

USIHC Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2007

Members present – Andrea Barber, Laura Benson, Caryn Cantella, Anne Elwell, Ed Hilgaertner, Katrin Sheehan, Barb Riva, Sandie Weaver, Bernie Willis

Andrea Barber welcomed the new board members, Laura Benson and Katrin Sheehan
Election of Officers to the Board:

Sandie Weaver nominated Andrea Barber for President stating that she is honest, hard working, and has no hidden agendas. She also stated that she felt Congress members knew that about her. Andrea stated that she appreciated the nomination, but she had decided to not accept the nomination for President this year. She would like to spend more time this year focusing on the Regional clubs. She also was interested in taking over the chairmanship of the Pleasure Rider Program, with the retirement of Amy Goddard from that position. Both Amy and Andrea decided that they would make this transition over the course of the rest of the 2007. Sandie said she would respect Andrea's wishes and thus withdrew her nomination. Caryn said she thought that Andrea had done a good job last year and wished she would continue as President, but also would respect her wishes.

Barb Riva nominated Bernie Willis for President. Anne Elwell seconded the nomination. Caryn Cantella voiced her concern about moving the USIHC office if Bernie was no longer Secretary. She felt it would become confusing to have the office moved a lot. Anne reminded the board that the Secretary's position does not necessarily include the keeping of the USIHC office. Therefore, Bernie could still keep the office of USIHC and become President. Bernie also reminded the group that last year the Board voted to keep Sophie on as fill-in office manager in those cases where Bernie could not be available. Bernie accepted the nomination as President.

The vote to elect Bernie Willis as President was as follows:

Barb – Yes
Anne – Yes
Caryn – Yes
Ed – Yes
Katrin – Yes
Laura – Yes
Bernie – Yes
Andrea – Abstain
Sandie – Abstain

Bernie Willis asked Andrea Barber if she would be willing to take on the Secretary position. Andrea declined repeating the same reasons for not accepting the nomination as Present for a second term. Barb Riva offered to take the Secretary's position if someone could take on the chairmanship of the Promotion Committee. She asked Laura Benson if she would consider that. Laura agreed to take the position if Barb would stay on the committee to help her get started. She agreed.

The vote to elect Barbara Riva as Secretary was unanimous.

Andrea asked Ed if he was willing to continue with the Treasury position. He accepted and the Board agreed unanimously to keep him as Treasurer.

Caryn Cantella nominated Sandie Weaver to continue her position as Vice President. She accepted and the Board agreed unanimously to keep her as Vice President.

The 2007 Officers of the USIHC are as follows:

President – Bernie Willis

Vice President – Sandie Weaver

Secretary – Barbara Riva

Treasurer – Ed Hilgaertner

Anne Elwell announced that she felt it was time for her to turn over the chair of the Breeding Committee. She had been considering three individuals for the past year, of which Katrin Sheehan was one. When Katrin became elected to the Board, Anne decided to name her. Katrin accepted the position. The Board agreed.

Former Board member, Judy Strehler, had been chairman of the Quarterly committee for the past year. Since that committee now needed a Board liaison, Barb Riva volunteered. However, upon taking the position of Secretary, asked if Anne Elwell would be willing to become the Quarterly Committee liaison. Anne is already on the Quarterly committee and she agreed to be the Board liaison. The Board agreed

Betsy Covert, who had resigned from the Board this term, was the Board liaison for Heidi Kline who had been Chairman of the Competition Committee. Katrin Sheehan asked if she could be the new Board liaison for the Competition Committee. The Board Agreed.

Katrin Sheehan also felt that she had a great deal to offer the Web Site committee and asked if she could become the Board liaison working with the chairman of that committee, Mark Peal. The Board Agreed.

The changes for 2007 on the Committees are as follows:

Pleasure Riding Committee: Andrea Barber, Chairman

Promotion Committee – Laura Benson, Chairman

Competition Committee – Katrin Sheehan, Board Liaison (Heidi Kline, Chairman)

Quarterly Committee – Anne Elwell, Board Liaison (Judy Strehler, Chairman)

Web Site Committee – Katrin Sheehan, Board Liaison (Mark Peal, Chairman)

Andrea Barber noted the issues that came up in the recent election and felt that the Constitution needed to be reviewed. She felt it was time to do a complete review. She suggested that a Constitution Review Committee be formed. The Board agreed. Andrea asked Anne Elwell to chair the Committee. Anne agreed. Andrea suggested that Anne put something up on the website about the formation of the new committee and to look

for volunteers at the Annual Meeting. Andrea suggested that she felt Rich Moore would make a good addition. She also informed Anne that Steve Barber was also interested in this committee. Andrea also offered to set up an e-mail list for the new committee.

New Committee for 2007 is as follows:

Constitution Review Committee – Anne Elwell, Chairman

Preparation for the Annual Meeting:

Katrin offered to bring her lap top computer and projector for the meeting.

The schedule for Jon Lorange was confirmed by Bernie. Andrea suggested that possibly the Texas Toltors Regional Club may be willing to entertain Jon during his extra days in Dallas after the meeting.

Anne Elwell stated that she will give the Quarterly Committee report at the Annual Meeting.

Katrin Sheehan agreed to give the Web Site Committee report at the Annual meeting.

The Election Committee report will be on the agenda and given by Amy Goddard.

Andrea stated that she had asked all three Youth Panel members for a report to be presented at the Annual Meeting but so far none had responded. It was agreed that if they did send a report in time, that either Andrea or Bernie would present it at the meeting.

Doug Smith will present the demo of the Proposal Tracking system following the Election Committee Report.

Special Presentations will be given after lunch.

Member submitted agenda items will be presented as follows:

Karen Brotzman's proposal for an interactive bulletin board on the USIHC web site.

Katrin Sheehan agreed to speak on this subject

Rich Moore's proposal to allow time for members to speak at a designated time during the monthly meetings. Anne Elwell agreed to speak to this on this subject.

Susan Peter's proposal for Youth Development.

Sandie Weaver agreed to speak on this subject.

The Board of Directors will plan to meet for last-minute prep at 7:30 am in the hotel restaurant for breakfast on March 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm Eastern.