



USIHC Board Meeting

October 14, 2025 Minutes

Called to order at 20:02 EDT. In attendance: VL, JM, MS, JR, EM, LN, AC

Report of Officers

President - Virginia Lauridsen

- Communication - after discussion, committee chairs agreed to submit committee reports to the secretary to add to the agenda.

Vice President - Jeff Rose

Secretary - Janet Mulder

- 846 Members, 192 Family Subscriptions (up 7 members)

Treasurer - Shelby Walker

- Financials - Expenses were up this quarter due to National Team Expenses, website expenses, etc. September balance sheet coming from Sabrina. Discussion of having an outside audit to look at our books to keep them correct. The National Team Budget is just over \$1000. Membership income increased this month by over \$1000.

Report of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Jeff Rose,

- New club, Frelsi Riding Club. Total of 13 affiliated clubs as of 10/14/25.

Breeding Committee - Virginia Lauridsen

- One Breeding Assessment planned for 2026

Education Committee - Caeli Cavanaugh

- Achievement Award Sponsorship (will hold off till Caeli returns).
 Lifetime Achievement Medal Sponsorship Proposal.pdf
- Education modules were edited, recommending another set of eyes before finalized.

Leisure Committee - Melinda Studstill

- Are any members exempt from the Sensation Saddle Giveaway?
 - MS motions that everyone is eligible, excluding board members.
 - AC Seconds, all in favor.

- The Committee Chair needs to be updated on the website, it should be Melinda Studstill, Janet Mulder is a member, no longer the chair.

Sport Committee - Asta Covert

- The last show of the year is this weekend in Kentucky, then the virtual show. Looking to schedule a committee meeting to discuss the upcoming season, national championship discussion may be included in that meeting.

Youth Committee - Lucy Nold

- Waiting to schedule a meeting after competition for the season is complete.
- FEIF Youth Cup applications are posted on the website and running in conjunction with Fall Virtual Show.

Promotion and Website - Ebba Meehan

- 10/11- MVI presentation at Topsfield Fair presentation full attendance in big arena
- 10/24 - meet and greet Icelandic Horses at Cider Hill Farm with 2-4 horses, 2-3k ppl
- 11/5-9 Equine Affair with 3 demos 6-7 riders & 10 horses booth and exhibition stall
- 11/29 Breed demo drill 10-2 exhibition at Cider Hill Farm again

Quarterly Report - Nancy Brown

Issue Four 2025 of the Quarterly goes into the design stage on October 15. Our press date is November 1. The e-Quarterly should be ready to be released around November 15, with printed copies mailed on December 1. We expect to print only enough copies of this issue to fulfill our membership and contributors' lists. If extra copies will be needed by the Promotion Committee or Affiliated Clubs Committee for promotional purposes between December and March, please let us know by October 31 so we can print more. We have very few back issues of the magazine in stock. 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.

Old Business

- Breed promotion idea - "all Icelandic awards" across disciplines, best of sport, best of trail, best of dressage, best of working equitation, liberty, demos, eventing, mounted archery, etc. Jeff will come up with a list for the next meeting.
- Anti-bullying and cyber bullying policy
 - [W](#) Revised Code of Conduct for National Team & Development Team Me...

- Keep on agenda for next month so Caeli can be part of the discussion.
- Policy 21 wording when two clubs are requesting funding for the same event. We need a clear decision of what happens in this situation, BOD needs to vote on it prior to the Annual Meeting. We would like to see the clubs work together. Jeff will work on wording to vote on.

New Business

- Membership Drive
 - How to incentivise new members to sign up. Spring membership drive may be the best option so it can be advertised in the Quarterly suggested dates: March 1 - May 1.
 - What we will do: Give our flyers at events, social media, etc. try to get all affiliated members to be USIHC members.
 - VL will make a proposal to be voted on at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

November 11, 2000 EDT.

Virtual Education Series, 4th Saturday of the month How to use WF, Advanced WF, Summer Eczema, FEIF Trainer Matrix & USIHC Trainer Certification system. Biomechanics of Horse Movement.

Annual Meeting 2026 - February 21, 2026 1200 EDT.