



USIHC Board Meeting

January 13, 2026 Minutes

In Attendance: VL, JM, MS, SW, CC, LN, EM, JR

Report of Officers

President - Virginia Lauridsen

- Annual Meeting Update

Vice President - Jeff Rose

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Secretary - Janet Mulder

- 861 Members, 186 Family Subscriptions (no change in active members, down 2 family subscriptions)

Treasurer - Shelby Walker

- Financials - [December 2025 Financials.pdf](#) [GeneralLedger \(1\).pdf](#)

Report of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Jeff Rose

- Expecting a new application from a club in the Southeast, centered around the Atlanta area. Club name pending.

Breeding Committee - Virginia Lauridsen

- No updates this month.

Education Committee - Caeli Cavanaugh

Leisure Committee - Melinda Studstill

- Update on the saddle raffle winner and will be working on updating the posts to announce the route for 2026. Will be able to give a little update on the work for 2027 in person meeting but have not done a formal outline.

Sport Committee - Asta Covert

- Harmony World Ranking Shows - National Championships being the third day. JM Moves that Thorgeir Gudlaugsson is nominated as the head judge for the National Championship and he will approve the remaining judges (names needed here from Virginia). Seconded by MS, approved by all

Youth Committee - Lucy Nold

- Carly Zayer - Country Leader for FYC

- Team Apparel for FYC
- Spaeri award, did last years submitters get their gift certificates? Was this year's submission received?

Promotion and Website - Ebba Meehan

- Annual Meeting - February 21
- Committee Annual Reports due to Ebba by February 7. Build on Google Slides

Quarterly Report - Nancy Brown

January 10, 2026

submitted by Nancy Brown & Nicki Esdorn

As we reported to Virginia and Jeff, due to a typo in the information sent to us, in Issue Four 2025 we printed the incorrect date for the 2026 Annual Meeting. We recommend that the Board send out an announcement drawing members' attention to the correct day and time.

Issue One 2026 of the Quarterly is now in the editing & review stage; it goes into the design stage on January 15.

Our press date is February 1. The eQuarterly should be ready to be released around February 15, with printed copies mailed on March 1.

We expect to print 625 copies of this issue; please let us know by January 31 if extra copies will be needed for the membership or for promotional purposes between March and June.

Thanks to the Leisure Committee for submitting news on the saddle raffle, the 2026 S2SS Route, and the Leisure Riders of the Month.

From the Affiliated Clubs Committee, we received updates from 6 of the 12 clubs

One show organizer, Sólheimar, took advantage of the opportunity for free advertising.

The Board submitted a one-page tribute to importer Wayne Rakshys, as well as the November and December meeting minutes.

We will be continuing the Farm Spotlight series, requested by the Board, in 2026, until all farms that have invested in major infrastructure for hosting USIHC shows and events have been featured.

We are now open for submissions for Issue Two 2024, to be mailed in June. Board members and committee chairs, please send 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.

Deadline for submissions for Issue Two (mailed in June) is April 1. Please send all submissions to quarterly@icelandics.org.

Old Business

- Audit of our books (discussed before I got on the call).

New Business

- Discussion re: Sabrina - would like the financials earlier, at least one week prior to the next BOD meeting. Would also like to have the budget estimated before we spend. Update to how we present the financials.
- Rewrite mission statement - (Ebba do you have a proposal to vote on?)

Next Meeting - February 10, 8 pm EST.