



# USIHC Board Conference Call Minutes

March 10, 2020

8:00PM (Eastern)

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Present: Will Covert, Lori Cretney, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Lucy Nold, Leslie Chambers, Janet Mulder, Emily Potts, Virginia Lauridsen, Martin Nielsen.

Auditing: None.

Will Covert called the meeting to order at 8:05pm EST.

## 1. SECRETARY'S REPORT (MARTIN NIELSEN)

As of March 10, 2020 the USIHC has 769 Members in 578 Households

## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT (KARI PIETSCH-WANGARD)

The monthly financial statements now include a detailed breakdown of the cash owned by the Congress. The key figures from the breakdown are:

Combined bank account balances as of 2/29/20: \$118,832.35

Unrestricted membership funds as of 2/29/20: \$105,666.98

Net Change from 1/31/20: \$3,259.84

Net Change from 12/31/19: \$2,630.68

Martin Nielsen moved to approve payment of an invoice from Doug Smith for \$166 for assistance with transfer of membership data and board/email history from the old to the new website. Leslie Chambers seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor.

## 3. AFFILIATED CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT (LESLIE CHAMBERS)

See attached report.

The board discussed possible host sites and the best time of year for the yearly USIHC meeting. Klettafjalla and Toppur have both indicated interest in hosting the meeting. The board decided to continue the discussion of the optimum timing for the meeting at upcoming board meetings. Martin Nielsen will put together a summary of pros and cons for each month of the year and share with board members.

## 4. BREEDING COMMITTEE REPORT (VIRGINIA LAURIDSEN)

See attached report.

The breeding committee is working on a breeding manual for members interested in breeding.

## 5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (WILL COVERT AND KARI PIETSCH-WANGARD)

We have had two successful Riding Badge seminars this year. The first was held in WY at Kristina Behringer's farm and had 6 participants. All 6 completed Basic Level 1 and 3 completed Basic Level

two. They were examined by Caeli Cavanaugh who also tested them on Knapamerki. We were given some comments on how the two systems worked for this seminar and what we can do to improve our program. They are planning to hold the Pleasure Riding Badge seminar later this year. The second was held in February at Jana Meyer's farm in VT. She had 5 participants who all passed Basic Level 1 with Sigrun Brynjarsdóttir as examiner. Hopefully they will provide some photos for the next issue of the Quarterly.

The committee will continue discussions on developing a trainer certification program.

#### **6. LEISURE COMMITTEE REPORT (JANET MULDER)**

The S2SS online logging is working well. Attached are the February 25 standings for the S2SS ride. Additionally, we did receive the entry patches from The Studio for the 2020 ride and the volunteer Kim Taylor will be sending them out to the riders soon. The letter for donations is also being disseminated in hopes of having prizes to award the 2020 S2SS winners. I have also contacted the three Riders of the Month for January, February and March so they will be able to be part of the next quarterly.

#### **7. PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE REPORT (EMILY POTTS)**

See attached report.

#### **8. QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORT (NANCY BROWN)**

See attached report.

#### **9. SPORT COMMITTEE REPORT (WILL COVERT)**

The committee is currently discussing the future of pace events in the US. We expect a similar number of sport shows as last year (19).

#### **10. YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (LUCY NOLD)**

The youth committee has selected three riders and one reserve rider for this year's FEIF youth cup. A team leader and a country leader have been identified as well. Lucy Nold made a motion to notify the selected riders, and Virginia Lauridsen seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion. Lucy Nold will make a public announcement once all individuals have been contacted and have accepted.

#### **11. Old Business**

None.

#### **12. New Business**

##### **a. The state of US Breeding**

Virginia Lauridsen is looking for ways to encourage more people to get engaged with Icelandic horse breeding in the US. The board had a good discussion touching upon various subjects such as maintaining a scheduling structure for breeding shows, allowing unofficial assessments (scores only) of horses at shows, introducing riding horse assessments, and sending out a questionnaire survey to USIHC members who have bred foals within the last few years.

#### **13. Miscellaneous.**

**Next meeting will be April 14, 2020**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:44pm EST.**

*Martin K Nielsen, secretary*

03/02/20

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet Standard**  
 As of February 29, 2020

	Feb 29, '20
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Associated Checking acct.	12,804.37
Associated Money Market Acct.	96,027.98
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	108,832.35
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/22	2,000.00
CD ownd by USIHC mature 10/7/20	2,000.00
CDs for Judge Scholarship Fund	
CD-matures 4/13/20	3,000.00
CD-matures 10/11/21	3,000.00
<b>Total CDs for Judge Scholarship ...</b>	6,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	10,000.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	118,832.35
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Blood Profile Funding Refund	-5,000.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	-5,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>113,832.35</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Unexpended Judge Schlshp. Fund	4,000.00
Unexpended World Champshp F...	4,801.29
Unexpended Youth Funds	4,364.08
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	13,165.37
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	13,165.37
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	13,165.37
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	96,926.56
Retained Earnings	1,109.74
Net Income	2,630.68
<b>Total Equity</b>	100,666.98
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>113,832.35</b>

## USIHC General Membership Funds

1/31/20		2/29/20
\$ 8,948.03	Checking	\$ 12,804.37
\$ 96,021.89	Money Market	\$ 96,027.98
\$ 10,000.00	CDs	\$ 10,000.00
\$ 114,969.92	subtotal	\$ 118,832.35
\$ (4,074.08)	Youth Fund	\$ (4,364.08)
\$ (4,000.00)	Judge Scholarship Fund	\$ (4,000.00)
\$ (4,488.70)	World Champ. Team Fund	\$ (4,801.29)
\$ 102,407.14	<b>USIHC Unrestricted Membership Funds</b>	\$ 105,666.98

Net Change from 1/31/2020

**\$3,259.84**

12/31/19 Balance

\$ 103,036.30

Net Change from 12/31/19

**\$2,630.68**

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.  
Income & Expense Report  
February 2020**

Income		Expense	
Education-Riding Badge		Education Comm. Exp.	
Riding Badge Inc.	180.00	Riding Badge Exp.	49.46
Interest Income	6.09	Leisure Committee Expense	
Membership Related Income		S2SS 2020 Program exp.	240.35
Farm Listing	213.62	Membership Related Expenses	
Membership Dues		Quarterly Expenses	
Family Memberships	762.48	Postage for Quarterly	477.13
Foreign Friend mbshp	66.62		
Individual Memberships	1,745.26	Toll Free line	15.05
Total Membership Dues	2,574.36	Website	16.95
Quarterly Inc.		Total Membership Related Expenses	509.13
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	38.54		
Total Membership Related Income	2,826.52		
Registry Income		Youth Committee Exp.	
Duplicate Registration fees	146.50	Spaeri Award	50.00
Late Stallion Report fees	200.00		
Registration fees	417.79		
Transfer fees	307.60		
Total Registry Income	1,071.89		
USIHC Non-Member fees	24.28		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,108.78</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>848.94</b>

**Net Income : 3,259.84**

**United States Icelandic Horse Congress Inc.**  
**Income & Expense Report**  
**January through February 2020**

Income		Expense	
<b>Competition/Sport Inc.</b>			
Ice Test fee income	-32.40	IceTest annual fee	1,029.68
Sanction Competition fee	375.00	National Ranking Award Expense	556.80
<b>Total Competition/Sport Inc.</b>	<b>342.60</b>	<b>Total Competition/Sport Expense</b>	<b>1,586.48</b>
<b>Education-Riding Badge</b>			
Riding Badge Inc.	180.00	Education Comm. Exp.	
		Riding Badge Exp.	58.70
Interest Income	28.38	Leisure Committee Expense	
		S2SS 2020 Program exp.	240.35
<b>Membership Related Income</b>			
Farm Listing	1,071.29	<b>Membership Related Expenses</b>	
		<b>Administration</b>	
		Office/Supplies Exp.	15.46
<b>Membership Dues</b>		<b>Annual Meeting Exp.</b>	
Family Memberships	1,667.51	2020 Annual Meeting Portland Exp.	1,891.50
Foreign Friend mbshp	66.62		
Individual Memberships	4,718.32	<b>FEIF related expenses</b>	
Youth membership	67.36	FEIF Mbshp fees	2,139.35
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>6,519.81</b>		
		<b>Quarterly Expenses</b>	
Quarterly Inc.		Postage for Quarterly	477.13
Quarterly Adv. Inc.	1,241.38		
<b>Total Membership Related Income</b>	<b>8,832.48</b>	Toll Free line	30.10
		Website	33.90
		<b>Total Membership Related Expenses</b>	<b>4,587.44</b>
		<b>Promotional Exp.</b>	
		Promotional Advertising	642.00
		RC Co-op promo exp.	150.00
		<b>Total Promotional Exp.</b>	<b>792.00</b>
<b>Registry Income</b>			
Duplicate Registration fees	196.50	<b>Registry Expenses</b>	
Late Stallion Report fees	300.00	Clerical for registry	779.00
Registration fees	611.92	Printing & reproduction-Regist.	119.61
Transfer fees	484.95	Registry Office supplies	35.20
<b>Total Registry Income</b>	<b>1,593.37</b>	Registry Postage	121.65
		<b>Total Registry Expenses</b>	<b>1,055.46</b>
		<b>Youth Committee Exp.</b>	
USIHC Non-Member fees	24.28	Spaeri Award	50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,001.11</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,370.43</b>

**Net Income : 2,630.68**

Affiliated Club Committee Report for March 10, 2020

Chair: Leslie Chambers

Members: N=23

**Upcoming BOD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 8:00 EST**

**Promotion: Regional Clubs which have requested banners:**

1. Sirius
2. Hestafolk
3. Cascade

**Promotion: Regional Club Banner Request Link:**

Regional Clubs, here is the link to start the process of creating your joint banner with the USIHC. Em Potts will be assisting you, via this link. We will be prioritizing banners based on the dates of upcoming expos you are planning to attend. All Regional Clubs are eligible for banners, attending an expo is not a requirement.

The link to request banner:

<https://forms.gle/xftGYzruoDMWAmkB6>

**Quarterly Requests (March Issue)**

1. Flugnir
2. FIRC
3. NWIHC/Cascade
4. Saint Skutla
5. Sirius
6. Toppur

**Quarterly Requests (Future Issues)**

1. Hestafolk
2. Kraftur
3. NEIHC

**Regional Club Clinics/Schooling Shows - Policy #31, 2020**  
 (updated 2/29/2020)

Regional Club	Region	Contact-ACC	Clinic/ Schooling Show	RCC Chair/ Calendar notification funds
Alaska IHA	Alaska	Jane Wehrheim		
California IA	Mid-South CA	Asta Covert		
Cascade IHC	Pacific NW Portland OR/Vancouver WA	Susan Wellington		
Flugnir IHC	WI and MN	Eve Loftness		
Frida IRC	Mid-Atlantic	Carrie Laurencot		
Glitfaxa	Northeastern counties of the greater San Francisco Bay area	Gabriele Meyer		
Hestafolk	NW Washington NW/Canadian Border	Lisa MeKeen	Freya Strum Clinic April 3-5 Bellingham, WA	Yes/No 2/29/20
Klettafjalla IHC	Rocky Mountains	Angie Calve		
Kraftur	Northern CA	Carol Tolbert		
NEIHC	NE	Leslie Chambers	Taktur Icelandics June 17-19 Thor Icelandics Hudson, NY	Yes/yes 2/22/20
NWIHC	Pacific NW	Laura Harrigan		
Saint Skutla IHC	Central and Western NY	Andrea Barber	Carrie Brandt July 18-19 Sand Meadow Farm Mendon, NY	Yes/yes 2/19/20
Sirius Ohio Kentucky IHC	Ohio and Kentucky	Jyl Snyder		
Toppur IHC	Iowa	Liz Appel	Eyjolfur Isolfsson September 4-6 Harmony Icelandics Des Moines, IA	Yes/yes 2/12/20

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**Breeding Committee Report**  
**March 2020**

- I. The Breeding Committee has not met since the last USIHC board meeting. We have communicated via email.
- II. The California evaluation scheduled for August has been cancelled.
- III. There will be two Breeding Education seminars in 2020. The first in April, at Harmony Icelandics in Iowa, and the second in October, in conjunction with the Breeding Evaluation, preceding the World Ranking show at Lettleiki Icelandics in Kentucky.
- IV. We are currently working on a Breeding Manual to be distributed by stallion owners to anyone interested in breeding a mare to their stallion. Topics currently include:
  1. Breeding Plan – top consideration
    - a. Breeding goal
    - b. FEIF Breeding goal
    - c. Importance of breeding mares
    - d. How the foal will be raised and trained in the future
  2. How to use Worldfengur
    - a. BLUP
    - b. How to read assessments
    - c. Virtual Mate – what to look for when deciding to breed two horses
  3. Knowledge about basic bloodlines and their characteristics
  4. Explanation of good gaits
  5. The evaluation process (including ridden and conformation assessments) and why it is important
  6. Filing a stallion report and registering offspring
  7. Raising a foal in the herd environment
- V. Virginia has contacted current breeders, those who have been active in the past as well as trainers in the U.S. and some international breeding judges. Martina Gates has agreed to help write sections of the manual as has Susy Oliver. Virginia will edit and hopes to have something for review when Arnar Bjarki Sigurdsson arrives for his breeding seminar at Harmony Icelandics in April.

## Current Standings 2/25/20

	Name	Distance	Team
1	Anne Owen	364	Ice Trekkers
2	Amy Bedell	252	Ice Trekkers
3	Iris Heidberg	230	Gyetorp II
4	Jane Wood Gately	179	Northcountry Tolters
5	Kim Freeman	176	Wyoming Toltsetters
6	Leah Greenberger	175	Northcountry Tolters
7	Rachel Miller	166	Individual
8	Claudia Salzer	164	Ice Trekkers
9	Colleen Schumacher	160	Wyoming Toltsetters
10	Dan Coverdell	151.2	AIHA
11	Isabella Sharpsteen	120	Ice Trekkers
12	Martina Gates	104	Northcountry Tolters
13	Ellen Lichtenstein	94.96	Gyetorp II
14	Michael Podhajsky	93.28	Gyetorp II
15	Ellen Parker	92	Heaven's Icies Team
16	Donna Smith	90	Individual
17	Susan Johnson	83	Hestafolk
18	Nancy Rohlf	80	Merrimack Valley Icelandics
19	Phebe Kiryk	80	Merrimack Valley Icelandics
20	Ona Kwiatkowski	74	Northcountry Tolters
21	Brigit Huwyler	62	Northcountry Tolters
22	Jill Carroll	61	Individual
23	Jen Bergantino	56.6	Merrimack Valley Icelandics
24	Emily Potts	56	Northcountry Tolters
25	Kristina Behringer	56	Gyetorp II
26	Sandie Weaver	56	Ice Trekkers
27	Janet Mulder	54.4	AIHA

## Current Standings 2/25/20

	Name	Distance	Team
27	Janet Mulder	54.4	AIHA
28	Sarah Hoffdahl	42	Gyetorp II
29	Alys Culhane	40	Hestafolk
30	Chris Feldner	40	Individual
31	Raven (Nancy) Flores	40	Ice Trekkers
32	Claudia Sihler	35.68	AIHA
33	Frank Sihler	35.68	AIHA
34	Kerstin Lundgren	32	Sirius Trail Tölterers
35	Andrea Smith	30	Merrimack Valley Icelandics
36	Jane Coleman	28	Individual
37	Lisa Blumhagen	24.32	Individual
38	Colleen McCafferty	24	Sirius Trail Tölterers
39	Lauren Murphy	24	Hestafolk
40	Lisa McKeen	24	Hestafolk
41	Frances Rospotynski	20	Individual
42	Carrie Matson	17	Individual
43	Deborah Kenny	16	Individual
44	RJ West	16	Hestafolk
45	Mary Sackinger	12	AIHA
46	Lin Campbell	5	Individual
47	Constance Wilmouth	4	Sirius Trail Tölterers
48	Kathy Rekers	2	Sirius Trail Tölterers
49	Debra Benanti	0	Merrimack Valley Icelandics
50	Deborah Cook	0	Heaven's Icies Team
51	Ellen Halverson	0	AIHA
52	Josette Brault	0	Individual
53	Kim Taylor	0	Individual
54	Ron Hoover	0	Sirius Trail Tölterers
55	Sherry Hoover	0	Sirius Trail Tölterers
56	Terri Ingram	0	Heaven's Icies Team
	<b>Total Distance</b>	3842.12	

### **Team Standings 2/25/20**

<b>1</b>	Ice Trekkers	996
<b>2</b>	Northcountry Tolters	650
<b>3</b>	Gyetorp II	516.24
<b>4</b>	Wyoming Toltsetters	336
<b>5</b>	Merrimack Valley Icelandics	304.6
<b>6</b>	AIHA	288.96
<b>7</b>	Hestafolk	239
<b>8</b>	Heaven's Icies	92
<b>9</b>	Sirius Trail Tölterers	62

# Promotions and website committee report

Emily Potts

## Website

Anne Elwell page has been updated to show Zophonias as the 2019 recipient and reflect that geldings are also eligible now for the award.

Press releases including National Ranking results, Sea 2 Shining Sea Results, and Anne Elwell Award were posted to recent news.

S2SS logging system is finished and leaderboard is designed. As of when the conference call takes place, it is anticipated that riders are logging their hours on the website.

S2SS page: <https://icelandics.org/sea-2-shining-sea-ride>

Log: <https://icelandics.org/s2ss-log>

Equarterly email went out on March 5 announcing Issue One 2020 to all international members and those who choose to receive the Quarterly via email only.

The Quarterly Contributor reminder system is being updated. AC Reps are providing their Quarterly Contributor's contact information in order to update the email list. Reminder emails are automated to be sent one month, two weeks, and one week prior to each Quarterly deadline requesting news and event updates.

## Promotions

Scotboots provided the code for USIHC members to use to receive 10% off their orders.

Release Plan:

- Scotboots logo is ready to add to membership page and blogs
- Press release announcing the partnership and member benefit posted on website and social
- Email to all members providing the code
- Work with eternity to provide the code in a members only accessed area on the website

Three Affiliated Clubs have requested Policy 21:

Sirius – Equine Affaire Ohio

Cascade - Northwest Horse Fair and Expo

Toppur – Iowa Horse fair

Promotions is working in collaboration with AC committee creating the banners approved during the budget meeting. A google form has been provided to each club to submit their request, files and information. To date, four clubs have filled out the form to request their banners.

Member newsletter for March is scheduled to be emailed to all USIHC members on Monday March 9.

Horses of Iceland booklets have been mailed for upcoming expos to the below

Affiliated Clubs:

- NWIHC
- Cascade
- FIRC
- Sirius

Quarterly Committee report

March 4, 2020

submitted by Nancy Brown

The Quarterly Committee released the eQuarterly of Issue One 2020 on February 15, and Em Potts posted it to the website on Feb. 27; printed copies are now in the mail.

Issue One 2020 features articles on understanding a horse's emotional needs, breeding award-winning foals, caring for older horses, tracking a horse's weight, and enjoying the Riding Badge Program, as well as sharing news from the USIHC Annual Meeting, the Affiliated Clubs, the Board of Directors, and our parent organization, FEIF.

Following the requests from the Affiliated Clubs and Promotion for 150 copies, we printed 750 copies of this issue. The members & contributors mailing list was 548 copies, at an average of 87 cents per copy to mail. We have reserved 50 copies for new member Welcome Packets, leaving 150 copies for Promotion. We have outstanding requests for approximately 100 more copies needed for Promotion after the next issue is printed in June. Please send additional requests for copies to [quarterly@icelandics.org](mailto:quarterly@icelandics.org) by April 1.

Also, please let us know by April 1 if you want us to save space for any other articles, photos, or advertisements for the June issue. Remember that ads for USIHC-sanctioned events and programs are free.