



USIHC Board Meeting

May 19, 2026 Agenda

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Report of Officers

President - Virginia Lauridsen

Vice President - Jeff Rose

Secretary - Janet Mulder

- 871 Members (188 Family, 4 Foreign Friends, 202 overdue) Up 10 members.

Treasurer - Shelby Walker

Report of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Jeff Rose

Breeding Committee - Virginia Lauridsen

Results from Iowa Breeding Evaluation at Harmony Icelandics May 12-14

Education Committee - Caeli Cavanaugh

Leisure Committee - Melinda Studstill

- Additional S2SS Badges have been shipped to Melinda - (Janet)

Sport Committee - Asta Covert

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Youth Committee - Lucy Nold

Promotion and Website - Ebba Meehan

Quarterly Committee report
May 9, 2026
submitted by Nancy Brown

Issue Two 2026 is currently at press, with a mailing date of June 1. The eQuarterly will be ready to release later this week. We will be printing 100 extra copies for the membership drive, at the request of Melinda Studstill. If Affiliated Clubs or Promotion need copies of the magazine between now and September, we will have about 10-12 available.


We did not revise the page of the magazine that states the USIHC Mission and information on "Why Join the USIHC," as no one from the Board replied to our request to update it. It is unclear from the board meeting minutes if the mission statement presented in the membership drive materials has been voted on and approved, and if there are other changes in emphasis that we should make on that page. Please advise before the next deadline of July 1.

Issue Two features a special insert on how to use WorldFengur. Inspired by the recent Virtual Education webinar, the insert is an update by Martina Gates of the famous how-to guide she first published in Tolt News and the Quarterly many years ago, and which has been used since then by FEIF. Other topics include bone spavin screening, a spotlight on Flying C, a detailed report on the Horses Inside Out webinar, an exploration of Feldenkrais, and the 2025 Spaeri Youth Essay Award winner.

We are now open for submissions for Issue Three 2026; the deadline is July 1.

Old Business

- Membership Drive
 - Membership drive is complete and Melinda will have the latest numbers
- Website
- 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.

- Proposal from CIHF
 -  Amended Proposal for Subscription for CIHF Members to the ...
- Western Dressage Alliance email

My name is Becci Loomer and I am with the Western Dressage Assoc of America and we promote Western Dressage for non trotters as well as trotters!

I am excited to tell you we have a few Icelandic horses that show in our gaited division. I love this breed. We also have two Icelandic horses that show in Western Dressage at our world show.

As you well know Icelandic Horses are very versatile and amazing in every discipline we put them in. WDAA is looking to expand our gaited division and would love to have you on board. What this means is we would love to add you as a breed alliance partner. What this entails is...

Designated Alliances Partners are made up of breed organizations for the purpose of sharing educational opportunities and furthering the growth and pursuit of Western Dressage for riders and horses from all backgrounds. Alliance Partnerships work to educate equestrians to the value of using Dressage principles and progression in the development and utilization of the working Western horse. These Alliances share vital information and can offer unique funding and educational opportunities in conjunction with the WDAA 501(c)(3) nonprofit mission. For more information or details how you can become an Alliance Partner, [Contact Us Now!](#)

This is free for you and we have 4 gaited breed associations already on board. We could promote each other so to speak. Basically we would like to affirm that all gaited horses are welcome and encouraged in all aspects of the sport of Western Dressage test at all levels. We also have Rail Classes, Horsemanship classes, and equitation classes. Physical benefits of Western Dressage is it improves balance, strength, and coordination. Helps develop correct posture and self carriage, and last but not least it gives longevity, and soundness using the WDAA Training Wheel available on our website wdaa.org.

We would love to increase our education and awareness in the Gaited Horse World and encourage education for judges, trainers, riders and show management. Mainly we would love to serve as a liaison between WDAA and the gaited horse owners and breed associations. Encourage cross-discipline participation and shared educational opportunities. Most of all build relationships that broaden awareness of Western Dressage within the gaited horse community.

WDAA is currently working on a webinar to feature the gaited horse and if you partner with us we will add your association on the powerpoint.

Looking forward to hearing back from you. Thank you and if you have any more questions please feel free to contact me. Leave a message please as my phone will not ring to numbers it does not recognize. That way I don't have to worry about all the car insurance spam calls!!!!!! :)

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New Business

None