



USIHC Board Meeting

November 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Report of Officers

President - Virginia Lauridsen

- Virtual Education series;
 - Biomechanics of horse movement. Tailored to Icelandic Horses, Gillian Higgins, author of Posture & Movement; Jan. 24, 12 pm EST
 - How to use Worldfengur; Kristin Halldorsdottir; February 28, 12 pm EST
 - Guðmar Þór Pétursson, "Trekking in Iceland," March 28, 12 pm EST (not confirmed)
 - Antonia Gabriel from Evax, Latest Developments in Summer Eczema & Allergies, April 15, 12 pm EST
- Financial Audit
 - *LN made the motion to approve \$2000 approximate cost for a financial audit. JR Second. All in favor.*

Vice President - Jeff Rose

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Secretary - Janet Mulder

- 863 Members, 193 Family Subscriptions (up 17 members, 1 family subscription)

Treasurer - Shelby Walker

- Financials [October 2025 Financials.pdf](#)
[NationalTeamTransactionDetails.pdf](#)

Report of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Jeff Rose

- Still working on getting renewals from the regional clubs.

Breeding Committee - Virginia Lauridsen

- [Breeding Committee Report 11-7-2025.docx](#)

Education Committee - Caeli Cavanaugh

- [Lifetime Achievement Medal Sponsorship Proposal.pdf](#)
 - *JR made a motion to approve the above proposal, MS second, all in favor.*

-  USIHC Clinic Funding and Judging Proposal.pdf
 - Discussion on virtual theory courses being offered via the USIHC website or registration for courses via the website.
 - *Motion to approve proposal: MS, second JR, CC recuse, all others approve.*

Leisure Committee - Melinda Studstill

- Melinda will use a random number generator to select a winner for the saddle raffle.
- One team has completed the 4000 miles, 2 others are close
- 2026 S2SS ride plan - Route of "The Great American Horse Race of 1976"

Sport Committee - Asta Covert

- The Sport committee met on zoom on November 3rd. There are few proposals in the works after the meeting that the committee members are working on.
 - Motion: Beginning July 1, 2026 National Ranking will be moved from 2 years to 1 year (annual ranking). Motioned by CC, second by AC, all in favor.

Youth Committee - Lucy Nold

- The tryout for the 2026 FEIF Youth Cup is running with the USIHC Fall Virtual Show. The event will be held in Rieden, Germany from July 13th-19th 2026. The written application is posted on the youth page of the website and is due along with the riding instructor reference letter on November 15th 2025. Riders must be registered for the Virtual Show tryout classes by November 15th 2025 with the video submitted by November 22nd 2025. The results of the tryouts should be announced by December 20th.
- We are also looking for applications for a country leader and a team leader for this event. There are applications for these positions on the website. If you are interested but want more information about what these positions entail, get in touch at youth@icelandics.org.

Promotion and Website - Ebba Meehan

Equine Affair:

- Up to 20 Icelandic horses were presented at EA this year.
- It was a mix of demos including drill teams and gait demos (up to 8 horses), in-hand demos each with two horses, special breed bonanza (different disciplines shown together), with one Icelandic, 3-4 Icelandics shown with other groups outside of USIHC.
- MVI renewed the contract with EA Inc.
- MVI is having a demo at Cider Hill Farm, Amesbury MA 11/29 from 10-2.

Quarterly Report - Nancy Brown

- Issue Four 2025 of the Quarterly is now at press. The e-Quarterly should be ready to be released around November 15, with printed copies mailed on December 1. We are printing 625 copies of this issue; there will be about 10 extra copies available for promotional purposes.
- Issue Four 2025 of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly* shines a spotlight on Montaire Icelandics, reports on the World Championships and the North American Youth Cup, profiles trainer Janet Mulder, and includes stories on endurance riding, trekking in Iceland, and attending farrier school, as well as sharing news from the USIHC Affiliated Clubs, the Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF.
- We are now open for submissions for Issue One 2026, to be mailed in March. Board members and committee chairs, please send us any news, photos, meeting minutes, announcements, or advertisements that you would like to share with the membership. Remember that ads for USIHC-sponsored events are free, space permitting.
- The deadline for submissions for Issue One 2026 (mailed in March) is January 1. Please send all submissions to quarterly@icelandics.org.

- We are also looking for new voices to join the Quarterly Committee. Attached is a summary of how the Quarterly Committee operates that can be shared with anyone interested in joining us. Note that this summary includes the deadlines for all four 2026 issues, if you want to update your calendars.
- [w QUARTERLY COMMITTEE 2026.docx](#)

Old Business

- Website Update - Mackenzie shared the website as created so far. Looking for good pictures. Discussed creating a “registry” tab to organize how to register your horse. Work in progress, more updates coming soon.
- Membership Drive - VL, EM, MS will create a formal plan and present it at the December meeting.

New Business

- Outreach to get more volunteers and active committees, discussion to include this with the membership drive and website to have a form to fill out for volunteers to offer their skills.

Next Meeting: December 9, 8pm EST.