USIHC Board Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2026, 8 pm EDT.

Present: CC, JR, SW, AC, MS, EM, LN, JM
Not Present :VL

Report of Officers

President - Virginia Lauridsen (via Jeff)

- Hayle Bergiland taking over as Development Team Director.
    - Hayle distributed hats/mugs to members present at the National Show, will mail to other members
    - Had SIC hats made, and we distributed those to national team members and sold some at the show. Perhaps we could have them for sale on the website.
- Proposal and DISCUSSION of appointing Mummi Skulason as the Development Team Trainer.
    - MOTION Jeff, SECOND caeli, Motions, Caeli 2nd. Unanimous consent → APPROVED.
- We have now started developing our educational video library. We just need to figure out how to put it on the website technologically. Mackenzie is working on that.
- Hayl's husband Dan is in tech and has developed an app that we could use for shows, and he said he thought he could do something for S2SS.
- Caeli and I are trying to cement the virtual education lectures in the next week to get into the quarterly for the December issue.
- DISCUSSION about appointing Mummu Sku

Vice President - Jeff Rose

- Jeff Moved to start an Executive Session to address a Complaint under Policy 35. Unanimously approved to enter Executive Session. The matter is closed with no further action.
- Development Team Update - Appoint Mummi Skulasson to DT Trainer per the above.

Secretary - Janet Mulder

- 862 Members (189 Family, 3 Foreign Friends, 247 overdue) Down 2 members, increase of 10 overdue.
- Century Club - began working on creating a plaque. Found an Icelandic artist willing to make a painting, Sigga from Gufua Farm near Borgarnes. First official Century Rides planned for this fall - Kathryn Love & Sharon Johnson. Quarterly committee is finding a writer for their stories and I've reached out asking for photos. Can Mackenzie create a space on the website for the Century Club as well?

Treasurer - Shelby Walker. Financials just received recently and are still under review. The board will be updated via email.

Report of Committees

Affiliated Clubs - Jeff Rose

Update: Hestafolk and Cascade have merge into one organization. We received their new bylaws and logo ("Hestafolk Cascade Icelandic Horse Club"). They need not submit a formal application for the merger.

NEIHC applied for Policy 31 funds. CC moves to approve, MS 2nd. Unanimous approval for Policy 31 funding for 10 USIHC members at the clinic. There was brief discussion about whether this was included on the USIHC calendar in advance. Given the website update this summer, and the new format going forward, we don't believe it's fair to impose this requirement on NEIHC at this time. Thus, funds are released.

Breeding Committee - Virginia Lauridsen - No news.

Education Committee - Caeli Cavanaugh - No news.

Leisure Committee - Melinda Studstill

- I have assembled a small group of S2SS riders to help with the 2027 theme. In an effort to add new interest to the S2SS ride, we are proposing that a set number of hours (ex. 2 hours) be awarded to activities that go beyond the traditional concept of trail riding. Some examples include participating in parades, clinics, ponying, hand-walking, lunging, mounted archery/shooting. This will support our theme that will be similar to "Every Ride Counts". The mileage to be achieved is determined by the distance between the two S2SS riders that are located the farthest from each other. This theme would eliminate the need for teams. A casual survey has shown no resistance to this idea.
- I have sent out an email to our membership requesting input with a 3 question investigating the interest in an in-person meeting in 2027. We will report on the results of the survey next month.
- I was thinking that it might be good to get the information on new owners of Icelandic horses in the US. I would be willing to reach out to welcome each individual. This would be a good time to make sure that they are members of the USIHC.

Sport Committee - Asta Covert

- National Show Review - Great time with everyone, people from 13 states. 15 brun horses present. 3 raud.
- Registration for the virtual show is now live on the website. Continuing to seek a national judge to join the panel.

Youth Committee - Lucy Nold. Discussion about Youth Cup and related funding. No action items.

Promotion and Website - Ebba Meehan

- The WEC in May 6th - 9th. World Equestrian Center - promotional opportunity. Two 15-minute demo times in all gaited horse breed show. Heavily attended show. Good promotion for the breed, but we think the regional club in the area is better suited to this. Ebba will reach out to Solalund.
- Online marketing progress?
- I think Virginia had that going on with Emily Potts/Hayl. I had talked to a firm if still interested in that idea.

Quarterly Committee - Nancy Brown

Issue Four 2026 of the Quarterly goes into the design stage on October 15. We are currently hard at work editing the many articles submitted and reviewing the photos. 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.

Issue Four 2026 of *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly* reports on the National Show and the FEIF Youth Cup, shares research on saddle position, and includes stories on buying your first Icelandic, trekking in Iceland, competing in dressage, and riding across generations, 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 2027, 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.

Deadline for submissions for Issue One 2027 (mailed in March) is January 1. Please send all submissions to quarterly@icelandics.org.

<u>Old Business</u>

- Annual meeting date (would like to have determined prior to Oct 15 the final Quarterly deadline)
- Annual meeting set for February 6.
  February 6 or 13 proposed (FEIF annual meeting is January 29-31in Belgium.
- Discussion about having in-person tied to one of the shows or with Youth Cup.

- FEIF delegates meeting is Jan. 19. Jeff will attend.

New Business

- **Next Meeting: Nov. 17, 2026**