to protect us against damage doesn't it make sense to wait to refund until the shipment arrives and is inspected at the next stop?

Comment [Doug Smit6]: Do you means to say we will reimburse for shipping costs? We should probably also specify the class of service so we don't get stuck with an express service bill for these things.

User: _____

USIHC Promotions

Committee Chair: _____

*If paid by check, the deposit must be mailed to the USIHC Treasurer at least two weeks in advance to allow time for the check to clear before the event.

USIHC – Board Of Directors 09/18/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Anne Elwell, Doug Smith, Ásta Covert, Katrin Sheehan, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Kathy Lockerbie, Sara Lyter [9:15]

Excused: Barbara Frische

Observers: Juli Cole, Sverrir Bjartmarz

Meeting called to order 9:02PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

The board-approved *Notice of Election* was delivered to the “all members” email list and posted on the website “bulletin board” page on September 1st at the request of Lynn LaPointe Wiese, Election Committee Chair.

Membership status:

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Unrestricted funds as of 08/31/12: \$139,233.76

Net increase (decrease) since 07/31/12: \$2,317.67

See attached financial statements.

Standing Committee Reports

No report from:

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- Constitutional Review (Kari Pietsch-Wangard)
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- Pleasure Riding (Ellen Wilson, Kathy Lockerbie liaison)
- Promotion (Anne Elwell) / Brochure Sub-Committee (Kathy Lockerbie)
- Quarterly (Judy Strehler, Anne Elwell liaison)
- Web (Doug Smith)

Regional Clubs (Martina Gates, Katrin Sheehan liaison)

Two new Regional Club applications have been approved. Welcome new clubs: Katla Icelandic Horse Club (Tunbridge, VT) and Central Washington Icelandic Horse Club (Ellensburg, WA).

Youth (Laurie Prestine, Ásta Covert liaison)

The Kraftur 2012 Show (sanctioned USIHC competition in California) had a successful youth fundraiser and raised \$400.00 for the USIHC Youth Fund. Many USIHC members generously participated in this sale.

One way we attracted a large number of youth riders to this show was by organizing transportation.

Old Business

- Email Votes:
(*Time sensitive business between meetings. Approved unanimously.*)
 - Approval notice of the October General Meeting in Kentucky.
 - Approval of Notice of Board Election as presented by the Election Committee.
- Funding Proposal [Sara Lyter]
Tabled for next meeting.
- Promotion Booth Agreement [Anne Elwell]
See attached draft.

MOTION [Doug Smith]: The board accepts the committee's revisions with the modifications:
a) Deposits are returned upon delivery of the booth at the next destination instead of shipment to that destination.
b) Deposit checks must be *received* at least two weeks prior to the shipping date.

- October General Meeting [Anne Elwell]
The Board is proposing rescheduling the meeting to Friday night following the Judge's meeting pending approval from Kathy Love.

New Business

- Massachusetts Equine Affaire [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]
Anne will follow up with Cindy Wescott regarding the request for USIHC's financial support at this event. Anne will report back to the Board via email following her conversation with Cindy.
- World Championships Ad in *Quarterly*
The Board expresses no concern with a courtesy advertisement for the Berlin Championships running in the *Quarterly*.

Meeting adjourned 10:10PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Next meeting November 13 9:00PM (Eastern)

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

<u>7/31/12</u>		<u>8/31/12</u>
\$ 38,553.59	Checking	\$ 39,353.14
\$ 106,338.90	Money Market	\$ 106,356.91
\$ 10,760.67	CDs	\$ 10,760.67
\$ 155,653.16	subtotal	\$ 156,470.72
\$ (5,499.66)	Youth Fund	\$ (3,999.66)
\$ (10,000.00)	Int. Judges Fund	\$ (10,000.00)
\$ (3,237.30)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (3,237.30)
\$ 136,916.20	USIHC Owned Funds	\$ 139,233.76

Net Increase from previous month
2,317.56

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Associated Money Market Acct.	106,356.91
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CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-#2201262884	1,003.51
CD-#2201262991	2,022.85
CD-#2201263072	7,734.31
Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...	10,760.67
Total Other Current Assets	10,760.67
Total Current Assets	156,470.72
TOTAL ASSETS	156,470.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	10,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,237.30
Unexpended Youth Funds	3,999.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	17,236.96
Total Current Liabilities	17,236.96
Total Liabilities	17,236.96
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	11,258.20
Total Equity	139,233.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	156,470.72

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Income & Expense Report
August 2012

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Interest Income	18.01		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Membership Dues		Administration	
2012 membership dues		Tax. Prep. Services	325.00
2012 Family Membership	62.81	Total Administration	325.00
2012 Individual Mbshp	392.12	Service fees	
2012 Youth Membership	101.04	Bank Fees	12.00
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>555.97</u>	Total Service fees	12.00
Total Membership Dues	<u>555.97</u>	Toll Free line	12.95
Quarterly Inc.		Total Membership Related Expenses	349.95
Quarterly back issue sales	-5.00		
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>-5.00</u>		
Website Inc.			
Website Ad Inc.	192.00		
Total Website Inc.	<u>192.00</u>		
Total Membership Related Income	742.97		
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Late Stallion Report fees	-302.90	Clerical for registry	276.00
Registration fees	146.50	Total Registry Acct. Expense	276.00
Transfer fees	132.78		
Total Registry Income	<u>-23.62</u>		
USIHC Non-Member fees	23.97	Youth Committee Exp.	
Youth Committee Inc.		Youth Cup Exp.	
FEIF Youth Cup Reimbursement	2,521.92	2012 Youth Cup Exp.	339.74
Total Youth Committee Inc.	<u>2,521.92</u>	Total Youth Cup Exp.	339.74
Total Income	<u>3,283.25</u>	Total Youth Committee Exp.	339.74
		Total Expense	<u>965.69</u>

Net Income: 2,317.56

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Breeding Committee Income		Breeding Committee Exp.	
Evaluation-FEIF fees	475.00	Evaluation Loss Prevention exp.	765.97
Total Breeding Committee Income	<u>475.00</u>	Total Breeding Committee Exp.	<u>765.97</u>
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	<u>167.00</u>	Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>938.85</u>
FEIF Conference Reimbsmt.	2,213.73	Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Interest Income	257.95	FEIF Conference exp.	2,213.73
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	2,689.39	Mbshp. Postage	254.65
Total Farm Listing	<u>2,689.39</u>	Office Exp.	18.39
Membership Dues		Tax. Prep. Services	325.00
2008 Membership dues		Total Administration	<u>598.04</u>
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	FEIF related expenses	
Total 2008 Membership dues	<u>43.54</u>	FEIF Mbshp fees	150.89
2012 membership dues		Total FEIF related expenses	<u>150.89</u>
2012 Family Membership	4,294.52	General Meeting Expense	
2012 Individual Mbshp	10,540.49	2012 Meeting Expenses	227.86
2012 Youth Membership	239.72	Total General Meeting Expense	<u>227.86</u>
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>15,074.73</u>		
Total Membership Dues	<u>15,118.27</u>		
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,436.36	Graphics	1,000.00
Quarterly back issue sales	99.91	postage for Quarterly	953.89
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>2,536.27</u>	Quarterly Printing	2,330.65
 		Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>4,284.54</u>
		Service fees	
		Bank Fees	12.00
		Total Service fees	<u>12.00</u>
		Toll Free line	103.60
Website Inc.		Website	761.37
Website Ad Inc.	750.54	WorldFengur Exp.	581.79
Total Website Inc.	<u>750.54</u>		
Total Membership Related Income	<u>21,094.47</u>	Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>6,720.09</u>

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.		Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
2012 PRP program Inc.		2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	<u>526.14</u>
2012 PRP Youth fee	-12.00		
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>	Promotional Exp.	
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	<u>-220.15</u>	Display booth shipping	760.83
		Equine Affair Exp.	450.00
		Promotional postage expenses	186.97
		Promotion Material Printing exp	748.15
		Promotional Advertising	325.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	472.50
		Promotional Exp. - Other	<u>1,303.12</u>
		Total Promotional Exp.	<u>4,246.57</u>
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Duplicate Registration fees	144.15	Clerical for registry	2,529.00
Late Stallion Report fees	1,478.80	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	244.05
Registration fees	3,492.39	Reg. Office supplies	61.40
Transfer fees	1,923.80	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	114.29
Total Registry Income	<u>7,039.14</u>	Registry Postage	<u>220.95</u>
		Total Registry Acct. Expense	<u>3,169.69</u>
USIHC Non-Member fees	544.75	Youth Committee Exp.	
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00	Youth Cup Exp.	
		2012 Youth Cup Exp.	4,353.68
Youth Committee Inc.		Total Youth Cup Exp.	<u>4,353.68</u>
FEIF Youth Cup Reimbursement	2,521.92	Total Youth Committee Exp.	<u>4,353.68</u>
Total Youth Committee Inc.	<u>2,521.92</u>		
Total Income	<u>34,243.81</u>	Total Expense	<u>22,985.61</u>

Net Income: 11,258.20



USIHC Display Use Agreement

The USIHC displays are available for use by individual members and Regional Clubs of the United States Icelandic Horse Congress. The equipment is limited, therefore subject to availability.

Equipment:

The following displays are available for use:

- a) 2004 table top display
- b) 2012 10x10 pop-up display

Use Period:

The use period begins on the date () the display is delivered to a carrier for shipment to the User and ends on the date () it is delivered by the User to a carrier for shipment to the next location.

Use Requirements:

The User is fully responsible for the following:

- a) Acceptance of the display from the carrier at his/her address.
- b) Reading the set-up instructions in the shipping case. A practice set-up is strongly encouraged.
- c) Accompanying the display to the event, as well as setting up the display at the beginning of the event and breaking it down at the end of the event.
- d) Arranging the shipping of the display to ()
by the date required ().
- e) The User must be a USIHC member in good standing.
- f) The User shall accept any literature from USIHC members and place said literature in the display for the event.
- g) The User shall provide the following information along with this agreement, so that the event information can be added to the Calendar of Events on the USIHC website:
 - 1) Name of event.
 - 2) Dates and hours of operation of the event.
 - 3) Location (full address of event).
 - 4) A contact email or phone number for the User.
- h) The User and all people "manning" the display at the event shall wear the USIHC "Ask me about Icelandic Horses" badges provided with the booth.

Use deposit:

The User shall provide a deposit of \$500 by check* or PayPal to the USIHC Treasurer (treasurer@icelandics.org) prior to the beginning of the Use Period. This amount will be held as a guarantee of performance of the terms of this agreement by the obligated person(s) and may be utilized by the USIHC to cover any damages incurred by the USIHC or the next user resulting from the failure of the User to perform the obligations set forth above. The deposit will be refunded upon the USIHC Treasurer's receipt of confirmation of delivery to the intended recipient (see above).

Shipping Costs:

- a) The USIHC will pay the required shipping costs of the display to the User and from the User to the next user, including shipping insurance in the amount of \$1200.
- b) Shipping will be by UPS Ground Service. In the event the User wishes to use a different carrier or class for shipping, any costs in excess of the UPS Ground Service rate will be the obligation of the User.
- c) The equipment must be packed and transported/shipped at all times in the shipping case provided.

User (signature)

USIHC Promotion Committee Chair (signature)

*If paid by check, the deposit must be received by the USIHC Treasurer at least two weeks in advance to allow time for the check to clear before the event.



Board Conference Call Minutes

October 12, 2017 7:00PM (Eastern)

BOARD MEMBERS

Present:

Will Covert, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Linda Templeton, Leslie Chambers,
Jess Haynsworth, Lori Cretney, Alex Dannenmann

Excused:

Andrea Barber

OBSERVERS

Martina Gates

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER [WILL COVERT 7:05PM]

Secretary's Report (Will covert)

The USIHC lists 664 members in 463 households as of October 10.

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 9/30/17:</u>	\$124,935.22
<u>Unrestricted funds as of 9/30/17:</u>	\$112,509.29
<u>Net increase (decrease) since 8/31/17:</u>	(\$1,871.61)

Standing Committee Reports

- Affiliated Clubs (Leslie Chambers chair)

The Affiliated Clubs have nothing to report.

- Breeding Committee (Kydee Sheetz chair, Kari Pietsch-Wangard liaison)

No report received

- Education (Alex Dannenmann chair)

The Education Committee has nothing to report

- Leisure (Linda Templeton acting chair)

The Leisure Committee has nothing to report

- Promotion (Juli Cole chair, Kari Pietch-Wangard liaison)

The Promotion Committee has nothing to report

- Quarterly (Nancy Marie Brown & Nikki Esdorn co-chairs, Leslie Chambers liaison)

The Quarterly Committee is currently finalizing our December 2017 issue. The issue goes to design October 15 and to press on November 1. If Board members or committee chairs have any last minute information they want to share with the membership, please let us know immediately and we will try to slip it in. We will be printing 600 copies of this issue. Extras will be used for new member Welcome Packets and for promotional purposes, as available; we currently have only 20 copies of the September issue left and 10 of June.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank outgoing webmaster Doug Smith for the enormous help he has given me and the Quarterly Committee over the years. Doug has been totally in charge of publishing and distributing the eQuarterly to USIHC members and our FEIF contacts. He automated our mailing lists, new member notifications, and Farm List, and designed an online ad submission and payment system for us. He designed and has taken care of updating our Topic Index. He designed and ran the reader survey we did a few years ago. As USIHC secretary, he fact-checked our Contacts lists, USIHC News, and FEIF News sections for every issue. When I ran into a technical problem, no matter how big or small, I could depend on him fixing it within 24 hours. His will be very large shoes for the new webmaster and secretary to fill, as he set a new level of competence for the USIHC in terms of its communication with its members. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from him.

- Sport - (Will Covert chair)

The Triple World Ranking Competition successfully took place last weekend in Kentucky and Alaska held a Sanctioned Show in September after a hiatus. The final Sanctioned show of 2017 will take place this weekend in CA.

Youth (Kelly Blough chair, Lori Cretney liaison)

No report received

AD HOC Committee Reports

- Blood Profile Project [Andrea Barber]

There is nothing new to report on the Blood Profile Project.

Email Voting

Occasionally the Board will address a simple or timely matter via email. By policy any decisions taken on email must be unanimously agreed and confirmed in the next regular meeting.

Old Business

- Proposal on Proposals [Jess Haynsworth]

Original text proposed by Andrea & Doug is attached.

We so appreciate the amount of work and attention to detail that Andrea put into her proposal. That said, we do feel that it may go the same way as the grant proposal, and cause people to give up on their ideas prematurely. The checklist that Andrea has proposed is very long and may be intimidating. It may cause our

members to think that we don't want to hear their ideas unless they are perfect - and this may cause us to miss out on important communication and ideas that could become brilliant proposals. We believe that increased and improved communication with our members will help us to better serve the community. We would like to suggest an alternative use for Andrea's proposal:

Rather than distributing Andrea's checklist to the general membership, we would instead like to send it to every committee chair and ask them to use it to work with any member who approaches them with an idea for a proposal. To the general membership, we would like to present a much simpler checklist, one that that might look like the following:

You've got an idea:

- Contact the appropriate committee chair to discuss your idea.
- Don't know the appropriate committee chair? Contact any Board member for direction.

You and the committee chair agree on brief description of idea to take to committee:

- Committee decides whether idea should become a proposal.

You have enough support from committee to form a proposal:

Proposal should include:

1. Name of person responsible for proposal oversight
2. How does proposal benefit to the Icelandic Horse Community
3. Timeline
4. Budget

Committee requests Proposal to be included on next BOD meeting:

- BOD will approve, send back to committee for revision or reject proposal.

We would also like to release a statement to the general membership stating that we want to hear their ideas, and that if they are unable to connect with a committee chair, or uncertain which committee might be the best fit for their idea, they are welcome to contact one of us and we will put them in touch with the appropriate committee chair. Such a statement could be released on Facebook as well as in the Quarterly and on our website, and could include links to contact information for committee chairs and to the BOD. Jess volunteers to handle the distribution of such a statement, once the wording has been approved by the BOD.

Such a statement might best be released annually, so that new members are sure to see it. A lot of information is available on our website for those who know where to look, but we might have better luck with reaching more people if we release more announcements and statements with greater regularity in multiple

locations.

The Board decided to wait for Andrea to be available for this discussion.

- Renaming Registered Horse [Will Covert]

Another request from Martina to change the farm name on her horse based on a recent rule revision by WorldFengur below:

G5.3.6 The naming of Icelandic horses in WorldFengur.

Horse owners can register a name for their horse in WorldFengur. Horses must be given names before (and cannot be changed after) they are shown at a breeding field test or they compete in an official FEIF competition registered in WorldFengur. The name of a horse can not be changed after they have a registered offspring in WorldFengur.

WorldFengur has confirmed with Àsta that the rule now allows Martina's request for their purposes.

Unanimously Approved with the current \$50 fee and required paperwork

New Business

- Registry Naming Rule [Will Covert]

From Àsta

I would like to recommend the USIHC adopt the WorldFengur naming rule and limit strange names for our registered US born horses. The current name rule is under section 14 in the USIHC Registry rules on our website

<https://www.icelandics.org/RegRules.php#14>

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changed after they have a registered offspring in WorldFengur. Horse owners can use the list of horse names in WorldFengur (which includes allowed names) as a reference. If the name they want to use is not in the list, they can apply for it (by national registrars) and if the name is allowed, it is added to the list. Following rules apply for names of Icelandic horses registered in WorldFengur:

- The name must be in accordance with Icelandic naming traditions.*
- The name must be able to take the form of Icelandic declension and/or the name must have gained a tradition in the Icelandic language.*
- The name shall not violate the Icelandic system of grammar and spelling.*
- The name must be masculine for a stallion/gelding and feminine for a mare, neuter names are not allowed.*
- Names consisting entirely of initials are not allowed.*
- Names that have a vulgar or obscene meaning; names considered in poor taste; or names that may be offensive to religious, political or ethnic groups are not allowed.*

Unanimously Approved

The WorldFengur rule will be added as written to the USIHC Registry rules

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2017 AT 8PM (EASTERN).

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:18PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

USIHC – GENERAL MEETING 10/19/12 MINUTES*

Board Members In Attendance:

Anne Elwell,
Sara Lyter,
Kari Pietsch-Wangard,
Barbara Frische,
Katrin Sheehan,
Kathy Lockerbie

General Discussion

Anne Elwell asked for feedback from members. Feel free to approach board members.

Sara Lyter gave brief description of the board's recent and ongoing work on funding member events.

Discussion followed in which a request was made for Congress to go back to organizing events for parts of the country which are less experienced. Several board members asked for those wanting help and support to come forward and present ideas as it is not feasible for Congress to create events without that input from members.

Barbara Frische asked who is waiting for whom? The very first step is that we know that the members have INTEREST.. We will do our best to help you.

It was pointed out that the recent Foal Evaluation Tour was cancelled due to lack of participation. If Congress does not know who wants help and support then how can we help them?

Brief discussion about ways congress communicates to members. Members were encouraged to communicate with board with questions and requests.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Kari Pietch-Wangard presented and explained the proposed constitutional amendment. The twenty (20) members in attendance unanimously approved the proposed changes.

* Minutes taken by Sara Lyter.

USIHC – Board Of Directors 11/13/12 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members

Present: Anne Elwell, Ásta Covert, Doug Smith, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Sara Lyter, Katrin Sheehan (9:17PM)

Excused: Kathy Lockerbie, Barbara Frische

Observers: Juli Cole, Lori Cretney

Meeting Called to Order at 9:15PM (Eastern) [Anne Elwell]

Secretary's Report (Doug Smith)

The board-approved *Notice of Election* was delivered to the “all members” email list and posted on the website “bulletin board” page on September 1st at the request of Lynn LaPointe Wiese, Election Committee Chair. On October 1st, Lynn reported having received only one nomination for the open seat on the Board. The election process was suspended and Lynn will join the board in January.

Membership status:

Jan 2011	282	Mar 2012	No call	Jul 2012	399	Nov 2012	426
Dec 2011	430	Apr 2012	385	Aug 2012	411		
Jan 2012	354	May 2012	No call	Sep 2012	415		
Feb 2012	363	Jun 2012	395	Oct 2012	No call		

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Old Business

Email Votes:

(Time sensitive business between meetings. Approved unanimously.)

Approval of increased funding for Massachusetts Equine Affair.

Anne confirmed the following with Cindy Wescott:

- (a) the Congress will pay for one-half the booth space expense not one-third as was expected when the budget was prepared as *Promote Iceland* won't be at the event;
- (b) NEIHC's insurance will cover both booth spaces;
- (c) The total cost to the Congress is \$695 which includes one booth space plus half of NEIHC's actual cost for the event insurance.

Funding Proposal [Sara Lyter]

Discussion continues in a sub-committee of the Board (Sara, Anne, and Doug). The group will consider ideas and concerns raised at the October Member's Meeting.

October General Meeting [Anne Elwell]

Sara took minutes which will be published on the website. The Board members present felt the meeting was very worthwhile and that the members present felt the outreach was appreciated. Sara observed there may be a benefit to having a traditional annual meeting in that the *members* have an opportunity to meet others from around the country in that setting.

New Business

FEIF Conference 2013 & 2014 [Doug Smith]

Doug reported the dates of the 2013 conference: February 8 – 10, 2013 in Strasbourg, France. It would be ideal if the Congress leaders could plan to attend.

There have been preliminary instructions with the Board of FEIF regarding the location for the 2014 meeting. The Board will invite FEIF to hold the conference in the United States in 2014. Discussions will take place between the Congress Board and FEIF Office regarding the details. Once a firm proposal is in place, the Board of FEIF will decide whether to accept the invitation.

Future Direction of the Constitutional Review Committee [Kari Pietsch-Wangard]

Kari, as committee chair, feels this committee has served its purpose. The general state of the document is such that ongoing review is not necessary. The constitution supports a means of proposing amendments that does not require a committee.

MOTION [Doug Smith]. The committee be dissolved as it has served its purpose.

Promotion Committee Chair

Anne Elwell withdraws as the Promotion Committee Chair and recommends Juli Cole assume the role. The Board supports this recommendation with the understanding that Anne will remain as the liaison.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50PM (Eastern)

Next Meeting: January 15, 2013 at 9:00PM (Eastern)

Actual Cash Owned by USIHC

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Unexpended World Champshp F...	3,262.30
Unexpended Youth Funds	4,424.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	17,686.96
Total Current Liabilities	17,686.96
Total Liabilities	17,686.96
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	31,049.00
Net Income	8,895.53
Total Equity	136,871.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	154,558.05

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<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u>	
Breeding Committee Income		Breeding Committee Exp.	
Evaluation-FEIF fees	475.00	Evaluation Loss Prevention exp.	765.97
Total Breeding Committee Income	<u>475.00</u>	Total Breeding Committee Exp.	<u>765.97</u>
Competition Inc.		Competition Comm. Expense	
National Ranking Trophy Inc.	167.00	National Ranking Award Expense	938.85
Total Competition Inc.	<u>167.00</u>	Total Competition Comm. Expense	<u>938.85</u>
Education Seminar Inc.		Elwell Breeding Award	50.89
Riding Badge Inc.	160.00		
Total Education Seminar Inc.	<u>160.00</u>	FEIF Conference exp.	2,213.73
FEIF Conference Reimbsmt.	2,213.73		
Interest Income	352.39	Membership Related Expenses	
Membership Related Income		Administration	
Farm Listing		Mbshp. Postage	444.89
2012 Farm Listing	3,013.01	Office/Supplies Exp.	50.30
Total Farm Listing	<u>3,013.01</u>	Tax. Prep. Services	325.00
Membership Dues		Total Administration	<u>820.19</u>
2008 Membership dues		FEIF related expenses	
08 Individual Memberships	43.54	FEIF Mbshp fees	150.89
Total 2008 Membership dues	<u>43.54</u>	Total FEIF related expenses	<u>150.89</u>
2012 membership dues		General Meeting Expense	
2012 Family Membership	4,931.38	2012 Meeting Expenses	227.86
2012 Individual Mbshp	11,021.00	Total General Meeting Expense	<u>227.86</u>
2012 Youth Membership	239.72	Insurance	715.00
Total 2012 membership dues	<u>16,192.10</u>		
Total Membership Dues	<u>16,235.64</u>		
 		Quarterly Expenses	
Quarterly Inc.		Graphics	3,000.00
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	2,780.04	postage for Quarterly	1,460.22
Quarterly back issue sales	138.24	Quarterly Printing	3,620.67
Total Quarterly Inc.	<u>2,918.28</u>	Total Quarterly Expenses	<u>8,080.89</u>
Website Inc.		Service fees	
Website Ad Inc.	750.54	Bank Fees	12.00
Total Website Inc.	<u>750.54</u>	Total Service fees	<u>12.00</u>
Total Membership Related Income	<u>22,917.47</u>	Toll Free line	129.50
		Website	761.37
		WorldFengur Exp.	581.79
		Total Membership Related Expenses	<u>11,479.49</u>

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Income		Expense	
Pleasure Rider Program Inc.			
2012 PRP program Inc.			
2012 PRP Adult fee	-208.15		
2012 PRP Youth fee	-12.00	Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	
Total 2012 PRP program Inc.	-220.15	2011 PRP Award exp.	526.14
Total Pleasure Rider Program Inc.	-220.15	Total Pleasure Rider Program Exp.	526.14
		Promotional Exp.	
		Display booth shipping	760.83
		Equine Affair Exp.	1,030.00
USIHC Non-Member fees	793.63	Promotional postage expenses	220.83
USIHC Non-registration fees	150.00	Promotion Material Printing exp	997.53
		Promotional Advertising	325.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	572.50
		Promotional Exp. - Other	1,303.12
		Total Promotional Exp.	5,209.81
		Registry Acct. Expense	
Registry Income		Clerical for registry	2,932.00
Duplicate Registration fees	144.15	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	491.22
Late Stallion Report fees	1,775.60	Reg. Office supplies	61.40
Registration fees	3,965.33	Reg. WorldFengur Sbscrptn exp.	114.29
Transfer fees	2,337.88	Registry Postage	220.95
Total Registry Income	8,222.96	Total Registry Acct. Expense	3,819.86
		Youth Committee Exp.	
Youth Committee Inc.		Youth Cup Exp.	
FEIF Youth Cup Reimbursement	2,521.92	2012 Youth Cup Exp.	4,353.68
Total Youth Committee Inc.	2,521.92	Total Youth Cup Exp.	4,353.68
		Total Youth Committee Exp.	4,353.68
Other Income			
Booth Deposit/Refund	500.00		
Total Other Income	500.00		
	Total Income: 38,253.95		Total Expense: 29,358.42

Net Income: 8,895.53

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Income		Expense	
Education Seminar Inc.			
Riding Badge Inc.	160.00		
Total Education Seminar Inc.	160.00		
Interest Income	94.44		
Membership Related Income		Membership Related Expenses	
Farm Listing		Administration	
2012 Farm Listing	323.62	Mbshp. Postage	190.24
Total Farm Listing	323.62	Office/Supplies Exp.	31.91
Membership Dues		Total Administration	222.15
2012 membership dues		Insurance	715.00
2012 Family Membership	636.86		
2012 Individual Mbshp	480.51	Quarterly Expenses	
Total 2012 membership dues	1,117.37	Graphics	2,000.00
Total Membership Dues	1,117.37	postage for Quarterly	506.33
Quarterly Inc.		Quarterly Printing	1,290.02
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	343.68	Total Quarterly Expenses	3,796.35
Quarterly back issue sales	38.33	Toll Free line	25.90
Total Quarterly Inc.	382.01	Total Membership Related Expenses	4,759.40
Total Membership Related Income	1,823.00		
		Promotional Exp.	
		Equine Affair Exp.	580.00
		Promotional postage expenses	33.86
		Promotion Material Printing exp	249.38
		RC Co-op promo exp.	100.00
		Total Promotional Exp.	963.24
Registry Income		Registry Acct. Expense	
Late Stallion Report fees	296.80	Clerical for registry	403.00
Registration fees	472.94	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	247.17
Transfer fees	414.08	Total Registry Acct. Expense	650.17
Total Registry Income	1,183.82		
USIHC Non-Member fees	248.88		
Other Income			
Booth Deposit/Refund	500.00		
Total Income: 4,010.14		Total Expense: 6,372.81	

Net Profit (Loss): (2,362.67)

Minutes USIHC meeting of December 19, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Competition Committee - Heidi Kline provided the following written report -

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Education Committee Report -

A) Sports Judges Education Program

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

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

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

I have the following suggestions for the surplus:

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

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

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

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

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

B) FEIF International Trainer Seminar

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

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

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

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

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

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

ready by March is hard to say.

C) Breeding seminars

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

D) Proposals

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

1. Travel costs

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

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

2. USIHC seminars

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

Dec 10, 2007

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Pleasure Riding Committee Report - Andrea had nothing to report.

Policy and Procedures Committee Report - Anne

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

Regional club Committee Report - Andrea had nothing to report.

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

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

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

Old Business

Annual Meeting awards - delayed until next meeting

New Business

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

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

Request was approved unanimously.

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

Correction to certificate of origin - delayed until next meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Items that were not addressed because of time constraints -

Annual Meeting Awards

U.S. representative to the Delegates Assemble

Correction of certificate of ownership