



USIHC Board Meeting

February 10, 2026 Minutes

Call to Order 8pm EST

In attendance: VL, SW, CC, JR, MS, EM, LN, AC, JM, Mackenzie Durbin

Report of Officers

President - Virginia Lauridsen

Vice President - Jeff Rose

Secretary - Janet Mulder

- 856 Active Members, 186 Family Subscriptions (down 5 active members, no change in family subscriptions, 191 renewal overdue)
- FEIF Delegates Assembly, January 27, minutes are in draft and will be added to the FEIF website when complete. All proposals passed. A few notable changes:
 - Member association DRIKS (Slovakia has been excluded from FEIF for lack of activity/participation)
 - Participating horses in WR sport events must be microchipped.
 - Updates to disciplinary measures
 - “Connection” score influenced by entrance to track & transitions
 - Wording on a few items

Treasurer - Shelby Walker

- Financials - [PDF January 2026 Financials.pdf](#)
- 2026 Budget - [W USIHC 2026 Budget \(Approved 02102026\).docx](#)

Report of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Jeff Rose

- Vote on approval for Soraland Regional Club in GA
 - [W Sólárland Information Statement 01.26.2026.docx](#)
 - [W Bylaws of Sólárland Icelandic Horse Club 01.18.2026.docx](#)
 - [PDF Solarland USIHC Club Application Form and Signatures 1.2...](#)
 - Motion to approve by JR, second by MS, all approve

Breeding Committee - Virginia Lauridsen

- [W Breeding Committee 2-9-26 copy.docx](#)
 - VL motions: Stallions evaluated at an official breeding evaluation and owned by USIHC members will be listed for free on the website, JR seconds, all approved.

Education Committee - Caeli Cavanaugh

- [PDF Riding Instruction and Pedagogy.pdf](#)
 - VL motions to approve Training Modules document with an updated photo, MS second, CC abstains, remaining approve.

Leisure Committee - Melinda Studstill

- I am continuing to work with the Sensation Saddle Ride raffle winner. We won't pay for the saddle until she decides exactly what she wants and it is completed. That may still be weeks away.
- Also after talking to MacKenzie, we both felt that it is better to hold off on registration for S2SS until the new website is live in February. We don't want to risk losing any information. I am communicating this to the riders.
 - Mackenzie will put an "under construction" on the website and send an email to all past S2SS participants in the delay

Sport Committee - Asta Covert

- No updates other than budget

Youth Committee - Lucy Nold

- [PDF YouthCommitteeBudget2026Explanation.pdf](#)
- Waiting for FYC invitation from FEIF

Promotion and Website - Ebba Meehan

- Annual Meeting Update - slides & pre-meeting document
 - Create a presentation and annual report to be posted to the website.
- Started to work on businesses in Iceland to point guests to USIHC once they return home.
 - What can we do for them
 - Add their link on our website?
 - Have them become members then add link?
 - Can we send Quarterly copies, give them material? I know we are in the digital world but the magazine is a draw. Cost to print brochures? Flyers?
 - This discussion is tabled to the next meeting.

Quarterly Report - Nancy Brown, budget requests in 2026 budget - see treasurer

Old Business

- Vote on Cyber Policy -
 - [W Revised Policy 37_and_Code of Conduct for National Team & Develo...](#)
 - VL motions to accept cyber policy, JR seconds, all approve.
- Membership Drive Update
 - [W USIHC_Membership_Drive_Executive_Summary.docx](#)
 - Will be announced at annual meeting, February 21. Drive 3/15 - 5/15
- Proposed Mission Statement
 - New:
 - Build a thriving Iceland horse presence and community within the United States through membership, education, promotions and in-person gatherings.

Be committed to the well-being of the Icelandic horse.
Highlight the purpose of the Icelandic horse as an equine partner in multiple ways inspired by Icelandic horsemanship.
Maintain a registry of purebred Icelandic horses in the U.S. imported and domestically bred.
Make World Fengur easily accessible to members.
Foster and support communication among our membership and represent the United States within FEIF.

- Old:
 - To promote the knowledge of the Icelandic Horse within the United States and its correct use as a competition and riding horse;
 - To keep a Registry of purebred Icelandic Horses in the United States;
 - To facilitate communication among all USIHC members, and;
 - To represent the United States in FEIF.

Tabled to the next meeting.

- Website Update - no specific date for it to be fully online. Expecting the end of February/beginning of March. S2SS 2026 ride will not be available until the new website is online.

New Business

- Training Modules - see education committee update
- Virtual Show Subcommittee:
 - Chair - Janet Mulder, Caeli Cavanagh, Ebba Meehan, Mackenzie Durbin

Next Meeting March 10, 2026 8pm EDT

Meeting Adjourned at 09:30 pm EST